



**Minutes of a Remote Environmental Planning Committee Meeting held
on Thursday 4th March 2021 via Zoom Video Conferencing**

Commenced: 6.30pm - Concluded: 7.28pm

Councillors Present: Alan Hooper (Chairman), John Brownrigg [Ex-Officio], John Housley [Ex-Officio], Carol Levery and David Ogle.

Absent Councillors. There were none.

Officers. Andrew Towleron – Parish Clerk/RFO and Laura Tickle – Administration Officer (minute taker).

Members of the Public. 14 members of the public.

Chairman's Announcement

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman outlined the procedure for this remote meeting to ensure that it was effective and lawful. The Clerk confirmed that he was recording the meeting to assist with minute taking.

<u>2020/116 (EPC)</u>	<u>116. Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u> There were none.
<u>2020/117 (EPC)</u>	<u>117. Declarations of Interest</u> There were none.
<u>2020/118 (EPC)</u>	<u>118. Exclusion of Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960</u> There were no items on the agenda that required the exclusion of the press or public.
<u>2020/119 (EPC)</u>	<u>11-. Public Participation Session</u> There were no matters raised. The Chairman, Councillor Hooper, informed members of the public that any questions raised for planning application 21/00266/FUL Quality Hotel would be dealt with under agenda item 121.1 Planning Matters.
<u>2020/120</u>	<u>120. Environmental Planning Minutes</u> To consider the draft Minutes, including actions, of the Environmental Planning Committee meeting held on 18 th February 2021.

The Chairman, Councillor Hooper, suggested that this item be moved to the end of the meeting, which was agreed.

**2020/121
(EPC)**

121. Planning Matters

121.1 To note and consider the list of planning applications for comment since the last meeting and any delegated to the Admin Officer in accordance with Council Policy.

There were 11 planning applications for consideration. Due to time constraints, only 4 of the 11 planning applications were considered. Many members of the public attending the meeting came to air their concerns on planning application 21/00266/FUL Quality Hotel.

Proposed by Councillor Alan Hooper and seconded by Councillor John Brownrigg, and **RESOLVED:** That the Council has objections and comments to make on these planning applications:

- 1) 21/00266/FUL – Quality Hotel, Sheffield North, Lane End, Sheffield, S35 3UH – many objections had been received regarding this planning application. Members of the public in attendance at this meeting were given the time to air their concerns which are listed below.
 - Errors on the planning application.
 - A very basic planning application.
 - The building is currently listed as vacant. The building is not vacant.
 - No support in place to help the homeless people who will and are already housed in this building.
 - Increase in drug and alcohol related issues in the area.
 - Drug dealing in the area.
 - To house 44 people in the building is too many. This will exacerbate the issue of drug and alcohol related issues.
 - Fully support the rehoming of the homeless but in an area where the support is there. No support facilities in Chapeltown and High Green for the homeless.
 - More support and facilities in the City Centre for the homeless.
 - It was suggested a small number of 8-10 people would be better housed in the building and include the support and help that they would need 24/7.
 - Increase in begging in the streets in Chapeltown.
 - Worries of the coming summer months and the lighter evenings of drug use in the parks.
 - A resident reported he had asked under the Freedom of Information a report from the Police and their findings. When this has been received it will be copied to Ecclesfield Parish Council.
 - Through the summer of 2020 residents had to endure the impact of the people who are currently living in the hotel, where parties were in the car park every night and rubbish and drug syringes were thrown into the hedges of their gardens.
 - The Police are aware of the disturbances and issues related to the homeless in the building.
 - A lot of elderly people who live in the neighbouring estate have had people knocking on their doors begging for money. This is a cause for concern and is making the elderly scared in their own homes.
 - Concerns regarding the impact on the local school nearby as school children have been approached by the people that are currently housed in the building.
 - No framework is included within this planning application to support the people being housed.

