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NORTHERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021

Present: Clirs Sherry Jespersen (Chairman), Mary Penfold (Vice-Chairman), Jon Andrews, Tim Cook, Les Fry, Matthew Hall, Brian Heatley, Carole Jones, Emma Parker and Val Pothecary

Apologies: Cllr Belinda Ridout

Also present: Cllr David Walsh

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Lara Altree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Anna Lee (Service Manager for Development Management and Enforcement), Hannah Smith (Planning Area Manager), Guy Tetley (Engineer (Development Liaison)), Gill Whitney (Technical Support Officer), Cass Worman (Planning Officer) and Fiona King (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Belinda Ridout.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

3. Public Participation

Representations by the public to the Committee on individual planning applications are detailed below. There were no questions, petitions or deputations received on other items on this occasion.

4. Planning Applications

Members considered written reports submitted on planning applications as set out below.

The Chairman reminded members that at the Annual Meeting of Council on 4 May 2021 it was agreed that all council meetings that were not executive in nature, would continue to be held virtually from 7 May 2021 until such time as social distancing requirements were removed (currently scheduled to be lifted on 21 June 2021). Where a decision was required, committee members would express a 'minded to' decision in respect of recommendations set out in officer reports, with decisions being taken under officer delegated authority in the light of 'minded to' decisions expressed by members in the virtual meetings.

5. WD/D/20/002080 - Sherborne House, Newland, Sherborne, DT9 3JG

The Planning Officer introduced the application to re-use Sherborne House as an exhibition, events, function, restaurant and office space, with associated repair and extension.

The first application members considered was in respect of the planning permission whilst the second application was in respect of the listed building consent.

As both applications were concerned with the same property, officers were asked to give just the one presentation for both applications.

Officers highlighted the history of the site to members although recognised that members had visited the property in the past.

The Business Plan for the Sherborne House Trust was highlighted to members.

A number of written responses were received and are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

Members comments and questions

Cllr Fry was concerned that the issue of renewables was not covered. The Planning Officer advised that the applicants were working with a company that had sustainability at the centre of their ethos. However, they recognised some of the limitations of the building but offered other environmental designs.

Cllr Andrews considered whether a condition could be put in place to implement a highways suggestion regarding pedestrianisation. The Planning Officer advised that it would not be necessary to add a condition as it was for the applicant to measure and manage their flow of visitors.

Cllr Hall asked for an update in respect of Historic England's letter regarding not wanting to see any alteration in certain rooms. The Planning Officer advised that the updated Plan reflected the concerns raised and the principle had now been agreed.

Cllr Hall sought clarification about a possible condition for car parking, and whether something in literature could be included for visitors to use specific car parks. The Planning Officer advised this was outside the realms of planning control but applicants could be asked to put this in their literature.

Cllr Hall requested that he and Cllr Andrews be included in discussions on the traffic management plan. The Planning Officer undertook to advise the members when the documentation was ready.

Cllr Hall expressed concern regarding noise in an area which was surrounded by residential areas and considered if something could be included regarding the monitoring of noise. The Planning Officer drew members' attention to the conditions for noise and noted that Environmental Health had not raised any concerns in this area. It was noted that Licensing would cover music and alcohol issues in respect of times.

Cllr Penfold asked for clarification of a landscape plan in respect of the loss of trees. The Planning Officer advised that the Tree Officer was satisfied there was a fair assessment of the trees on the site. She confirmed there would be no loss of any significant healthy trees. There was a landscaping plan for both the rear and front of the Plan with a 15 year maintenance condition included.

Cllr Cook asked if the foraging bats had been assessed in light of some of the trees being removed and considered if this would have an impact on bio-diversity. The Planning Officer advised that a hedgerow was proposed to go along the front row elevation to maintain the foraging bats. She also highlighted the proposed bio-diversity condition.

Following a comment from Cllr Cook about the flat roof of the proposed extension of the back wall, the Chairman advised that members could only consider the application as it was proposed and this would be a matter for building control to manage.

Cllr Pothecary felt this was a wonderful and exciting project for the use of this exceptional building and was content to recommend approval.

Local Member for Sherborne

Cllr Andrews thanked everyone involved with the application. He felt it was time the building was revamped and re-used and the economy would benefit with an increase in footfall.

Members were pleased to see that renewables and the sustainability of the building had been considered by the applicants and would hope that they would do everything they could to make this building as an exemplar of how a building could be converted. It was suggested that as Wessex Water were on site it might be opportune for the applicant to speak with them about the possibility of installing ground source heating.

