

**PLANNING COMMITTEE
(COUNCIL CHAMBER, PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE)**

Members Present:

12 April, 2016

Chairperson: Councillor R.G.Jones

Vice Chairperson: Councillor E.E.Jones

Councillors: Mrs.A.Chaves, D.W.Davies, H.N.James,
D.Keogh, Mrs.S.Paddison, C.Morgan,
R.Thomas and Mrs.L.G.Williams

LDP/UDP Member: Councillor A.J.Taylor

Local Member: Councillor M. Harvey

Officers In Attendance S. Ball, J.Griffiths, I.Davies and Miss G.Cirillo

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2016**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 March 2016, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

(Note: An amendment sheet as attached and agreed at Appendix A was circulated prior to the meeting)

2. **PLANNING APPLICATION NO: P2016/0078 - FORMER MARGAM SURFACE MINE, FORD Y GYFRAITH, CEFN CRIBWR CF32 OBS**

Members received a report by Officers giving a background to the application and its progress to date.

Given the agreed timetable which sought to ensure that all parties progress towards restoration of the mine and the history and controversy associated with the site, Officers considered it to be essential that Members should be afforded the opportunity to visit the site in advance of the Planning Committee scheduled on 3 May 2016 in order to fully appreciate the nature of the proposal to be put before them on 3 May 2016 when this Application would be reported.

RESOLVED: That a site visit to the Former Margam Surface Mine, Fford Y Gyfraith, Cefn Cribwr, CF32 OBS take place on the morning of Tuesday 3 May 2016 prior to the scheduled Planning Committee at 2.00pm on that day.

Planning Application recommended for Approval

3. **APPLICATION NO: P2015/1090 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FOODSTORE AND CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT FOODSTORE PLUS SERVICE YARD AND PARKING - LIDL SUPERMARKET, Ffordd Parc Ynysderw, Pontardawe, Neath SA8 4AG**

RESOLVED: that the application be approved, in accordance with the Officer recommendation subject to the Conditions as detailed within the circulated report, and subject to the following additional Condition to be inserted as new Condition (10) (with subsequent Conditions re-numbered):-

- (10) Prior to first beneficial use of the development hereby approved, a Traffic Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, detailing controls to manage potential conflicts between delivery vehicles and pedestrians using the site.

Reason

In the interests of highway and pedestrian safety.

Planning Application Recommended for Refusal

4. **APPLICATION NO: P2016/0089 - RETENTION OF TIMBER TIERED PLATFORM AND ACCESS STEPS AT 33 DRUMMAU PARK, SKEWEN, NEATH SA10 6PL**

The local Ward Member addressed the Committee on behalf of the Applicant, in support of the Application.

RESOLVED: that in accordance with the Officer recommendation as detailed within the circulated report, and the circulated Amendment Sheet, the Application be refused.

(Note: With regard to the Amendment Sheet referred to above and attached as an Appendix, on which the Chairperson had allowed sufficient time for Members to read, in respect of application items on the published agenda, the Chairman had permitted urgent circulation/consideration thereof at today's meeting, the particular reasons and the circumstances being not to further delay the planning process, unless the Committee itself wanted to defer any applications and to ensure that Members take all extra relevant information into account before coming to any decision at the meeting).

5. **APPEALS DETERMINED**

RESOLVED: That the following Appeals Determined, as detailed within the circulated report, be noted:

1. Appeal Ref: A2015/0009

Installation of Balconies to front elevation at Ferguson House, Bethel Street, Neath. SA11 2HQ

Decision: Dismissed

2. Appeal Ref: A2016/0001

Construction of one residential dwelling –

plot adjacent to Penrhiw, Woodbine Cottages, Melincourt, Neath.

Decision: Dismissed

6. **DELEGATED APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BETWEEN 23 FEBRUARY AND 4 APRIL, 2016**

Members received a list of Planning Applications which had been determined between 23 February and 4 April 2016, as detailed within the circulated report.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON