



Leicester
City Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Shelton - Chair
Councillor Clair - Vice-Chair

Councillor Chambers	Councillor Garner
Councillor Chohan	Councillor Metcalfe
Councillor Coles	Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Connelly	Councillor Salim
Councillor Subedar	

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In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (4A, Rule 42), the following Councillors attended the meeting and with the sanction of the Sub-Committee, spoke on the application indicated but did not vote:-

Councillor Nasim – Application 20021047, Unit 3, 81-83 Chesterfield Road

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96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare any interests they might have in the business on the agenda including under the Council's Code of Practice for Development Control decisions and/or that Section 106 of the Local Government Act applied to them.

All members of the Sub-Committee declared that they had received correspondence in respect of Application 20021047, Unit 81-83 Chesterfield Road.

Councillors; Shelton and Coles declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Application 20021703, Filbert Street, former Leicester City Football Club Ground, as season ticket holders. They indicated that they would leave the room during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Connelly declared that he had received representations in respect of Application 20022085, 2 Narborough Road/ 68-70 Braunstone Gate (The Looking Glass).

99. REPLACEMENT CITY OF LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development submitted a report presenting the main changes proposed to the Local Plan as a result of the public consultation on the first Deposit Plan (Oct-Dec 2001) and other important studies completed since; most significantly the Leicester Regeneration Company's Masterplan.

The Head of Development Plans reported that there had been nearly 4500 responses to the Plan, about 10% of which were in support.

He informed members that the Structure Plan alongside the Local Plan constituted the Development Plan for the City. He reported that the Structure Plan was at a more advanced stage as it had already undergone a public inquiry. The City Council in conjunction with Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council were currently finalising their responses to objections raised to the Structure Plan proposed modifications.

The Leicester Regeneration Company had indicated that they were broadly happy with the Plan as it currently stood.

He reported that if the provisions of the new Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill were enacted as currently drafted some local accountability would be lost. The City Council would no longer have the final word on the content of the Local Plan; instead a government appointed Inspector would have the power to make binding recommendations following the Local Plan Public Inquiry. In order to avoid this outcome it would be necessary to progress the plan beyond the Public Inquiry before the Bill was enacted (currently thought to be likely in April 2004).

The Sub-Committee felt that it was essential that the timetable outlined in the Appendix to the report was adhered to.

Members also felt it was important that an appropriate level of affordable housing was included in the Local Plan. The Head of Development Plans stated that the Department recognised the importance of ensuring that there was an appropriate balance of housing in the City and was about to prepare revised Supplementary Planning Guidance on affordable housing. He also referred to the Planning Delivery Grant, under which consideration was being given to the creation of a Development Obligations officer post who would potentially play an important role in negotiating a range of contributions covering amongst other things the provision of affordable housing.

Members raised a number of detailed issues including; the need to promote artworks in new development, the importance of securing adequate provision for cemetery extensions and the location of the new police station in Spinney Hill Park. They were reassured that each of these concerns were adequately covered in the Plan.

The Chair thanked officers for the presentation and their work in this area. He stated that there was still some time to go before the Local Plan became

Council Policy, he thanked everybody for their contributions.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the representations received on the first Deposit Draft Replacement City of Leicester Plan be noted, (Section 1 of the report.)
- 2) the Sub-Committee recommended that Full Council approve the proposed action on late objections,
- 3) the Sub-Committee recommended that full Council approve the main changes proposed to the second Deposit Draft Local Plan, (Section 2 of the report)
- 4) The Sub-Committee recommended that full Council approve the Local Plan timetable as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

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