

Planning Committee

Meeting held on Thursday, 17 November 2022 at 6.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Michael Neal (Chair);
Councillor Leila Ben-Hassel (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Ian Parker, Chris Clark, Sean Fitzsimons, Clive Fraser, Gayle Gander, Mark Johnson, Joseph Lee and Appu Srinivasan

Also Present: Councillor Samir Dwesar

Apologies: Councillor Humayun Kabir, Ellily Ponnuthurai and Holly Ramsey

PART A

10/22 **Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of a pecuniary interest not already registered.

11/22 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There was none.

12/22 **Development presentations**

There were none.

13/22 **Planning applications for decision**

14/22 **21/01785/FUL - 96-98 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PJ**

Demolition of 96 George Street (Norwich Union House) and 98 George Street (St Matthew's House) and redevelopment to provide an 11 storey (Gross Internal Area 19,233sqm) building comprising (Class E) office and café space on the ground floor and (Class E) office use across basement and upper floors, with associated cycle parking and Blue Badge parking with works to the adjacent College Square (outside of the application boundary).

Ward: Fairfield

The officer presented details of the planning application and responded to questions for clarification.

Guy Bransby spoke in support of the application.

The Committee deliberated on the application presentation heard before them having heard all the speakers who addressed the Committee, and in turn addressed their view on the matter.

The substantive motion to GRANT the application based on the officer's recommendation was proposed by Councillor Parker. This was seconded by Councillor Ben Hassel.

The motion to grant the application was taken to a vote and carried with nine Members voting in favour and one Member abstaining their vote.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to **GRANT** the application for the development at 96-98 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PJ.

15/22 **21/06276/FUL - 15A Russell Hill, Purley, CR8 2JB**

Demolition of existing single storey detached dwellinghouse (two storey building above ground level and one storey of lower ground accommodation) including demolition of detached garage and erection of a three storey building (two storey building above ground level and one storey of lower ground accommodation) comprising 7 selfcontained flats; private/communal amenity and play space; hard and soft landscaping; boundary treatment; reinstatement of existing crossover and new crossover to provide forecourt parking; cycle and refuse provision and land level alterations including raising to the front (amended plans).

Ward: Purley and Woodcote

The officer presented details of the planning application and responded to questions for clarification.

David Waters spoke in objection to the application.

Anthony Frendo spoke in support of the application.

The Ward Member Councillor Samir Dwesar addressed the Committee with his view on the application.

The Committee deliberated on the application presentation heard before them having heard all the speakers who addressed the Committee, and in turn addressed their view on the matter.

The substantive motion to GRANT the application based on the officer's recommendation was proposed by Councillor Clark. This was seconded by Councillor Srinivasan.

The motion to grant the application was taken to a vote and fell with five Members voting in favour and five Members voting against.

The Chair used his casting vote to vote against the motion to approve the application.

Councillor Parker proposed a motion to refuse the application on the basis that the application would lead to an overdevelopment of the site due to its size, footprint, and scale as well as a lack of quality accommodation. This was seconded by Councillor Gander.

The motion to refuse the application was taken to a vote and carried with five Members voting in favour and five Members voting against.

The Chair used his casting vote to vote in favour of the motion to refuse the application.

Councillor Ben-Hassel expressed her concern as she did not feel as though the Committee's reasons behind the motion to refuse the application would be sufficient if there was an appeal.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to **REFUSE** the application for the development at 15A Russell Hill, Purley, CR8 2JB.

16/22 **Items referred by Planning Sub-Committee**

There were none.

17/22 **Other planning matters**

There were none.

18/22 **Weekly Planning Decisions**

The report was received for information.

The meeting ended at 8.36 pm

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