At this point in the meeting Sheffield City Councillor Mike Levery was invited to speak on this planning application to give some more background information. He explained that under the Government Scheme to help get the homeless off the streets during the Covid-19 Pandemic the Government asked vacant hotel owners to come forward to re-home the rough sleepers. Only 3 hotels came forward, one of which was the Quality Hotel in Chapeltown. Only half of the rough sleepers were placed in the Quality Hotel. It was not put in place by Sheffield City Council to place the rough sleepers in Chapeltown, it was put in place by the Government to make the rough sleepers safe during the pandemic. Sheffield City Council does not see this as a long-term tenancy for the homeless. Sheffield City Council looks into the area for the demand for support and help for the homeless people.

He added that information on the planning application is misleading as it states that Sheffield City Council has an agreement with Fairhome Plc to house the homeless at Quality Hotel. This is untrue. Sheffield City Council has no agreement in place. To house the homeless at the Quality Hotel is just a temporary measure to keep them safe during the pandemic and not a permanent base.

Sheffield City Councillor Mike Levery and Parish Councillor Alan Hooper stated that they will attend the Sheffield City Council Planning meeting when this application goes to the Committee and would be strongly urging that it be refused.

Chairman, Councillor Alan Hooper invited the Planning Committee to make any comments on this application. These are listed below.

- A published full business case for the application is needed.
- Acknowledge and recognise the need to re-home the homeless, but in areas where support and help is already available.
- The issue needs handling in a proper and safe way, with the support and needs of homeless people the main priority.
- 44 is too many spaces and would fill the building.
- 8-18 spaces could make it work in the building but with the support and help the homeless would need.
- The plans are not suitable for the living space.
- Not thinking of the living space that the people would be living in.
- Fully agree and support all the resident's objections and concerns regarding this application.
- This application needs appropriate support measures put in place first if the homeless are to be housed in Chapeltown especially as there is not any of that kind available at present.
- Concerns for the residents who live in and around this site.
- The effect on the wider community in High Green and Chapeltown.
- Police are aware of the problems arising from the homeless in the area and are monitoring the area.

The Chairman, Councillor Alan Hooper, informed the Committee that he had asked the concerned Planning Officer from Sheffield City Council to attend the meeting for comment but he had declined as the planning application is in a premature stage.

- 2) 21/00503/FUL – Land Adjacent 9 Heyhouse Way, Sheffield, S35 3AP – an objection from a neighbouring property was noted. The Planning Committee are in full support of the neighbour's objection on the grounds of overshadowing and loss of light to the neighbour's property.
- 3) 21/00597/FUL – 5 Backfield Rise, Sheffield, S35 2YR – an objection from a neighbouring property was noted. The Planning Committee are in full support of the neighbours' objections on the grounds of the height of the extension to the neighbours'

	<p>boundary wall and overshadowing on their property.</p> <p>4) 21/00024/FUL – 1 Graven Close, Sheffield, S35 8QT – a comment from the Planning Case Officer was noted. The Planning Committee fully support the comments on the size of the proposed porch to be built and support that the proposed porch be built as a smaller, simple porch to keep within the character and setting of the Conservation Area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(5 in favour)</i></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Alan Hooper suggested that the rest of the agenda to be deferred to the next Environmental Planning Committee to be held on the 18th March 2021. Due to time constraints, time had run out to discuss it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(5 in favour)</i></p> <p><u>121.2 To receive notifications of any planning decision notices (listed)</u></p> <p>This item has been deferred to the next Environmental Planning Committee to be held on the 18th March 2021.</p>
<p><u>2020/122</u> <u>(EPC)</u></p>	<p><u>122. Licensing Matters</u></p> <p>This item has been deferred to the next Environmental Planning Committee to be held on the 18th March 2021.</p>
<p><u>2020/123</u> <u>(EPC)</u></p>	<p><u>123. Correspondence</u></p> <p>To receive and note any correspondence received, including:</p> <p>1) Westwood roundabout improvements A628 and A616</p> <p>This item has been deferred to the next Environmental Planning Committee to be held on the 18th March 2021.</p>
<p><u>2020/124</u> <u>(EPC)</u></p>	<p><u>124. Date, Time and Frequency of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>To note the date and time of the next scheduled Environmental Planning Committee meeting to take place on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 6.30pm.</p>