Proposed: Cllr Pothecary Seconded: Cllr Andrews

The Committee were 'minded to' allow the application. The Service Manager for Development Management and Enforcement, having considered the representations and the officer's presentation and having taken into account the views of the committee, made the following decision under delegated authority:

Decision

That the application be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the appendix attached to these minutes.

6. WD/D/20/002081 - Sherborne House, Newland, Sherborne, DT9 3JG

The Area Lead Planning Officer introduced the application to re-use Sherborne House as an exhibition, events, function, restaurant and office space, with associated repair and extension.

This application was in respect of listed building consent.

Members were advised of the issues concerned around the listed building consent. There were no concerns around any loss with any historic fabric. Most of the concerns raised by Historic England had now been agreed.

Local Member for Sherborne

Cllr Andrews proposed the recommendation and was pleased to note that everything had been done in line with Historic England.

Proposed: Cllr Andrews Seconded: Cllr Fry

The Committee were 'minded to' allow the application. The Service Manager for Development Management and Enforcement, having considered the representations and the officer's presentation and having taken into account the views of the committee, made the following decision under delegated authority:

Decision

That the application be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the appendix attached to these minutes.

7. Urgent items

There were no urgent items of business.

8. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

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Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.56 am

Northern Area Planning Committee 25 May 2021 Decisions List

APPLICATION NUMBER: WD/D/20/002080

APPLICATION SITE: Sherborne House, Newland, Sherborne, DT9 3JG

PROPOSAL: Re-use of Sherborne House as exhibition, events, function, restaurant and office

space, with associated repair and extension

DECISION: Granted, subject to conditions.

CONDITIONS:

1. The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: This condition is required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Location Plan S-1282-01A

Existing Site Plan (Topo) S-1282-02

Existing Site Section AA S-1282-04

Existing Basement Plan S-1282-05B

Existing Ground Floor Plan S-1282-06B

Existing First Floor Plan S-1282-07B

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Existing Roof Plan S-1282-09A

Elevation and Section Key S 1282-10

Existing South and North 2 Elev S-1282-11

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Existing Wall Elevation 1 & 2 S-1282-15

Existing Newland Boundary Wall Elev S-1282-16A

Existing Section A-A & B-B S-1282-17

Existing Section C-C, D-D & E-E S-1282-18

Proposed Masterplan PL-1282-101B

Proposed New & Existing Extents PL-1282-102

Previous Planning Approvals PL-1282-103

Proposed Site Plan PL-1282-104B

Proposed Basement Plan PL-1282-105

Proposed Ground Floor Plan PL-1282-106B

Proposed First Floor Plan PL-1282-107E

Proposed Second Floor Plan PL-1282-108F

Proposed Roof Plan PL-1282-109

Proposed South Elevation PL-1282-201A

Proposed West Elevation PL-1282-202A

Proposed East Elevation PL-1282-203A

Proposed North Elevation PL-1282-204A

Proposed North Weathered Elevation PL-1282-205A

Proposed West Wall Elevation PL-1282-206

Proposed Site Sections PL-1282-301A

Proposed Arts Entrance & West Sections PL-1282-302A

Proposed North Section PL-1282-303A

Proposed Courtyard & East Sections PL-1282-304A

Proposed Green Roof Details PL-1282-401A

Proposed Glazing Details PL-1282-402A

Proposed Copper Roof Details PL-1282-403A

Proposed Basement Stair Wall Detail PL-1282-404

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. The development hereby approved shall proceed in strict accordance with the details set out in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Method Statement ref GH1921 dated 08/09/2020 setting out how the existing trees are to be protected and managed before, during and after development.

Reason: To ensure thorough consideration of the impacts of development on the existing trees.

4. Before the development hereby approved is first occupied or utilised, the turning and parking shown on the approved plan PL-1282-101B must have been constructed. Thereafter, these areas must be permanently maintained, kept free from obstruction and available for the purposes specified.

Reason: To ensure the proper and appropriate development of the site and to ensure that highway safety is not adversely impacted upon.

5. Prior to first use or occupation of the development hereby approved, a scheme showing details of the proposed cycle parking facilities shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, thereafter the approved scheme shall be fully implemented and available for use prior to first use or occupation of the development, and the cycle provision shall be maintained, kept free from obstruction and available for the purposes specified in perpetuity.

