

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2020**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Maria Alexandrou, Kate Anolue, Mahym Bedekova, Sinan Boztas, Elif Erbil, Ahmet Hasan, Michael Rye OBE, Jim Steven, Hass Yusuf, Susan Erbil and Doug Taylor

ABSENT

OFFICERS: Andy Higham (Head of Development Management), Graham Harrington (Principal Planning Officer), Dominic Millen (Group Leader Transportation) and Julie Thornton (Legal Services) Jane Creer (Secretary) and Metin Halil (Secretary)

Also Attending: Matt Burn (resident) – Deputee Ben Wrighton, Turley (agent) and Brian Reynolds, BlackRock and NEAT Developments (applicant) - Response Members of the public, applicant and agent representatives were able to observe the meeting live online.

**1
WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

NOTED

1. Councillor Boztas (Chair) welcomed all attendees to the meeting, which was being broadcast live online. Committee members confirmed their presence and that they were able to hear and see the proceedings.
2. There were no apologies for absence.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

NOTED

1. Councillor Doug Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in application ref 20/00788/OUT – Colosseum Retail Park, as he was a Board Member of Energetic, the energy company referred to in the officers' report. Having taken advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer, he would withdraw from this meeting entirely and take no part in the discussion or vote on the application.

**3
REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING**

RECEIVED the report of the Head of Planning.

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20/00788/OUT - COLOSSEUM RETAIL PARK, DEARSLEY ROAD, ENFIELD EN1 3FD

NOTED

1. A Member site visit had taken place on 26 September 2020.
2. The introduction by Graham Harrington, Principal Planning Officer, clarified the proposals.
3. An update report had been circulated to Members containing minor corrections to the report. In addition, officers considered reasonable the applicant's requested amendment to recommended Condition O1 that the last RMA shall be submitted no later than 12 years, rather than 10 years, from the date of permission.
4. Receipt of a written representation in objection to the application from Councillor Mahmut Aksanoglu, circulated to all parties.
5. The deputation of Matt Burn, resident.
6. The response of Ben Wrighton, Turley (agent), and Brian Reynolds, BlackRock and NEAT Developments, on behalf of the applicant.
7. Members' lengthy debate, and questions responded to by officers.
8. During the debate, it was **AGREED** that the rules of procedure within the Council's Constitution relating to the time meetings should end (10pm) be suspended for a period of 30 minutes to enable the business of the agenda to be completed.
9. The proposal of Councillor Rye, seconded by Councillors Anolue and Yusuf, that planning permission be refused on the grounds of the harm of tall buildings, housing need, and community facility re-provision was not supported by the majority of the Committee: 5 votes for and 6 votes against (including the Chair's casting vote).
10. The support of the majority of the Committee for the officers' recommendation: 6 votes for and 5 votes against (including the Chair's casting vote).
11. During the vote, it was **AGREED** that the rules of procedure within the Council's Constitution relating to the time meetings should end be suspended for a further period of 30 minutes to enable the business of the agenda to be completed.
12. Confirmation of the support of the majority of the Committee for the officers' recommendation: 6 votes for and 5 votes against (including the Chair's casting vote).

AGREED that

- (1) Subject to the completion of a S106 to secure the matters covered in the report and referral of the application to the Mayor of London (Stage 2) and no objection being raised, the Head of Planning / Head of Development Management be authorised to grant planning permission subject to conditions.
- (2) The S106 legal agreement referred to in resolution (1) above is to be completed no later than 31/12/2020 or within such extended time as the Head of Planning / Head of Development Management shall agree; and

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- (3) Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Planning or the Head of Development Management to finalise the wording of the S106 obligations and the recommended conditions.

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FUTURE MEETING DATES

NOTED

1. The next meeting dates for the Committee would be Tuesday 20 October 2020 and Thursday 29 October 2020.
2. There would be a briefing event for members regarding the Enfield Town re-development on Tuesday 6 October 2020.