



P23/063



## **Central Milton Keynes Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held at Margaret Powell House On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Present:**

Andrew Thomas (Chair)  
Philip Murphy  
David Stabler  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** None

**Absent:** Peter Lightfoot

**In attendance:** Jon Muncaster

**P23/051 – Apologies**

None.

**P23/052 – Declarations of Interest**

None

**P23/053 - Ratification of Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting  
held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**P23/054- Planning Update**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

### **P23/055- Chair's Actions**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The following planning application decisions were ratified:-

23/02221/FUL- Roof top condenser unit, 164 Midsummer Boulevard-  
SUPPORT

23/02152/FUL- Roof plant installation, 201-249 Avebury Boulevard-  
SUPPORT

### **P23/056 – Minor applications**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The response to the applications was agreed as follows:-

23/02237/FUL- Permanent Site for Upside Down House, Midsummer Place-  
NEUTRAL

23/02332/FUL-Lloyd's Court unit sub-division- SUPPORT

### **P23/057- Planning application 23/02265/FUL- The Point**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was agreed that an OBJECTION should be lodged on this scheme.

The following points were made:-

- There is currently no response to the scheme by Historic England or the Conservation Officer.
- The majority of the submissions by private individuals were from outside of CMK and remarked upon the loss of the 'iconic' Point.
- The developers have listened to the pre-app input by the Town Council and have made some positive adjustments to the scheme.
- 21 storeys is too high in this location, although NPP does not allow an absolute policy on height.
- Things have moved on since The Point was built, but what is needed is new building of quality.
- The application delivers against a number of policy requirements.
- No open space, no play area, no balconies. Only seven 3 bed apartments within the scheme.
- Concerns about the external treatment of the scheme, particularly that of the 21 storey block and the use of brown/ red to its exterior.
- The scheme is bulky and overbearing. Rooftop leisure on the top of the car park and its cladding were welcomed, as were continuous weather protection at ground level.

- Objections should be focussed on:-
  - Plan:MK DS4- the role of the PSA.
  - Plan:MK ER9 A 1 -the role of the PSA.
  - CMKAP G9 – outstanding economic and social benefits for building in excess of 8 storeys.
  - Affordable housing -stated levels acceptable, but only if LHA and social rent are adhered to.

**ACTION- Clerk and Chair to develop response**

**P23/058- Implications of the Bank House decision**

The Chair outlined possible implications of the Bank House decision upon the Town Council. He indicated that he had spoken with the Head of Planning, who enquired whether the Town Council would support the Council’s position in the event of an appeal against the decision by the applicants.

Councillors confirmed that support should be provided as required going forward.

**P23/059- Planning application additional submissions:-**

- i) 23/00550/FUL- Bank House
- ii) 23/01634/FUL Jaipur

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

**P23/060 - Items for Next Agenda**

None

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

**The next scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 6.10pm in Margaret Powell House**

**Chair’s Signature..... Date.....**