

Delegation Panel meeting - Minutes

- **Date:** 8 July 25
- **Time:** 11:00 – 12:30
- **Meeting held:** via Teams

Attendees: Martin Smart (Chair of Planning Committee), Dave Baigent (Vice Chair of Planning Committee), Rebecca Smith (Delivery Manager), Tom Gray

Apologies: Toby Williams (Delivery Manager)

Minutes approved by date:

1	25/00607/FUL – Cambridge Rugby Union Club Newnham Erection of an aluminium framed building as an extension to the existing rugby clubhouse to accommodate a fitness gym Reason for Call-in Request: Cllr Glasberg call in/Number of objections Key Considerations 13 objections. 2 representations in support. Councillor call-in. • Impacts on green belt, visual openness and visual impacts • Impacts on light and spillage on amenity and biodiversity (bats) • Impacts of noise and disturbance, including its management • Flood Risk and impact on Bin Brook • Energy efficiency of the buildings and sustainability • Increased traffic generation and highway safety • Inaccuracy of existing site plans not showing existing structures some of which are unauthorised Discussion <i>(Delete as appropriate)</i> The Case Officer (TG) introduced the application outlining the details of the planning application, as well as the existing context of the site and surrounding area, together with details of the site designations and planning history. The planning application is a full application for erection of a semi permanent extension to the existing rugby club for use as a gym, by existing rugby players (not open to the public). The proposed extension is to be sited on existing hardstanding, within the green belt, protected open space and within flood zones 2 and 3. Permission has been granted previously for a nursery building on this site, 3 years ago, but this has not been forthcoming. The proposed extension will be brown clad within a white UPVC roof, adjoining an existing single storey extension to the rugby club building. It was noted by the case officer that there had been no objections to the proposal from any of the internal and external specialists that have been consulted as part of the assessment of the proposal.	TG
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	It was noted that representations received had raised concerns over conflict with several policies within the South Newnham Neighbourhood Plan. However, no material considerations were considered to have arisen that would give rise to significant planning concerns warranting the committee's consideration. No policy implications arise from the proposal that require important matters of judgement on the implementation of adopted policy that would be of wider significance to the Development Plan. The application is neither complex nor of a scale to warrant Committee consideration. Its nature is that of a minor application with only localised impacts. The relevant planning and appeal history is not complex, and neither would it be of wider public interest or significant consequence in the deliberation of the application. It was acknowledged that there was public interest in the proposal, however not significant level of involvement raising significant concerns when considering technical consultation responses. Overall, the application does not give rise significant issues of material consideration, policy implementation / interpretation, complexity or nature or through its planning history to merit Planning Committee consideration. Consequently, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, the Delivery Manager considered the proposal <u>should not be referred to the planning committee.</u> Decision: Do not refer to Planning Committee	
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