



Leicester  
City Council

## MINUTE EXTRACT

### Minutes of the Meeting of the STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2003 at 5.30pm

#### P R E S E N T :

Councillor Farmer - Chair  
Councillor Thomas - Labour Spokesperson  
Councillor O'Brien - Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Fitch  
Councillor Saleh

Councillor Kitterick  
Councillor Waddington

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#### **58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests which they might have in the business to be discussed, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillors O'Brien and Thomas declared an interest in Minute 64 - 'Presentation on Plans for the Former Granby Halls Site', as they were Members of the Development Control Committee which would be considering the planning application for the site.

They remained in the meeting, but did not speak on the item.

#### **65. REVIEW OF CLASS A3 POLICY: DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE CITY CENTRE**

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development submitted a report which set out issues, and proposed guidelines to control the future development of food and drink premises (A3 uses) in the City Centre, and the area outside it.

The report explained that the guidelines were intended to assist the determination of planning applications for new premises in the City Centre, designed to balance A3 uses with amenity considerations, and the principal shopping function of the Central Shopping Core.

At its meeting on 30 September 2003, the Development Control Committee had debated the use of outdoor drinking areas, and the problem with litter in the form of discarded bottles. They had also moved the following resolution :-

‘that Scrutiny and Cabinet be requested to consider the issue of noise pollution related to concertina-style windows, and that consideration be given to setting a time for closing such windows.’

In response to this specific request, Members of the Scrutiny Committee felt that the Development Control Committee’s experience could be used to set a time. Residents of local businesses could also be consulted.

Members of the Scrutiny Committee raised various issues concerning ‘zoning’ of licensed premises, space for development of more restaurants to make the area more balanced, and complaints received about noise nuisance, anti-social behaviour, rubbish collection, licensing, and policing of the area.

Members requested more ‘joined up’ working between Planning, Licensing, and the Police.

The Service Director (Planning & Sustainable Development) informed Members that this was being pursued. However, Planning and Licensing services were based on different legislation, and dealt with different issues; therefore they needed to be kept separate.

RESOLVED :

- (1) that the comments made by the Scrutiny Committee be noted and ;
- (2) that they be reported to Cabinet in due course, when the public consultation process was completed.