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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

DISTRICT-WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday 29th January 2026

Present:

Councillor Munir Ahmed
Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies
Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Mohan Sokhal
Councillor Cathy Scott

Apologies: Councillor Tony McGrath

41 Membership of the Committee

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor McGrath.

Councillor Munir Ahmed substituted for Councillor Ullah.

42 Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED – That, in the absence of Councillor Ullah, Councillor Firth be appointed as Chair of the Meeting.

43 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 November 2025 be approved as a correct record.

44 Declaration of Interests and Lobbying

Councillors Bellamy, Davies, Firth, Lee-Richards, Scott and Sokhal indicated that they had been lobbied on all of the planning applications listed on the agenda.

45 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

46 Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

47 Deputations / Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

48 Site Visit - Applications 2025/92443 and 2025/93197

Site visit undertaken.

49 Site Visit - Application No: 2025/93235

Site visit undertaken.

50 Planning Application - Application No: 2025/92443

The Committee gave consideration to Application 2025/92443 – External works to Market Building and wider site including alteration and demolition of modern additions to the Market building, new glazed screens, new WC and welfare facilities, provision of services and lighting including associated works, remodelling to the stone annexe, alterations to catering facilities, and self-contained commercial units, works to floor surfaces of Market Building. Use of Market Building for a mix of uses (sui generis) including retail, hot food takeaway, drinking establishment, restaurant / café uses, market office, public welfare facilities, storage facilities as well as provision of areas that provide a mix of fixed and flexible indoor and outdoor market stalls. Creation of areas for open market, siting of associated structures, installation of new fixed market stalls demolition of external bin store and creation of waste compound area, storage compounds, vehicular parking, remodelling and surfacing of areas of hardstanding, street furniture, car park layout, installation of parcel lockers, landscaping and associated works (Listed Building within a Conservation Area) Huddersfield Open Market, Brook Street, Huddersfield.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received representations from Jeff Needham, Jez Gunnell, Pam Day, Naeem Nazir, Alex Mettrick, Sandra Jackson and Andrew Wilson (in objection), Nick Mitchell (architect) and Jaime Nalson (on behalf of the applicant).

RESOLVED – That, contrary to the Officer's recommendation, the application be deferred and that Officers be requested to (i) undertake comprehensive consultation with the market traders, and refine suggested plans as feasible (ii) review the feasibility study/contingency pack (iii) provide additional information on consultation responses received from Historic England and the Victorian Society in relation to impact upon heritage assets (iv) further discuss arrangements for the proposed temporary measures and (v) provide detail of an access management plan.

A Recorded Vote was taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42 (5) as follows;

For: Councillors Ahmed, Bellamy, Firth, Davies, Lee-Richards, Scott and Sokhal (7 votes)

Against: (no votes)

51 Planning Application - Application No: 2025/93197

RESOLVED – That, pursuant to the deferral of Agenda Item 11 (Minute No.50 refers), the determination of this application also be deferred.

A Recorded Vote was taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42 (5) as follows;

For: Councillors Ahmed, Bellamy, Firth, Davies, Lee-Richards, Scott and Sokhal (7 votes)

Against: (no votes)

52 Planning Application - Application No: 2025/93235

The Committee gave consideration to Application 2025/93235 – Removal of the Cross and reinstatement within the grass verge on Cross Street/Wyke Lane (Listed Building) at The Cross, Wyke Lane/Cross Street, Oakenshaw.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 36(3), the Committee received representations from Councillors K Pinnock, J C Lawson and A Pinnock (local members).

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 37, the Committee received representations from Jean Tottie, Lindsey Sutherland, Katie Dingle and Colin Berry (in objection).

RESOLVED – That contrary to the Officer's recommendation, the application be refused on the grounds that (i) the listed monument should be returned to its original location as the repositioning would impact upon the heritage asset/ the original location is in keeping with the area/the relocation of the structure would impact upon the heritage asset, pride of place and historical significance and (ii) the archaeological foundations need to be maintained.

A Recorded Vote was taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 42 (5) as follows;

For: Councillors Bellamy, Davies, Lee-Richards, Scott and Sokhal (5 votes)

Against: Councillors Ahmed and Firth (2 votes)