



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Planning Committee Meeting
held at Margaret Powell House
On 17th October 2023**

Present:

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: Jon Muncaster

P23/040 – Apologies

None.

P23/041 – Declarations of Interest

None

**P23/042 - Ratification of Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting
held on 19th September 2023**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee meeting on 19th September 2023 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

P23/043- Planning Update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

P23/044 – Minor application

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The response to the application was agreed as follows:-

23/01906/LBC- Application of window vinyls- Winter Night Shelter
SUPPORT

P23/045- Planning application 23/02112/FUL- Hotel 3, Elder Gate

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

After some discussion it was agreed that the NEUTRAL response previously agreed in respect of the previous submission on this site (22/01815/FUL) should be maintained.

However, there were a number of issues to be raised with the Case Officer which, it was generally felt, would enhance the site, as follows:-

- The area would benefit from improved public transport connectivity, and this could be achieved by a bus stop on Elder Gate.
- A plan of access routes to other parts of the city should be provided.
- Clarification of how coaches would access the front of the building should be provided.
- The addition of trees in the vicinity of the car parking spaces fronting the hotel access would enhance the appearance.

ACTION- Clerk to lodge comments with the Case Officer

P23/046- Planning application 23/01739/FUL- Campbell Park North

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The submission was ratified by councillors, who noted that the paper was compiled extremely well.

P23/047- Planning application 23/00550/FUL- Bank House- Additional submission

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

P23/048- Planning application 23/01634/FUL- Jaipur

The following papers, as previously circulated, were noted:-

- i) Submission made September 2023
- ii) Response from Smith Jenkins to Town Council comments
- iii) Response from Smith Jenkins to Highways comments
- iv) Response from Smith Jenkins to Landscaping comments

A further paper was tabled, following email circulation, providing a draft response to the rebuttal of the Town Council's submission.

The paper, drafted by Councillor Stabler was seconded by Councillor Thomas and, following a vote, was unanimously agreed as a supplementary submission.

During the discussion on this item the Chair noted that neither MKCC nor the Town Council have not always been consistent in their approach to buildings in excess of 8 storeys. He noted that where schemes do not meet CMKAP policy on height this should be referenced in any Town Council response, albeit that its Planning Committee may choose to support a scheme due to its other considered merits, through what is technically termed '*planning balance*'.

P23/049- Meeting dates for 2024

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

P23/050- Change of December Meeting Date

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The date of the revised meeting was incorrectly stated as 10th December. The Clerk apologised for the error- the meeting date was confirmed as 12th December.

P23/051 - Items for Next Agenda

None

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

The next scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 6.10pm in Margaret Powell House

Chair's Signature..... Date.....