Reason: To ensure provision of adequate cycle parking to support sustainable transport; in the interests of highway safety and residential amenity.

6. No external lighting shall be installed until details of the lighting scheme have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the lighting scheme shall be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with the agreed details, and no other external lighting shall be installed.

Reason: To protect visual amenities and avoid nuisance to adjoining properties.

7. Prior to first use or occupation of the development, and prior to the installation of any extraction plant and associated ductwork, a written Noise & Odour Report(s) regarding the operating odour risk management and noise levels of specific equipment to be installed shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority, along with the calculated effect upon nearby properties. The Report(s) should predict the likely external noise

impact on sensitive receptors in the area and provide mitigation to prevent loss of amenity from noise and odours, and measures to prevent creeping noise & odour impacts following completion of the development (for example installation of timers to control hours of plant operation, and maintenance of baffles and filters).

The noise report should contain details of background sound measurements of when the plant is likely to be in operation, against the operational plant sound level as it would impact upon local receptors. The ventilation system should be designed to minimise emissions using Guidance on the Control of Odour and the document titled Noise from Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Systems, produced by DEFRA. The required Report(s) shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing by, the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of any work on the installation of the equipment; and shall then be installed fully in accordance with the agreed details prior to the development hereby approved being first occupied or brought into use, and subject thereafter to routine maintenance and cleansing in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

Reason: In order to protect the living conditions of surrounding residential properties.

8. The works shall proceed in strict accordance with the Biodiversity Plan prepared by KP Ecology Ltd, dated 27 August 2020, and the biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures described therein shall be implemented in full in accordance with the specified timetable(s) in the approved Biodiversity Plans, and maintained in the condition described in perpetuity.

Reason: To minimise impacts on biodiversity.

9. Prior to commencement of the works to the Main Georgian House and Tudor and Digby Wings, the Council's Conservation Officer and the Applicant shall agree a Schedule of dates/points of progress, for the inspection of the progress of the works, by the Council's Conservation Officer. This Schedule shall include an agreed set of repair phases at which point the progress of the works shall be inspected. Thereafter, works must proceed in accordance with agreed Inspection Schedule, and the Council's Conservation Officer shall be made aware of progress when works at each of these agreed phases is reached, to allow inspection by the Council's Conservation Officer. The works must be completed, prior to first use or occupation of any part of the site.

Reason: To ensure the restoration of the historic core of the building proceeds in conjunction with the new build elements, to allow progress by the Council's Conservation Officer to be monitored, in the interests of safeguarding the historic building at risk

10. Works to the Main Georgian House and Tudor and Digby Wings, are to commence no later than the commencement of the development above damp course level, of the extensions shown in beige on the approved plan PL-1282-101B (masterplan).

All works to the Main Georgian House and Tudor and Digby Wings shall proceed in strict accordance with a Room by Room Schedule of Works and Phasing Plan, which must be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of any works above damp course level. Thereafter, the works must be completed in accordance with the details as agreed for each room in the Room by Room Schedule of Works and Phasing Plan, and each room must be completed, prior to first use or occupation of any part of the site. The Room by Room Schedule and Phasing Plan shall include a detailed schedule and drawings of all of the works that are proposed for each room, and a phasing plan which shall detail when the identified works to each room will be will be carried out in full.

Reason: To ensure the restoration of the historic core of the building proceeds in conjunction with the new build elements, in the interests of safeguarding the historic building at risk.

11. Prior to the erection of new walls as shown on approved plans PL-1282-203A and, PL-1282-202, sample panels measuring at least 1 metre by 1 metre, demonstrating the proposed materials, showing colour, texture, coursing, mortar mix and pointing detail, shall be constructed on site for the inspection and approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Prior to installation of the new superstructure roof, samples of materials for the roof coverings, shall be made available on site for the inspection and approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Construction of the new walls and roofs shall not commence until the samples have been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and thereafter development shall proceed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the locality in the interests of the appearance of the development, and in the interests of the heritage asset.

12. The soft landscaping shall proceed in accordance with the agreed details as shown on approved plans Tree and Shrub Planting Front Garden SH0978, Tree and Shrub Planting Rear Garden SH0979, and in accordance with the Plants list and Maintenance Programme prepared by Marshall James Garden Development Ltd. The approved landscaping scheme shall be implemented in the first planting season November – March immediately following the substantial completion of the development.

