



EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 16 March 2016

Time: 18.30 – 19:21

PRESENT: David Lock (Chairman)
Katie Perrior (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor D E Hunnisett
Councillor R Theobald
Councillor M Balfour
Chris Hall
Rev. Penny Marsh

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman announced that Louise Hardy will be standing down as a member of the planning committee, and for the time being the third board member's space will remain vacant.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The chairman reported that there were no declarations of interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman reported there were no urgent items to consider.

4. RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2016 were approved.

5. DA/16/00026/ECREM

Neighbourhood Centre, Castle Hill, Eastern Quarry, Swanscombe, Kent

The Committee considered a report on an application relating to the submission of reserved matters pursuant to conditions 02, 25, 28, 32, 33 of planning permission DA/12/01451/EQVAR for erection of a 2 form entry primary school including play areas and sports pitches, community centre, associated parking, village square and landscaping.

The Chairman introduced Mr Mark Nolan, a partner and representative of the Lee Evans Partnership, and the design architect who spoke in support of the application.

The Committee considered and discussed the application. There was concern raised over the amount of available parking and the layout of the parking area, with particular regard for school buses and parents dropping off and picking up pupils. However it was pointed out that the site layout had been amended in line with officer advice and the parking management would be monitored. Queries were raised regarding how achievable the anticipated opening of the school by September 2017 would be, considering the number of conditions recommended. It was conveyed that all conditions would be dealt with as swiftly as possible. Discussions were raised regarding consideration of the recent status of healthy new town forming part of the framework when considering future applications and it was pointed out that this application was in place prior to Ebbsfleet gaining this status, however this would form part of the consideration process in the future.

DECISION

Application DA/16/00026/ECREM is approved subject to conditions set out in the report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION IN PUBLIC

6. Decisions taken under delegated powers

Members received, for information, a report on the decisions taken by Officers under delegated powers since 20 January 2016.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

The following officers were in attendance at the meeting:

Ms Tracey Coleman – Chief Planning Officer
Mr Mark Pullin – Strategic Planning Manager
Miss Caroline Barker – Senior Planning Officer
Miss Claire Smith – Planning Committee Secretary
Miss Hannah Coster – Business Support
Mr Haroon Khan – Legal Advisor