

Planning Committee (South)
17 DECEMBER 2019

Present: Councillors: Brian Donnelly (Chairman), Tim Lloyd (Vice-Chairman), John Blackall, Karen Burgess, Paul Clarke, Michael Croker, Lynn Lambert, Mike Morgan, Roger Noel, Bob Platt, Josh Potts, Kate Rowbottom, Jack Saheid, Jim Sanson and Claire Vickers

Apologies: Councillors: Jonathan Chowen, Philip Circus, Ray Dawe and Diana van der Klugt

Absent: Councillors: Chris Brown and Nigel Jupp

PCS/47 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19th November were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PCS/48 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

PCS/49 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

PCS/50 **APPEALS**

The list of appeals lodged, appeals in progress and appeal decisions, as circulated, was noted.

PCS/51 **DC/19/1294 - SETYRES LTD, HIGH STREET, HENFIELD**

The Planning Officer reported that this retrospective application sought the remodelling of the garage building through the retention of external cladding and uPVC windows together with the proposed reduction in east-facing bays and the application of a dark grey film to existing and proposed glazing. In addition to the proposed remodelling, permission was sought for the erection of a 1.2m timber bin screen, provision of planted containers and the installation of a freestanding timber sign within the garage forecourt.

The site was located within the Henfield Conservation Area, opposite a series of Grade II and Grade II* Listed Buildings on the High Street. The site was a designated employment site which fell within a defined town / village centre boundary and within the primary retail frontage for Henfield.

Henfield Parish Council made no objection.

The applicant's agent addressed the Committee in support of the application.

There had been 54 letters of representation from 38 different addresses. A public petition was additionally received in objection to the development with 28 signatures. One letter of support was received.

Members considered the officer's planning assessment which indicated that the key issues for consideration in determining the proposal were:
Impact on neighbouring amenity and parking, highway safety and operation

RESOLVED

That planning application DC/19/1294 be delegated to the Head of Development minded for approval in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Local Members, with a view to revising the position of the bin store, removing the pole (sign) and other matters related to the planters.

PCS/52 **DC/19/1211 - SETYRES LTD, HIGH STREET, HENFIELD**

The Head of Development reported that this application sought permission for the removal of 5 fascia signs to the north and east elevations of the main building and 2 fascia signs to the south elevation of a detached car wash and the installation of 1 fascia sign to the east elevation of the main building, 2 fascia signs to the north elevation of the main building and 1 pole mounted non-illuminated hanging sign within the forecourt.

The application site occupied an area of approximately 2190 metres squared to the west of Henfield High Street encompassing a garage building and car wash.

Henfield Parish Council raised no objection.

The applicant's agent addressed the committee in support of the application.

55 letters of objection from 40 different addresses were received. A public petition was additionally received in objection to the proposal with 28 signatures.

Members considered the officer's planning assessment which indicated that the key issues for consideration in determining the proposal were:
Amenity and public safety

RESOLVED

Members resolved to:-

GRANT advertisement consent for the installation of 1x fascia sign to east elevation of main building, and 2x fascia signs to north elevation of main building;

and,

REFUSE advertisement consent for 1x pole mounted non-illuminated hanging sign within forecourt, for the following reason:-

The proposed pole sign by reason of its siting, height and design, would represent unnecessary clutter to the frontage of the site and would be harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, detracting from visual amenity. The sign would therefore be contrary to policies 14 and 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

The meeting closed at 3.06 pm having commenced at 2.30 pm

CHAIRMAN