

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th July, 2025 at The Ceres Suite, Worksop Town Hall, S80 2AH

Present: Councillor N J Sanders (Chair)

Councillors:

S Fielding	C Adams
D Challinor	S H Pashley
D G Pidwell	C Tindle

Site visit attendance: D Challinor, S Fielding, S Pashley, D G Pidwell, N J Sanders.

Officers: A Curran, D Holgate, L Thompson and E Wallace and J Wignall.

(The meeting opened at 6.30 pm.)

8 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H J Digby, G Dinsdale, D J Merryweather, G A N Oxby and S E Shaw.

9 Declarations of Interest

9a Members

Councillor C Adams declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in:

Item 7(a) – Planning application: 24/00384/FUL – Land Adjacent to A614 Worksop, Nottinghamshire

for being the Ward Member. Councillor Adams left the meeting for the duration and determination of this item.

9b Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

(A two minute break was taken)

10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2025

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2025 be approved.

11 Minutes of Planning Consultation Group Meetings held between 12th May and 9th June 2025

Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning Consultation Group meetings held between 12th May and 9th June 2025 be received.

12 Outstanding Minutes List

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There were none.

Section A - Items for Discussion in Public

13 Verbal Submission - Update from Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Identity, Planning & Place

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Identity, Planning & Place (Councillor S Scotthorne) attended the meeting to provide an update to Members in relation to the Council's newly drafted Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The SPDs are designed to improve development quality and once passed, the Council will be able to continue to positively implement the Local Plan and most importantly move towards achieving more positive outcomes for communities and assist in achieving the Council Vision 2040.

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder and the Chair also congratulated all those associated with the Planning Services Team for the awards that they won at the East Midlands Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence Reception 2025 and Rajlaxmi Gaware for being nominated as Young Planner of the Year.

(Councillor S Scotthorne left the meeting)

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

14 Report(s) of the Head of Planning and Place

Public Interest Test

The Head of Planning and Place determined that all items on the Agenda are non-confidential.

Planning Applications and Associated Items

14a 24/00384/FUL - Land Adjacent to A614 Worksop, Nottinghamshire

The application was reported to Planning Committee to resolve the position the Council will take at an upcoming appeal (PINS ref APP/A3010/W/25/3367817) against non-determination of an application for 24/00384/FUL. The application sought full planning permission for the installation and operation of a solar farm and battery energy storage system (output up to 40 mw), with associated works, equipment, infrastructure and landscaping land.

The site was subject to a site visit prior to the meeting.

The Planning Development Manager presented the application. Members were presented with a location map, aerial image, site plan layout, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment submitted by the applicant and a map identifying nearby Designated Heritage Assets for consideration.

Responses from statutory consultees were detailed in the report.

In accordance with the rules for public participation, Mr David Peill spoke as the Applicant.

Members asked several material and non-material questions during the debate. These questions and comments were addressed by the Head of Planning & Place and Planning Development

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Manager.

The Conservation Officer was present to address questions in relation to the Designated Heritage Assets.

In Conclusion, the Chair summarised the debate.

Recommendation of the Head of Planning and Place: The Planning Committee resolve that had the Local Planning Authority determined the application it would have REFUSED planning permission.

Committee Decision Resolved that: had the Local Planning Authority determined the application, the Planning Committee would have REFUSED planning permission.

(A five minute comfort break was taken)

(J Wignall and members of the public left the meeting and Councillor C Adams rejoined the meeting).

14b Scheme of Delegation - Report to Follow

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

Section B - Items for Discussion in Private

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

15 Any other business which the Chair considers to be urgent

As there was no other business to discuss the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.)