If within a period of 15 years from the date of substantial completion of the development, any tree/plant, or any tree/plant planted in replacement for it, is removed, uprooted, destroyed, dies, becomes seriously damaged or defective, another tree/plant of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be replanted.

Reason: Landscaping is considered essential in order to preserve and enhance the visual amenities of the locality and in the interests of the setting of the heritage asset.

13. Prior to commencement of the development hereby approved, excluding the sewer diversion and tree felling works, a Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Plan shall include vehicular routes, anticipated deliveries, timings of deliveries & delivery hours, contractors' arrangements (compound, storage, parking, turning, surfacing, drainage facilities), a scheme of appropriate signing of vehicle routes to the site, route plan for contractors and suppliers, temporary traffic management arrangements.

The development shall thereafter be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved Construction Traffic Management Plan.

Reason: In the interests of road safety to minimise the likely impact of construction traffic on the surrounding highway network and prevent the possible deposit of loose material on the adjoining highway.

14. Prior to the installation or construction of any 'artists pods', a scheme accompanied by scale drawings showing the design, construction details, materials, colour, finish shall

be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter these structures shall be installed in accordance with the agreed details.

Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the development and the setting of the heritage asset.

15. Prior to the construction of the compounds for the refuse and recycling store, and substation, as shown on approved plan PL - 1282 – 101B a scheme accompanied by scale drawings showing the design, construction details, materials, colour, finish shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter these structures shall be installed in accordance with the agreed details prior to first use or occupation of the development hereby approved.

Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the development and the setting of the heritage asset.

16. No development above damp proof course shall take place until a detailed surface water management scheme for the site, based upon the hydrological and hydrogeological context of the development, and including clarification of how surface water is to be managed during construction, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The surface water scheme shall be fully implemented in accordance with the submitted details before the development is completed.

Reason: To prevent the increased risk of flooding & associated nuisance, to improve and protect water quality, and to improve habitat and amenity.

17. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development, it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority and an investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with requirements of BS10175.

Should any contamination be found requiring remediation, a remediation scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved remediation scheme shall be carried out to a timescale to be first agreed with the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a verification report must be prepared and submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure risks from contamination are minimised.

18. Prior to the installation or erection of all new and replacement gates, a scheme accompanied by scale drawings showing the design, construction details, materials, colour, finish shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter these structures shall be installed in accordance with the agreed details prior to first use or occupation of the development hereby approved.

Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the development and the setting of the heritage asset.

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APPLICATION SITE: Sherborne House, Newland, Sherborne, DT9 3JG

PROPOSAL: Re-use of Sherborne House as exhibition, events, function, restaurant and office space, with associated repair and extension

DECISION: Granted, subject to conditions.

CONDITIONS:

1. The work to which this listed building consent relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date on which the consent is granted.

Reason: This condition is required to be imposed by reason of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Location Plan S-1282-01A

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Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. Works to the Main Georgian House and Tudor and Digby Wings, are to commence no later than the commencement of the superstructure works above damp course level to the extensions shown in beige on the approved plan PL-1282-101B (masterplan).

All works shall proceed in strict accordance with a Room by Room Schedule of Works, which must be provided to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of works to each room. Thereafter, the works must be completed in accordance with details as agreed in each Room by Room Schedule of Works, and each room must be completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, prior to first use or occupation of any part of the site.

Reason: To ensure the restoration of the historic core of the building proceeds in conjunction with the new build elements, in the interests of safeguarding the historic building at risk.

4. Prior to commencement of the works to the Main Georgian House and Tudor and Digby Wings, the Council's Conservation Officer and the Applicant shall agree to a Schedule of agreed dates/points of progress, for the inspection of the progress of the works, by the Council's Conservation Officer. This Schedule shall include an agreed set of repair phases at which point the progress of the works shall be inspected. Thereafter, works must proceed in accordance with agreed Inspection Schedule, and the Council's Conservation Officer shall be made aware of progress when works each of these agreed phases is reached, to allow inspection by the Council's Conservation Officer. The works must be completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, prior to first use or occupation of any part of the site.

Reason: To ensure the restoration of the historic core of the building proceeds in conjunction with the new build elements, to allow progress by the Council's Conservation Officer to be monitored, in the interests of safeguarding the historic building at risk.

