

## REGULATORY COMMITTEE

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Committee held at County Hall, Lewes, on 27 May 2009.

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PRESENT- Councillor Tunwell (Chairman), Councillors Daniel, Maynard, Ost, Stogdon, Taylor and Woodall

#### 94. MINUTES

94.1 RESOLVED – to approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 April 2009.

#### 95. REPORTS

95.1 Copies of the reports and documents referred to below are contained in the minute book.

#### 96. RIVERVIEW BUSINESS PARK DEVELOPMENT (AT LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS PILSTYE) OFF STATION ROAD, FOREST ROW

96.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

96.2 Councillor Whetstone, local member, spoke requesting confirmation that the money allocated for the installation of the mini-roundabout had been spent on the road junction.

Reason for decision

96.3 Members have considered the officer's report and agree with the reasons for approval set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

96.4 RESOLVED to authorise the Director of Transport and Environment in conjunction with the Director of Law and Personnel to secure a variation to the Section 106 Agreement dated 2 January 1991 between East Sussex County Council and SDC (ANGLIA) Limited so as to delete the obligation to provide a mini-roundabout at the junction of Hartfield Road (B2110) with Station Road and secure new obligations to:

- a. provide kerbing to easterly side the existing bellmouth at the junction of Hartfield Road (B2110) with Station Road together with any necessary reinstatement works to the adjoining carriageway and / or verges;
- b. improve the access road serving the public car parking area presently known as Lower Road at its junction with Station Road including an adequate demarcation to the rear of the footway; and,
- c. provide new kerbing to the westerly side of Station Road together with a regulating course and new wearing course on the existing footway and any necessary reinstatement works to the adjoining carriageway.

#### 97. THE WELKIN CAMPUS - UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON, DEVELOPMENT AT CARLISLE ROAD, EASTBOURNE

97.1 The Committee considered a revised tabled report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

Reason for decision

97.2 Members have considered the officer's report and agree with the reasons for approval set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

97.3 RESOLVED to authorise the Director of Transport and Environment in conjunction with the Director of Law and Personnel to secure a variation to the 21 August 2003 Section 106 agreement between East Sussex County Council and University of Brighton to include a requirement for the University to pay a £10,000 contribution to the Council towards the costs of implementing a resident parking scheme in the Carlisle Road area if a scheme is implemented.

98. DELEGATION OF AGREEMENTS UNDER SECTION 106 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

98.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment and Director of Law and Personnel.

Reason for decision

98.2 Members have considered the officer's report and agree with the reasons for approval set out in paragraph 3 of the report. Members requested officers to ensure that the local members and/or the Chairman of the Planning Committee were consulted on such proposed variations.

98.3 RESOLVED to recommend to the Governance Committee and the County Council, that the Director of Transport and Environment be delegated Authority to consider requests for variations to agreements made under s106 Town and Country Planning Act, and where considered appropriate, in consultation with relevant Directors, local members and the Chairman of the Planning Committee, to authorise the County Council to formally agree variations to such agreements.

99. BODLE STREET GREEN OBJECTION TO SPEED LIMIT ORDER

99.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

99.2 Councillor Glass and Mr Wheeler objected to the Order in so far as they considered that it did not extend far enough, and spoke requesting further measures in Bodle Street Green.

99.3 Councillor Bentley and Councillor Thomas, local Members, expressed concern that increased traffic volume in the village would impact on the current scheme, and that the local nursery school would be outside of the 30mph speed limit zone. They requested that the scheme be referred back to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment for further consideration.

Reason for decision

99.4 An important factor to consider when determining an appropriate speed limit is the character and appearance of the road. Drivers understand the need to drive more slowly in built up areas, but if a 30mph speed limit is extended along a rural length of road, the message to drive more slowly in villages is diluted, meaning it is less likely to be respected and observed by the majority of drivers.

99.5 The speed limit on the C16, including the length to the south of Bodle Street Green should be assessed as part of the rural review of C and U/C class roads, which is expected to start post 2011. With no crashes recorded on this section of the C16 it is difficult to justify bringing forward that review as it would deflect from the priority set by national government to concentrate on rural A and B class roads.

99.6 RESOLVED not to uphold the objections on the understanding that the order be implemented as advertised and that matters raised by the objectors be referred to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment for consideration as soon as practicable.

100. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

100.1 The Chairman acknowledged that this was the last meeting of the current membership and thanked officers and Members for their hard work and support.

100.2 Members of the Committee took the opportunity to thank the Chairman for his leadership and officers for their support and guidance.