

Delegation meeting - Minutes

- **Date:** 29 October 2024
- **Time:** 11:00 – 12:30
- **Meeting held:** via Teams

Attendees: Cllr Anna Bradnam (Chair of Planning Committee), Cllr Peter Fane (Vice Chair of Planning Committee), Rebecca Smith (Delivery Manager), Melissa Reynolds (Senior Planning Officer), Tom Gray (Principal Planning Officer)

Apologies:

Minutes approved by: Cllr Anna Bradnam 08.11.2024

24/02991/FUL – Impington Village College Sports Centre

Installation of floodlights to Netball courts and construction of acoustic timber fencing

Reason for Call-in Request:

Officer requested

Key Considerations:

The Case Officer (MR) introduced the application outlining the details of the planning application, as well as the existing context of the site and surrounding area, together details of the site designations and surrounding planning history. The Case Officer also advised on another current application on the site for various other developments including retention of existing car parking area, however this application (24/02991/FUL) deals with solely the floodlighting and fencing.

The case officer outlined the design, appearance and details of the floodlights proposed for the netball court along with the acoustic timber fence.

The case officer outlined the support received from the parish council, along with the request for conditions relating to:

- Signage for car parks – *this would be dealt with under other live application*
- Traffic management plan – *this would be dealt with under other live application*
- Operation times for floodlights – *noted*
- Retention of hedge bordering to courts
- Implementation of a noise management plan – *noted*

It was also noted that there are 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, including the local highways authority, ecology officer, environmental health officer and Sport England.

The case officer outlined a summary of the other representations, it was noted that there have been 148 representations from the public consultation – with an approximate split of 50/50 in support vs objection.

The planning application history of the site was noted, along with the concurrent live application, it was acknowledged that the nature, scale and complexity of the proposed development is not in itself significant, and it was also considered that the proposal did not

raise implications for planning policy. However, there was considered to be a significant level of public interest in the application, consequently, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, the Delivery Manager considered, on balance, the proposal should be referred to the planning committee

Decision

Refer to Planning Committee

24/02507/FUL – Franklin Building 2 Granta Park Great Abington

Extension and conversion of the existing R&D building (following part demolition of the existing building), together with the provision of a substation, enclosed external plant, landscaping, car and cycle parking and associated infrastructure

Reason for Call-in Request:

Officer requested

Key Considerations:

The Case Officer (TG) introduced the application noting that it was a full planning application for extension to an existing building on Granta Park and conversion to R&D use. Historically applications on Granta Park have been referred to planning committee for a decision at the request of the Parish Council. In this instance the parish council have raised some concerns regarding the application but have not requested the application be referred to planning committee for a decision.

The case officer explained the proposal in detail along with the context of the site in relation to wider Granta Park site, including details relating to the height of the proposed extension, BNG and landscaping proposals, car and cycle parking provision, materials and façade treatment and the Design Review Panel comments on the proposal.

The case officer advised that the Parish Council had concerns regarding the consultee comments relating to BNG and flooding issues. It was also noted that there are no objections to the proposal from third party consultation.

The planning application history of site was noted, it was acknowledged that the nature, scale and complexity of the development is not significant in the context of the overall wider Granta Park site. There is also no public interest in the scheme. It is not considered the proposal gives rise to significant policy implications and the proposal does not give rise to any significant planning concerns. Consequently, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, the Area Planning Manager considered the proposal should not be referred to the planning committee.

Decision

Do not refer to Planning Committee