

SOUTH AND WEST PLANS PANEL

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor H Bithell in the Chair

Councillors C Campbell, E Taylor,
J Garvani, E Bromley, L Buckley,
N Manaka, A Rontree, P Wray and
R. Stephenson

47 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

48 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

49 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

50 Declarations of Interests

No interests were raised.

51 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor T Smith and R Finnigan.
Councillor R Stephenson attended as a substitute on behalf of Councillor T Smith.

52 Minutes - 26 October 2023

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday, 26th October 2023, be approved as an accurate record.

53 22/03466/FU - Guiseley School, Fieldhead Road, Guiseley

The report of the Chief Planning Officer presented an application for a new artificial grass pitch with floodlighting; storage container; new emergency access; relocation of existing long jumps; associated landscaping works at Guiseley School, Fieldhead Road, Guiseley.

The application was previously presented at the South and West Plans Panel meeting held on Thursday, 3rd August 2023. Members deferred the application to enable information to be provided by an objector who lives in close proximity of the site, and who disclosed private information during a closed

session of the meeting. However, such information has not been provided to the local planning authority.

The Area Planning Manager explained that Sport England submitted a late representation which is a material consideration regarding the loss of the grass running track. It is confirmed that they have no further objection subject to a planning condition being added regarding the addition of a 3 lane fully synthetic track as a result of the loss of the grass running track. Further to this the following issue has been identified: -

- This is a new material consideration to the application which has been raised by Sport England and therefore, the application requires further consideration as it cannot be covered by a condition as it does not meet the legal tests.

Officers therefore proposed an amended recommendation to defer the application at this time.

A member suggested that an alternative motion be proposed in that best endeavours are made in seeking the information from the objector, so that members are provided with the opportunity to have due regard to the equalities act. Officers explained that 3 attempts have been made to seek such information from the objector and has been unsuccessful. It was confirmed that best endeavours will be made to obtain the information, subject to Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Members expressed their concern and disappointment regarding the very late submission from Sport England and acknowledged officers and members time in attending the meeting.

A motion was put forward to defer the application, as well as best endeavours being made by officers to obtain information by the objector who disclosed information in a closed sessions of the South and West Plans Panel meeting on Thursday, 3rd August 2023. The motion was moved and seconded, and therefore it was unanimously

RESOLVED – To defer the application to consider the new material consideration as a result of Sport England’ representation as well as best endeavours being made by officers to obtain information from the objector.

54 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday, 11th January 2024 at 1.30pm.

The meeting ended at 13:41.