

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday, 12 November 2018

Present: The Mayor Cllr Trevor Abram, Cllrs T Wilcox, A Walker, D Simmons, S Campbell, G Wade, and P Flower

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs C. Belsom, M Cosgrove, and A Hook. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr T Abram, and, on being put to the meeting, it was:

RESOLVED to accept apologies from those Cllrs listed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received for planning items and are listed on the Planning Schedule.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council Planning Committee held on 22 October were approved by Members and signed by the Mayor as correct record.

4. PLANNING SCHEDULE

The Planning Schedule dated 22 October was noted and approved with the following amendment.

18/504627/FULL FAVERSHAM RAIL YARD, STATION ROAD, FAVERSHAM
(WARD: ABBEY)
ERECTION OF 3NO. TWO STOREY BLOCKS COMPRISING OF 9NO. SMALL BUSINESS UNITS FOR B1, B2 AND B8 USE WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING, SERVICE ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND ACCESS ROADWAY. ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING TO SERVE BOTH THE PROPOSED NEW UNITES AND THE EXISTING UNITS AT NEIGHBOURING JUBILEE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. NEW ACCESS TO LINK THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS INTO THE EXISTING NEIGHBOURING DEVELOPMENT AT JUBILEE WAY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE VIA SIDINGS

CLOSE AND RETENTION OF EXISTING ACCESS
LEADING TO STATION ROAD.

**Recommendation: No Objection to erection of buildings.
Objection to the proposed access
from Station Road**

Comment:

- 1) The Town Council considered the construction of units for B1, B2 and B8 use to be a sensible use of the land. Units for these use classifications are in short supply in Faversham.
- 2) The Town Council was concerned that the road could become a rat run. The junction at Station Road is already dangerous, an access road would add to the danger.
- 3) The Town Council shared the concerns of the residents of Beaumont Terrace. The bedrooms in these properties are in the back and the road runs directly behind them at a higher level. An increase in traffic would result in an increase in air, noise and light pollution and a loss of privacy.
- 4) The Town Council considered that the design of Block B would be improved if bricks were used rather than metal cladding. The block will be in view from the Recreation Ground.

Condition:

- 1) The Town would like a site visit before the application is considered by the Borough Council, so that the geography of the area can be appreciated.
- 2) Access to the site should be from the Whitstable Road. The access onto Station Road should be for emergency access only and should have a locked gate.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Notification of Planning Decisions dated 12 November 2018 was noted

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was:

RESOLVED that recommendations be sent to Kent County Council (Kent County Council) and Swale Borough Council (SBC) as set out in Planning Schedule 12 November 2018.

ANNEX

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Resident 1: Regarding application 18/505559/FULL and 18/505560/LBC, this is a conservation area. The proposed buildings are too high and will affect the density of the area. There is no mention of a turning area in the proposal. They have already had one year of noise as a result of building works and don.t want another.

Resident 2: Thanked Cllr Cosgrove for his work regarding the Memorial Gardens, which were bringing enjoyment to many.

Secondly, said resident considered that the developers presently involved in the local area should be asked to contribute to the shortfall in the bridge fund.