

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE HELD AT/BY
COUNCIL OFFICES, BUSHLOE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE,
LE18 2DR ON THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

L A Bentley Chair
Mrs L M Broadley Vice-Chair



Meeting ID: 2098

COUNCILLORS

G A Boulter
F S Broadley
J Kaufman
Ms C D Kozlowski
Mrs H E Loydall
R E R Morris
Dr I K Ridley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer
T Carey Principal Development Control Officer
J Carr Planning Policy and Development Manager
A J Hunt Democratic & Electoral Services Officer
A Thorpe Head of Built Environment

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

T Leader St John's Chambers

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Miss P V Joshi.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2022 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. PLANNING APPEALS SUMMARY UPDATE (2021/22)

The Committee gave consideration of the report (as set out on pages 6 – 8 of the agenda reports pack), which asked it to note the update on appeal decisions received by the Council as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) during 2021/22.

The Committee requested that details of the relevant appeal decisions be particularised within the report or an appendix in future reports for Members' information.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The contents of the report be noted.

6. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE (2021/22)

The Committee gave consideration to the report (as set out on pages 9 – 11 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to note the yearly summary of the Council's planning enforcement activity as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for 2021/22.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The contents of the report be noted.

7. REPORT OF THE PLANNING POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER (MAY 2022)

8. APPLICATION NO. 22/00037/R3FUL - BROCKS HILL VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE2 5JJ

Mr Tony Parr, on behalf of the Oadby Civic Society, spoke as an objector of the application.

The Committee gave consideration to the report as set out at pages 12 – 39 of the agenda, with reference to the Officers' presentation (as set out at slides 2 – 16), which asked it to determine an application for the construction of two storey and single storey side extensions, dormer window and internal mezzanine floor area, installation and replacement of solar panels, creation of external plant compound and change of use to a mixed use for offices and café use falling within Use Class E, and meeting use falling within Use Class F1 and Local Government Office use.

The Committee was advised from the outset that the minor operational development arising from the application, if permitted, would not set a precedent for future operational development encroaching into the Green Wedge in accordance with Policy 42.

Having debated the application, the Committee came to the consensus that the majority of the remaining objections raised were not relevant to be determined by this Committee insofar as they were general policy and operational matters for consideration by Council. However, Assurances were given by the Chair that he would raise such matters at the next Brocks Hill/Office Relocation Sub-Committee meeting. Therefore, on balance, there were no material planning grounds upon were the Committee could refuse or amend the application as proposed.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by the Vice Chair and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The application be GRANTED planning permission in accordance with the submitted documents and plans subject to the prescribed conditions and informatives.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00 pm



Chair / Vice-Chair

Thursday, 23 June 2022

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