

PLANNING COMMITTEE
30 AUGUST 2012

Present :- Councillor Theresa Higgins* (Chairman)
Councillors Nick Barlow*, Nigel Chapman*,
Peter Chillingworth*, John Elliott*, Stephen Ford,
Sonia Lewis, Cyril Liddy, Jackie Maclean, Nigel Offen*,
Philip Oxford and Laura Sykes*

Substitute Members :- Councillor Barrie Cook for Councillor Helen Chuah*
Councillor Peter Higgins for Councillor Jon Manning

(* Committee members who attended the formal site visit.)

40. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

41. 121125 20 Davey Close, Colchester, CO1 2XL

The Committee considered an application for a change of use of a unit from B1 Light Industrial, to a mixed use of A1 Retail, and D2 Leisure uses. The proposal included the insertion of a mezzanine floor and an additional entrance door in the front elevation. The Committee had before it a report in which all information was set out.

The Committee made a site visit in order to assess the impact of the proposal upon the locality and the suitability of the proposal for the site.

Sue Jackson, Principal Planning Officer, attended to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

Members of the Committee were concerned about the possibility that the rear door could be used by people wishing to smoke outside, and that it may be left open allowing noise to permeate into the adjacent rear gardens. In order to preserve neighbours' amenity it was suggested that a condition be added to ensure the door could be used only in an emergency, details to be agreed with the local planning authority. It was further suggested that smoking should occur only on the forecourt of the unit and not at the rear of the unit.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) that the application be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report together with additional conditions to ensure the rear door is only used in emergencies and to be secured with a "glass bolt" or other suitable mechanism to be agreed with local planning authority and to be installed prior to use commencing and retained etc., and for smoking to take place only on front forecourt.

42. 121195 21 Gladwin Road, Colchester, CO2 7HW

Councillor L.Sykes (in respect of the applicant's agent being her neighbour) declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(5).

The Committee considered an application for a single storey rear extension and a side extension. The Committee had before it a report in which all information was set out.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) that the application be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report.