

**Planning Committee (North)**  
**5 MAY 2020**

Present: Councillors: Karen Burgess (Chairman), Liz Kitchen (Vice-Chairman), Matthew Allen, Andrew Baldwin, Tony Bevis, Toni Bradnum, Alan Britten, Peter Burgess, Christine Costin, Leonard Crosbie, Brian Donnelly, Ruth Fletcher, Billy Greening, Frances Haigh, Tony Hogben, Gordon Lindsay, John Milne, Colin Minto, Christian Mitchell, Godfrey Newman, Louise Potter, Stuart Ritchie, David Skipp, Ian Stannard, Claire Vickers and Belinda Walters

Apologies: Councillors: Tricia Youtan

Absent: Councillors: Roy Cornell and Richard Landeryou

PCN/94 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

PCN/95 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

PCN/96 **APPEALS**

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

PCN/97 **ITEM WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA - LAND AT WELLCROSS FARM, BROADBRIDGE HEATH**

The Chairman stated that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

PCN/98 **DC/20/0169 - THE RISING SUN, 41 PONDTAIL ROAD, HORSHAM**

The Head of Development reported that this application sought permission for the erection of 1 non-illuminated fascia sign, 1 non-illuminated hanging sign and 1 non-illuminated free standing car park sign.

The application site was located on the eastern side of Pondtail Road in North Horsham and formed part of a former public house (The Rising Sun). Works for the conversion of the building to a children's nursery had commenced under planning permission DC/17/1704.

To the west of the site along its rear boundary was an embankment leading to a railway line. The railway line was approximately 3 to 4m above the site level. To the south was a detached bungalow (39 Pondtail Road) within the grounds

of this adjacent to the application site boundary was a single storey double garage. To the north of the site was 43 Pondtail Road, its garage was adjacent to the boundary with the application site. Other properties in the vicinity of the site were detached houses on both sides of the road; those on the eastern side being set back significantly from the road.

North Horsham Parish Council objected to the application. There had been 14 representations objecting to the application which were received across both consultation periods. (NB the removal of the illumination was after both consultation periods ended).

A statement by the applicant in support of the application was read to the Committee. There were no further speakers.

The ward Councillors stated that any signage must not obscure the signs for the nearby mini roundabout and bus stop.

Members were concerned about the fact that a mosaic sign of a rising sun from the former pub, was no longer there and sought assurance it would be replaced, as had been discussed with the applicant. In response to Members' concerns regarding the loss of the mosaic, Officers agreed that an **Informative** should be added to the decision notice requesting that the mosaic be put back up on the front of the building.

RESOLVED

That planning application DC/20/0169 be granted subject to the conditions as reported.

*The meeting closed at 5.54 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm*

CHAIRMAN