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PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

23 SEPTEMBER 2021

(7.15 pm - 8.18 pm)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Dave Ward (in the Chair),
Councillor Stephen Crowe, Councillor Stephen Alambritis,
Councillor Billy Christie, Councillor Nick Draper,
Councillor Joan Henry, Councillor Simon McGrath,
Councillor Carl Quilliam and Councillor Peter Southgate

Andrew Robertson (Head of Democracy and Electoral Services)

ATTENDING REMOTELY Sarah Stevens (Interim Building and Development Control Manager), Jonathan Lewis (Development Control Team Leader South), Tim Bryston (Development Control Team Leader North) and Amy Dumitrescu (Democracy Services Manager)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Dean. Councillor Najeeb Latif attended as substitute.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Draper declared that he was previously involved as Cabinet Member in starting the Wimbledon Park Lake Project but this would not prevent him from participating on that item.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

4 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 4)

The Committee noted the amendments and modifications to the officers' report. The Chair advised the items would be heard in agenda order.

5 WIMBLEDON PARK LAKE, WIMBLEDON PARK, HOME PARK ROAD, WIMBLEDON, LONDON, SW19 7HX (Agenda Item 5)

Proposal: Engineering works to the lake, spillways and embankment to improve lake safety, in accordance with the reservoir act 1975 as amended.

The Committee noted the officer's report and presentation.

The Committee received a verbal representation from one objector who made points including:

- Whilst the work to the dam and addition of sleeping policeman were welcome, 'significant problems remained'
- A condition had been requested to include a site specific flood risk assessment
- The current proposals didn't meet the requirements
- An open channel in the crazy golf area would be better with an open channel for the whole length

The Committee received a verbal presentation from the Agent who made points in response including:

- The design had been refined to balance the engineering works requirements against the impact to the landscape
- The design had been developed with key stakeholders and consultation undertaken with monthly steering groups since 2017
- Flood modelling work had been undertaken and the proposed scheme did not lead to increased flood risks

In response to member questions, the Development Control Team Leader (North) advised that:

- The flood risk officer was satisfied the design was suitable in planning terms subject to conditions.
- The dredging of the lake was not part of this application.
- The river links up to the existing part behind the café building after the crazy golf section.

Members made comments that the rockery and cascade area were currently taped off and in disrepair and that analysis on the assumption that the culvert was blocked would be beneficial. The Chair responded that the Cabinet Member responsible should be contacted on both points.

RESOLVED

The Committee voted to GRANT Planning permission subject to conditions.

6 21 NEATH GARDENS, MORDEN, SM4 6JN (Agenda Item 6)

Proposal: Erection of a new single storey end of terrace dwelling house and single storey rear extension to the existing house.

The Committee noted the officer's report and presentation.

In response to member questions, the Development Control Team Leader South advised that bedrooms must meet certain standards and sizings and the proposed single bed bedroom would fall below the double bed standard.

In relation to the shared path, this would remain as shared and could be adjusted to ensure better access for disabled users.

In response to member comments, the Development Control Team Leader advised that a condition could be added to ensure that the construction work only be undertaken Monday to Saturday for limited hours. It was noted that a construction logistics plan had been included.

RESOLVED: That the Committee voted to GRANT planning permission subject to conditions.

7 89 WORPLE ROAD, WIMBLEDON, SW19 4JG (Agenda Item 7)

Proposal: Application for prior approval in respect of the proposed erection of one additional storey on top of existing block of flats to create two additional residential units.

The Committee noted the officer's report and presentation.

In response to questions from the Committee, the Development Control Team Leader North advised that each flat did propose an amount of amenity space at top floor level. The proposal was for a one storey extension and there were no amendments planned for the rest of the building.

RESOLVED: That the Committee voted to GRANT prior approval, subject to conditions and permit free legal agreement.

8 PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS (Agenda Item 8)

Members noted the Planning Appeal decisions report.

9 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT - SUMMARY OF CURRENT CASES (Agenda Item 9)

Members noted the Planning Enforcement Report.