

SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Development Control Committee held at the Civic Centre, Swanley on Wednesday 17 June 2015

Present

Cllr L Ball (Chairman)	Cllr M Hogg
Cllr R Brookbank	Cllr R Morris
Cllr L Dyball	Cllr T Searles
Cllr J Halford	

Also in attendance

Councillors	Officers
Cllr J Barnes	Julie Pilbeam (Chief Executive)
Cllr Southern	Lisa Saunders (Operations Director)
Cllr H Willingale	Geoff Mills (Democratic Services Officer)
5 Members of the public were also present.	James Sims (Finance Officer)

The meeting commenced at 7.30 PM

Apologies for Absence and Substitutes

None

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None

Minutes

9776 It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Decisions Made by Swanley Town Council

Application SE/14/03793: Demolition of the former Birchwood Primary School, and the construction of 65 dwellings with associated infrastructure provision. As amplified by additional survey results and amended plans received 11 May 2015, Swanley.

- (i) With the permission of the Chairman Mr Brian Horton, a representative of the applicant addressed the meeting and presented a summary of the changes which had been made to the application since the matter was last considered by the Committee at its meeting on 7 January 2015. This summary included the findings of a recent survey carried out by West Kent

Housing and the 'special circumstances' which the applicant believed suggested that planning permission should be granted.

(ii) The meeting was also addressed by a number of local residents who spoke in support of the application.

(iii) During the course of discussion several members of the Committee spoke of their concerns regarding the application and in particular the need to protect the Greenbelt.

(iv) Following debate Councillor Searles proposed and Councillor Halford seconded that the Town Council re-affirms its objections to this application and in particular emphasises its previously expressed concerns regarding the protection of the Green Belt in accordance with government policy.

9777 It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council re-affirms its previous objections to this planning application as set out in the Planning Application Response Form sent to Sevenoaks District Council dated 12 January 2015. In particular the Town Council emphasises its previously expressed concern that everything possible must be done to protect the Green Belt. The application would set a dangerous precedent and government guidance stated that 'housing need is, in most cases, not enough to overcome the need to protect the Green Belt'.

Decisions Made by Sevenoaks District Council

Application SE/15/00955: Change of Use from Office D1Heath and Beauty – Laser Therapy, Ground Floor, 40 High Street, Swanley.

9778 It was **RESOLVED** that it be noted that Sevenoaks District Council has approved this planning application.

Application SE/15/01001: erection a single storey rear extension and an extension to existing garage to form a gym, Rowans, Beechenlea Lane, Swanley.

9779 It was **RESOLVED** that it be noted that Sevenoaks District Council has approved this planning application.

Application SE/01025: proposed erection of a telescopic radio mast to support aerial in connection with hobby of amateur radio, 37A West View Road, Swanley.

9780 It was **RESOLVED** that it be noted that Sevenoaks District Council has refused this planning application.

Sevenoaks District Council – Portfolio Holder Record of Decision – To note the approval of the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area for Swanley.

9781 It was **RESOLVED** that this decision be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.55 PM

Signed.....Chairman

Date 1 July 2015