

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held in the Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 19 October 2016 from 14.30 - 14.51**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Chris Gibson (Chair)  
Councillor Cat Arnold (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Graham Chapman  
Councillor Azad Choudhry  
Councillor Alan Clark  
Councillor Michael Edwards  
Councillor Rosemary Healy  
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan  
Councillor Sally Longford  
Councillor Brian Parbutt  
Councillor Andrew Rule  
Councillor Wendy Smith  
Councillor Malcolm Wood  
Councillor Steve Young

##### Absent

Councillor Josh Cook  
Councillor Linda Woodings

#### **Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

Ann Barrett - Team Leader, Legal and Democratic Services  
Rob Percival - Area Planning Manager  
Paul Seddon - Chief Planner  
Zena West - Governance Officer

#### **38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Josh Cook – work commitments  
Councillor Linda Woodings – work commitments

#### **39 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **40 MINUTES**

Subject to recording the split of the vote for item 34 – Lace Market Self Serve, London Road, the minutes from the meeting held on 21 September 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### **41 MIRAGE VENUES REDFIELD WAY**

Rob Percival, Area Planning Manager, presented the report for application 15/02636/PFUL3 by DLA Architecture Limited on behalf of Oakgate Retail Limited and James Farhad Eftekhar-Khonssar, for planning permission for erection of five A3 units and associated works following the demolition of an existing nightclub.

Amended wording to one of the proposed conditions was provided on an update sheet.

Councillors commented as follows:

- (a) the site has no pedestrian footfall, and is highly dependent on car traffic. A query was raised as the potential for re-use of the buildings if the scheme should fail;
- (b) the design on the units looks to be to a very high standard, and the layout of the carpark in relation to the retail units is positive, as the units partially hide the car park, rather than having a large expanse of parking in front of the units;
- (c) the addition of the living wall is a welcomed addition , and the Planning Department should be commended for steering the application in this direction;
- (d) a query was raised regarding the maintenance for the living wall and the extent to which the design of the plant array would be controlled. It was noted that living walls can have a positive environmental impact on the cooling buildings.

Rob Percival responded to the Councillors' questions as follows:

- (e) from the developers' perspective there is real confidence in this scheme; it has been a long time in the making, and similar schemes have worked well in comparable settings elsewhere. There are existing restaurant units nearby, and the existing leisure offering is very family oriented, so these new restaurants should work well. There is a condition that the units cannot be used for A1, as that would be a concern. The units have been designed for A3, but they are the right size to incorporate mezzanine floors, so they could theoretically be converted to offices if needs be;
- (f) one of the conditions requires details of the planned maintenance and management of the living wall. The developers will be required to submit those details to Planning for approval;
- (g) the inclusion of a living wall may be a first for a planning application to Nottingham City Council, so it is fairly new territory. They are a familiar feature elsewhere, and to an extent there is a degree of preference from the developer in terms of the plant species used. The planning permission will only go so far in agreeing the pattern for the wall, as with all landscaping schemes there wouldn't be micromanagement of the types of plants going in, but rather the permission will secure the inclusion of the living wall. It is a very energy efficient system in terms of cooling. The expertise on living wall standards does not exist in-house, and the success of the wall will largely rely on the inherent self-interest of the developer/tenants.

**RESOLVED to:**

- (1) grant planning permission, subject to the indicative conditions substantially in the form listed in the draft decision notice within the report, and on the additional information sheet (circulated as an additional document);**
- (2) delegate authority to the Chief Planner to determine the final details of the conditions of the planning permission.**