5. Prior to the erection of new walls as shown on approved plans PL-1282-203A and, PL-1282-202, sample panels measuring at least 1 metre by 1 metres, demonstrating the proposed materials, showing colour, texture, coursing, mortar mix and pointing detail, shall be constructed on site for the inspection and approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Prior to installation of the new superstructure roof, samples of materials for the roof coverings, shall be made available in site for the inspection and approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Construction of the new walls and roofs shall not commence until the samples have been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and thereafter development shall proceed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the locality in the interests of the appearance of the development, and in the interests of the heritage asset.

6. Prior to all repointing or repair to the front roadside wall, and prior to the widening of the eastern entrance, a sample area of wall, measuring at least 1 metre by 1 metres, demonstrating the proposed pointing detail, mortar mix, and replacement brick materials, shall be completed on site for the inspection and approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, repairs of the wall, and widening of the eastern entrance shall proceed in strict accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To safeguard the character of the locality in the interests of the appearance of the development, and in the interests of the heritage asset.

Minute Item 5

Northern Area Planning Committee Written Submissions 25 May 2021

Item 4a – WD/D/20/002080 – Sherborne House, Newland, Sherborne, DT9 3JG

Sherborne Town Council

Sherborne Town Council is delighted that Sherborne House may be brought back to life after many years of being empty and unused. This historic building will no doubt benefit from the proposed regeneration and enhancement proposals, which will help to preserve and maintain this wonderful building for the benefit of residents and visitors in the years to come.

Sherborne Town Council has highlighted insufficient information and several observations regarding both infrastructure and the lack of a comprehensive Business Plan, during the recent planning process.

The lack of an up-to-date traffic management plan relating to Sherborne House, specifically covering road access and parking, together with the lack of a construction traffic management plan were identified. Also, the importance of an input from Wessex Water, especially regarding the sewage capacity. Consideration should also be given to a no-parking zone directly in front of Sherborne House.

Concern has been expressed about the loss of trees within the grounds of the house. Members suggest that for every tree felled, a contribution should be sought to enable the equivalent number of trees to be planted elsewhere within the town. Whilst not strictly a planning concern, Members support the use of a more environmentally friendly, low carbon approach when selecting various internal finishing's, along with sources of heat and light.

The Town Council are aware of local unease about the potential noise aspect of various events taking place on site and request consideration of a planning condition regarding late night noise to incorporate stricter finishing times, certainly within the garden and outdoor areas.

The Town Council acknowledges a potential future conflict of interest. The Sherborne House project as presently envisaged, may in future take events, business, and customers away from the council-run Digby Hall.

The Town Council welcomes this application to be considered by the Northern Area Planning Committee.

Mr Pitman, SPASE Ltd. - Statement from Agent and Applicant

Sherborne House has been without a use for some 27 years and is in desperate need of refurbishment, and importantly a new sustainable long-term vision for the future.

Sherborne House Trust 2018 have secured funding and are committed to fully restore this Grade I Listed Building and so remove it from the Historic England At Risk register. Using expert advice, and extensive experience in the commercial world, we believe we have a proposal where the building will be self-sustaining, but more importantly a great local and regional facility for Sherborne.

The Planning Officer's report provides a clear picture of an application which is well considered and complies with all planning policy. The limited harm identified (as required by the NPPF) is less than substantial and at the lower end of this scale, whilst the proposals significantly benefit and outweigh that harm by providing (amongst other things) public access through the proposed reuse.

A robust and sustainable business plan has been provided to the planning authority, who, with Historic England's specialist economic consultant, all approve.

Wessex Water have approved an application in parallel to this application for the sewer diversion scheme.

The development design team take the construction traffic management of the works seriously and will comply fully with the planning conditions to provide the construction traffic management plan prior to the construction works, for the planning authority's comment and approval.

The supporting Access Statement confirms that there is sufficient parking and access provision for this scheme. The Council Highways Officers raise no objection.

The application takes great measures to meet the requirements of all statutory and third-party interests, and champions and places at the forefront the heritage which is of outstanding national importance. The complexity and importance of the proposal has taken over 2-and-a-half years of detailed negotiation and consultation since the freehold acquisition and will lead to a comprehensive restoration of the historic fabric to Sherborne House, as shown in the detailed room schedules.

Since falling out of use, Sherborne House has singularly failed to raise money for any repurpose and deserves this chance to be reborn with a sustainable and long-term future. We commend this project to you.

Item 4b – WD/D/20/002081 – Sherborne House, Newland, Sherborne, DT9 3JG

The statements for Item 4a relate to this application.

