

Planning and Highways Committee

Meeting held 2 April 2024

**PRESENT:** Councillors Glynis Chapman (Chair), Mike Chaplin, Roger Davison, Tony Downing, Barbara Masters, Laura Moynahan, Peter Price, Alan Woodcock, Dianne Hurst (Substitute Member), Henry Nottage (Substitute Member) and Richard Williams (Substitute Member)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bernard Little. Councillor Little submitted his apology along with an email that stated that he was unable to attend the meeting due to a recent road traffic accident involving his wife and members of her family. He was needed to support their rehabilitation. He was also recovering from surgery. Councillor Henry Nottage acted as substitute.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were also received from Councillors Garry Weatherall and Cliff Woodcraft. Councillors Dianne Hurst and Richard Williams acted as substitutes.
- 1.3 An apology was also received from Councillor Ibbly Ullah.

**2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

- 2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 3.1 Councillor Mike Chaplin declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 8a, Planning Application No. 23/03892/FUL - Tennis Courts At Hillsborough Park, Middlewood Road, Sheffield, S6 4HD as he had received an email from an objector. Councillor Chaplin declared that he had not given an opinion or made up his mind on the application prior to the meeting, therefore would take part in the discussion and voting thereon.
- 3.2 Councillor Tony Downing declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 8a, Planning Application No. 23/03892/FUL - Tennis Courts At Hillsborough Park, Middlewood Road, Sheffield, S6 4HD as he had been a Member on the Communities Parks and Leisure Policy Committee that had discussed the use of the park. Councillor Downing declared that he had not given an opinion or made up his mind on the application prior to the meeting, therefore would take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

3.3 Councillor Henry Nottage declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 8a, Planning Application No. 23/03892/FUL - Tennis Courts At Hillsborough Park, Middlewood Road, Sheffield, S6 4HD as he had close friends who were objecting to the application. Councillor Nottage declared that he would leave the room and take no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

3.4 Councillor Richard Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 8a, Planning Application No. 23/03892/FUL - Tennis Courts At Hillsborough Park, Middlewood Road, Sheffield, S6 4HD as he had been a Member on the Communities Parks and Leisure Policy Committee and the Charity Sub-Committee that had discussed the use of the park. Councillor Williams declared that he had not given an opinion or made up his mind on the application prior to the meeting, therefore would take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 **RESOLVED:-** that the minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4. Both declarations be amended to read:

3.3 Councillor Roger Davison declared that Agenda Item No. 7c - Planning Application No. 23/03216/FUL - The Coach House, 306 Dobbin Hill, Sheffield, S11 7JG, was within his ward however he had not been involved in any discussions regarding the application and so approached it with an open mind. He also advised that on page 101 of the agenda pack under the heading "Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed" the text should read "Councillor" rather than "Councillors".

3.4 Councillor Barbara Masters declared that Agenda Item No. 7c - Planning Application No. 23/03216/FUL - The Coach House, 306 Dobbin Hill, Sheffield, S11 7JG, was within her ward however she had not been involved in any discussions regarding the application and so approached it with an open mind.

#### **5. SITE VISIT**

5.1 **RESOLVED:-** That the Chief Planning Officer, in liaison with a Co-Chair, be authorised to make any arrangements for a site visit, in connection with any planning applications requiring a visit by Members, prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

#### **6. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 473 - 1 STRATFORD ROAD, SHEFFIELD, S10 3LR**

6.1 Vanessa Lyons (Community Tree Officer) attended the meeting and presented the

report.

- 6.2 The trees had been considered for protection due to information being received that tree surgeons were on site and were in the process of removing mature trees which lined the boundary of the property with Tom Lane and Carsick Hill Crescent.
- 6.3 The Community Tree Officer had visited the site and carried out a TEMPO assessment which had identified some of the trees as suitable for protection and an order made. This was varied on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 and was now before Members for approval.
- 6.4 One objection had been made to the Order and the response was contained within the report.
- 6.5 **RESOLVED:-** That Tree Preservation Order No. 473 be confirmed unmodified.

## **7. APPLICATIONS UNDER VARIOUS ACTS/REGULATIONS**

### **7a. PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 23/03892/FUL - TENNIS COURTS AT HILLSBOROUGH PARK, MIDDLEWOOD ROAD, SHEFFIELD, S6 4HD**

- 7a.1 Councillor Henry Nottage left the meeting.
- 7a.2 Additional representations, along with the Officer response, and amendments to Conditions 5 and 11 were included within the Supplementary Report which was circulated and summarised at the meeting.
- 7a.3 The Officer presented the report which gave details of the application and highlighted the history of the site and the key issues in addition to presenting photographs of the site which were provided to committee members in advance of the meeting.
- 7a.4 Leah Byatt attended the meeting and spoke against the application.
- 7a.5 Isobel Wells attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.
- 7a.6 The Committee considered the report and recommendation having regard to the development plan, the National Planning Policy Framework and other relevant considerations as summarised in the report and supplementary report, now submitted.
- 7a.7 **RESOLVED:-** That an application for approval of planning permission be GRANTED, conditionally, for the reasons set out in the report and supplementary report, now submitted, for the erection of a sports facility including café/community space building, replacement tennis courts, replacement MUGA, new mini-golf, Padel court facilities and outdoor activity space, and other associated works at the Tennis Courts At Hillsborough Park, Middlewood Road, Sheffield, S6 4HD (Application no. 23/03892/FUL).

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 8.1 The next meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee would be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 2pm in the Town Hall.