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KIRKLEES COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday 11th August 2022

Present: Councillor Steve Hall (Chair)
Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor John Lawson
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Mark Thompson

Apologies: Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Andrew Pinnock

1 Membership of the Committee

Apologies were received from Councillors Armer, Pattison and Pinnock.

**2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3 Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Lawson advised that he had previously spoken to the press in respect of Application 2022/20509, but this item was before the Committee for information and he would retain an open mind.

4 Admission of the Public

All items on the agenda were considered in public session.

5 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

6 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

7 Site Visit: Pre- Application 2022/20509

Site visit undertaken.

8 Planning Application - Application No: 2022/91456

The Committee gave consideration to Application 2022/91456 in respect of a reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 2021/91544 for the erection of health and research innovation campus comprising: Class F1(a)-education; Class E(e)-medical/health services; Class E(g)(i)-offices; Class E(g)(ii)-research/development of products/processes; multi storey car park; Class E(a)-display/retail of goods; Class E(b)-sale of food/drink; Class E(d)-indoor sport/recreation/fitness, and the discharge of conditions 5 (masterplan), 6 (design code), 8 (access), 9 (internal access) and 19 (BEMP) at Southgate/Leeds Road, Huddersfield.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received representations from Iain Bath (the agent).

RESOLVED -

(1) That approval of the application and issue of the decision notice be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development in order to;

(a) complete the list of conditions, including those contained within the report, as set out below:

1. Technical details for new road (adjacent Crown House).
2. Submission of permanent car parking arrangement.
3. Submission of car parking management plan.
4. Details of methods to promote town centre (or canal) walking route.
5. Cycle storage as shown to be provided.
6. Material samples to be provided.
7. Condition to control rooftop features.
8. Sprinkler tank details to be submitted.
9. Landscaping management and maintenance arrangements.
10. Site security measures to be detailed and implemented.
11. Yorkshire Water pipe easement, and

(b) secure a Section 106 agreement to cover the following matters:

Ecology – Contribution (£22,080) towards off-site measures to achieve biodiversity net gain, with alternative option to provide on-site or nearby provision if suitable scheme identified.

(2) In the circumstances where the Section 106 agreement has not been completed within 3 months of the date of the Committee's resolution then the Head of Planning and Development shall consider whether permission should be refused on the grounds that the proposals are unacceptable in the absence of the benefits that would have been secured; if so, the Head of Planning and Development be authorised to determine the application and impose appropriate reasons for refusal under delegated powers.

A recorded vote was taken, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42(5) as follows:

For: Councillors Davies, Firth, Hall, Lawson, Sokhal and Thompson (6 votes)

9 Planning Application - Application No: 2022/91453

The Committee considered Application 2022/91453 in respect of the erection of a classroom and play deck at Southgate School, Southfield Road, Almondbury, Huddersfield.

RESOLVED –

That approval of the application and issue of the decision notice be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development, in order to complete the list of conditions, including those contained within the report, as set out below:

1. Three years to commence development
2. To be built in accordance with the approved plans and documents.

A recorded vote was taken, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42(5) as follows:

For: Councillors Davies, Firth, Hall, Lawson, Sokhal and Thompson (6 votes)

10 Pre-Application 2022/20509

The Committee received a pre-application report in respect of proposed development collectively known as the Cultural Heart, Huddersfield.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 36(3), the Committee received a representation from Councillor Gregg.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee heard a presentation and asked questions of George Wilson (Architect), Rebecca Grace (Planning Consultant), Javed Hussain (Highways Consultant), David Glover (Council Project Lead), Darren Hodgson (Project Manager) and Chris Calvert (Planning Consultant).

The Committee noted the contents of the report and presentation and made comments on the proposals.