



Ripley Town Council

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MINUTES of JUNE 5TH 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING of the RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held at 5.00 pm under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Cllr S. Freeborn (Chair) and Cllrs A. Bridge, L. Cox, T. Holmes, N. Weaving and D. Williams.

In Attendance: L. McCormick (Clerk) and D. Townsend (Planning Clerk).

050620/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence – None..

050620/2 Variation of Order of Business – None.

050620/3 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllrs Freeborn and Williams declared non-disclosable pecuniary interests in Minute Number 050620/5 as Trustees of Butterley Iron Works Trust.

050620/4 Public Speaking

None

050620/5 To discuss current Planning Applications and make comments.

AVA/2019/0697. Former Butterley Iron Works Coach Road Butterley Park Ripley Derbyshire. Hybrid planning application; Outline planning application with all matters except access reserved for residential development of up to 80 dwellings and associated infrastructure and change of use of retained buildings to mixed uses of A1, A3, A4, B8, C2, and D2 and ancillary works.

Ripley Town Council's (RTC) Planning Committee considered AVA/2019/0697 (the Application) and the Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) Report:

"The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Regulation 9 Screening Determination: Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Modification Proposal."

The Report was released to RTC on 9th April 2020 having been commissioned by AVBC as part of its consideration of a proposed amendment to the Made Ripley Neighbourhood Plan being put forward by RTC. This was that the former Butterley Iron Works site should be allocated for mixed use development – i.e. hybrid schemes including housing - rather than for commercial use only. Such a change to the Made Ripley Neighbourhood Plan would facilitate the Planning Application AVA/2019/0697.

The AVBC Report introduction states:

"Regulation 9 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 requires that the responsible authority determines whether or not a plan is 'likely to have significant environmental effects' and if a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required (SEA).

Amber Valley Borough Council being the responsible authority has determined, after consideration of the draft Ripley Neighbourhood Plan as proposed to be modified, and following consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England

(responses appended), that the Plan requires a SEA.”

It was important to note that the modification proposed was the only one being put forward by RTC which related to any aspect of any of the existing site allocations within the Made Ripley Neighbourhood Plan. However, RTC had now withdrawn this amendment because of the cost of carrying out an SEA, and the potential for delays to the determination of the other amendments.

RESOLVED that Ripley Town Council believes it is entirely consistent and logical for the Applicant in respect of AVA/2019/0697 to be required by AVBC to carry out a full SEA in respect of its proposals in accordance with the AVBC Report (The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Regulation 9 Screening Determination: Ripley Neighbourhood Plan Modification Proposal) prior to the determination of the Application.

Cllrs Freeborn and Williams did not take part in the vote on this item.

050620/6 AVBC Draft Local Plan - Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

This matter was debated at length, and it was

RESOLVED to delegate a response to be completed by the Planning Clerk in consultation with Cllr S. Freeborn, based on the points raised during the debate. (See Annexe A to the Minutes).

The Meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

Date of next Town Council Meeting Tuesday 16th June 2020.

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