



Leicester  
City Council

Minute Extract

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Garrity - Chair  
Councillor O'Brien - Vice-Chair

Councillor Chohan	Councillor Connelly
Councillor Fitch (for Cllr Green)	Councillor Saleh
Councillor Smith	Councillor Thomas
Councillor Thompson (for Cllr Mrs Chambers)	

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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 Committee, spoke on the applications indicated, but did not vote:-

Councillor Mrs Middleton – Application 20031285, 28 Riverside Drive; and  
Application 20031135, 20A Lutterworth Road  
Councillor Getliffe – Application 20031277, Groby Road (off), Woodlands Retreat

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**36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor Garrity, Councillor O'Brien and Councillor Smith declared that they had received representations in respect of Application 20031277, Groby Road (off), Woodlands Retreat.

**39. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE PLANNING PROCESS**

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development submitted a report which clarified the process and framework for negotiating developer contributions that could be sought as a result of development in the City.

The Committee was informed that the report presented to the meeting had already been discussed by the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, who had expressed the opinion that funds for the Developer Contributions post should be recharged from those departments who were receiving the contributions. The Development Control Committee were in agreement with this suggestion.

On the subject of Public Art, the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee had expressed a preference that money goes towards improving Parks rather than funding Public Art. With regard to contributions to public art, the Development Control Committee agreed that the definition of 'art' was a personal preference.

The involvement of Ward Councillors was questioned, and it was noted that acting as both a Ward Councillor and a member of the Development Control Committee was likely, in the view of the Head of Legal Services, to be contrary to the spirit of the Council's Code of Conduct for Member involvement in the Development Control process.

Members supported the recommendation that a Members Advisory Panel should not be established. The Committee was also happy to agree the draft protocol as set out in Appendix A to the report.

**RESOLVED:**

That the comments of the Development Control Committee be passed on to the Cabinet.