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Planning and Highways Committee 21st February 2024

Minutes February 21st 2024

In attendance Cllr Steve Campkin (SC) Cllr David Mullan (DM) Cllr Paul Bohill (PB) Cllr Andy Hodges (AH) Cllr David Smith (DS) Cllr Eric Parkinson (EP)

Also in attendance, Sarah Evans Community Council Manager (SECCM) Cllr Malcom Webb, Ashford Borough Council Parking Enforcement Officer and Ashford Borough Council Technical Parking and Transport Officer

The Clerk opened the meeting at 7pm and asked Members to elect a Chair

01/24 To elect a Chair for the Committee (Clerk to preside for this item)

Resolved:-Agreed Unanimously Cllr Steve Campkin (SC) would be Chair for Committee

02/24 Apologies for absence and approval

None

03/24 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest

SC advised he is Portfolio Holder for Climate Change Environment and Transport for Ashford Borough Council

PB advised he is a shareholder for a Parking Enforcement Company Dispensation granted to remain in the meeting by the Clerk.

04/24 To agree minutes of the October 2023 Planning and Highways Committee meeting and sign (attached)

Proposed EP and Seconded DM that the Minutes were a true record of the meeting and the Chair signs them.

05/24 To receive the Parking Technical Officer and Enforcement Officer from Ashford Borough Council to consider the requirements and implications of a Resident Parking Zone in Newtown and agree actions

The Parking Technical Officer gave a verbal report of how a Resident Parking Zone Consultation would work with Kent County Council. The requirements for consultation to be agreed and draft timescales. Clarification of the S106 funding terms was given. The Parking Technical Officer gave a draft map of the RPZ however advised having visited the area it needed significant modification. The use of car parks would be under a separate Traffic Regulation Order and the terms determined by Ashford Borough Council Housing and Car Parking team. The Parking Technical Officer advised a disabled access bay could be agreed outside of the RPZ scheme.

The Enforcement Officer gave a verbal report which advised how much permits are enforced and the provisions per household including visitors permits. How the Resident Parking Zone enforcement team would work and how appeals are managed.

Resolved: Proposed EP and Seconded AH 1) To request a written guide from the Parking Technical Officer for the process of implementing the RPZ, 2) To request KCC Parking Team to provide parking intelligence on how an RPZ would affect the number of multiple car owner households in Newtown, 3) To request clarification of the costs to implement the RPZ, 4) To request clarification

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on how the terms for the RPZ would be determined and what role SWANCC would have in considering these terms. 5) To recommend to Council that Communications Committee put together a strategic plan to encourage use of the Car Parks to support the objectives of the Highways Improvement Plan within which an RPZ was being investigated.

06/23 To consider responses to Planning applications

Addendum to Planning Application PA 2022 2772 Brompton Bikes

PA/2023/2337 Land East of 139 Cudworth Road 2 storey dwelling following demolition of garages 2.

PA/2024/0222 Ashford Market, Ashford Cattle Market Co Ltd, Monument Way, Sevington, Ashford, Kent TN24 0HB

Proposal for the installation of eight rapid electric vehicle charging stations and ancillary equipment within the car park of Ashford Cattle Market. Nine existing parking spaces will become EV charging bays. One of the eight EV charging bays will be fully accessible, allowing for unrestricted access to one EV charger with 1.2m access on 3 sides of the parking bay

Any planning applications received before the date of this meeting

Resolved:- 1) Agreed Unanimously Addendum to Planning Application PA 2022 2772 Brompton Bikes to arrange an extension in the response to the planning application, to request a meeting with the Planning Officer to ascertain the key differences in this application and its impact on South Willesborough and Newtown and to bring these back to the next meeting or an additional meeting if required.

2) PA/2023/2337 Land East of 139 Cudworth Road 2 storey dwelling following demolition of garages 2. Agreed unanimously to object to this application on the following concerns, Public Right of Way through SWAN Farm could be impeded, the width of the access via the footpath path narrows and is possibly insufficient for Emergency Vehicle access and would need to be investigated, access to SWAN Farm could be affected, concerns on possible flooding to properties, concerns on what parking provision would be available for the properties to be developed as Cudworth Road is heavily congested.

3) PA/2024/0222 Ashford Market, Ashford Cattle Market Co Ltd, Monument Way, Sevington, Ashford, Kent TN24 0HB Agreed Unanimously no objection to the planning application, EV Chargers support the SWANCC Environment Strategy.

4) Planning Application received before the date of the meeting - PA/2024/0022 Hamilton Road Proposed Dropped Kerb – No objection.

07/23 To agree the date of the next meeting as March 2024 and any items for the Agenda.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 20th March 2024 with no items for the Agenda.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8:17pm

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Signed Chair _____

Date _____