

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Strategic Planning Board**  
held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2023 in the Council Chamber,  
Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

## PRESENT

Councillor B Puddicombe (Chair)  
Councillor S Gardiner (Vice-Chair)

Councillors S Edgar, D Edwardes, K Edwards, H Moss, H Seddon,  
L Smetham, L Crane and J Place

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Malcolm, Head of Planning  
Adrian Crowther, Senior Planner  
James Thomas, Senior Planning and Highways Lawyer  
Niall Martin, Enforcement Officer - Environmental Protection  
Rebekah Norbury, Enforcement Officer - Environmental Protection  
Sam Jones, Democratic Services Officer

## 20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mary Brooks.  
Councillor John Place attended as substitute.

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Thelma Jackson.

## 21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PRE DETERMINATION

In the interest of openness the following declarations were made:

Councillor Edgar declared that he worked part time for local MP who has received lots of communication from residents on this application but has not engaged with the correspondence / residents on these issues in this capacity.

Councillor Gardiner declared that he was personal friends with public speaker Anthony Critchley, and that he regularly communicated with Sigma Capital in other parts of their business.

Councillor Place declared that he was a member of the Labour Group, as had been public speaker Anthony Critchley, until Anthony Critchley resignation as a councillor.

## 22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

## 23 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The public speaker procedure was noted. In advance of the meeting the Chair had agreed the registered objectors / supporters / applicants would be allowed a period of up to 8 minutes speaking time due to the sensitive nature of the application.

## 24 22 4863N - BOMBARDIER TRANSPORTATION, WEST STREET, CREWE, CW1 3JB: THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES (INCLUDING THE BOUNDARY WALL ALONG WEST STREET) AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF 263 DWELLINGS COMPRISING 24 APARTMENTS AND 239 HOUSES, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, THE LAYING OUT OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (WITH TWO NEW ACCESSES FROM WEST STREET), AND HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING. RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION 18/0079N.

Consideration was given to the above planning application.

The following attended the meeting and spoke in relation to the application:

Claire McLellan and Mike Nevitt (objectors), Anthony Critchley (supporter) and Joe Turner (applicant).

### RESOLVED:

That the application be DEFERRED for the following reasons:

1. To review the Public Open Space (POS) and options for enhancement of use; and
2. To enable further investigation and assessment of the 'clean cover system' material in all gardens and the POS to ensure it is suitable for residential and public use.

In the event of any changes being needed to the wording of the Committee's decision (such as to delete, vary or add conditions/informatives/planning obligations or reasons for approval/refusal) prior to the decision being issued, the Head of Planning has delegated authority to do so in consultation with the Chairman of the

Strategic Planning Board, provided that the changes do not exceed the substantive nature of the Committee's decision.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 1.44 pm

Councillor B Puddicombe (Chair)