

Minutes of Planning Committee

**Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 5.04pm
in the Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor Millar (Chair);
Councillors Chidley, Fenton, Kaur, Kordala, Loan, Preece, N
Singh, Tromans and Webb

In Attendance: Councillors Bhamra, E Giles, E M Giles and Jeffcoat.

Officers: John Baker (Development Planning and Building Consultancy
Manager); Alison Bishop (Development Planning Manager);
Simon Chadwick (Development and Road Safety Manager);
Simon Smith (Planning Solicitor); Andy Thorpe (Healthy
Development & Pollution Control Lead); Connor Robinson
(Democratic Services Officer) and Anthony Lloyd (Democratic
Services Officer).

31/24 **Apologies for Absence**

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Uppal.

32/24 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

33/24 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March
2024 are approved as a correct record.



Planning Application - DC/23/68894 - Yard 196, Oldbury Road, West Bromwich - Proposed erection of new industrial unit adjacent to an existing business

The Development Planning and Building Consultancy Manager summarised the application for the Committee. Members were advised that, contrary to the report, the proposed unit would be used in conjunction with the existing business for additional storage purposes only and not general industrial use.

The site was located within an area that was allocated for residential development within the local development plan, subject to planning permission being granted, a departure from the local development plan would be required to be ratified by Council. It was noted that no objections had been received in respect of the application. In addition, it was proposed that an additional condition be added specifying that the storage use shall operate in conjunction with the adjacent business.

The applicant's agent was present and advised that he was happy to take questions from the Committee. The Committee noted that the application was driven by business need.

Resolved that subject to the departure from the Council's development plan being ratified by Council, planning permission is granted subject to conditions relating to:

- (i) External materials;
- (ii) reporting and mitigation of ground contamination (if found);
- (iii) drainage details;
- (iv) construction environmental management plan;
- (v) operating hours - 08:00 to 18:00 (Monday to Friday) and 08:00 to 15:00 (Saturdays), with no opening on Sundays or bank holidays;
- (vi) provision and retention of waste storage;
- (vii) provision and retention of parking; and
- (viii) the storage use shall operate in conjunction with the adjacent business.



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Annual Report of the Planning Committee 2023/24

The Committee considered its 2023/24 Annual Report.

Resolved that the Annual Report of the Planning Committee 2023/24 is approved and presented to Full Council.

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Decisions of the Planning Inspectorate

The committee noted the decisions of the Planning Inspectorate in relation to appeals against refusal of planning permission as follows: -

Application Ref	Site Address	Inspectorate
DC/23/67906	902 Walsall Road Great Barr B42 1TG	Allowed
DC/23/68408	616 Bearwood Road Smethwick B66 4BW	Dismissed
DC/23/68655	47 Peak House Road Great Barr Birmingham B43 7RY	Dismissed

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Applications Determined Under Delegated Powers

The committee noted the applications determined under delegated powers by the Director – Regeneration and Growth, under powers delegated to them, as set out in the Council’s Constitution.

Meeting ended at 5.21pm

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