


Planning Committee

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Subject:	Determination of Site Visits
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That approval is given to carry out site visits in respect of the following planning applications:-

- a) DC/19/63045 (Proposed erection of a multi-storey car park (sui generis) and a mixed-use building of between 6 and 9 storeys to include 201 dwellings (Use Class C3) and commercial floorspace (flexible within Use Classes A1 (shops), A2 (financial and professional), A3 (restaurants), A4 (drinking establishments), A5 (hot food takeaways), D2 (assembly and leisure) or mix thereof), office (Use Class B1) plus associated amenity space and demolition of existing buildings. PJ House, London Street, Smethwick.)
- b) DC/19/63409 (Retention of proposed loft extension with dormer windows to front and rear to create 1 No retail unit, and 13 No bed HMO with external alterations and side wall with railings. Royal Oak Inn, 1 Causeway Green Road, Oldbury.)

- c) DC/19/63753 (Proposed demolition of hospital accommodation block, erection of a multi-storey car park, reconfiguration of surface parking spaces and associated access alterations, drainage, landscaping, infrastructure and associated works. Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, Sandwell General. Hospital, Lyndon.)

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is submitted to seek the Committee's approval to carry out site visits in connection with planning applications that are due to be considered by the Committee at future meetings.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION 2030

The planning process contributes to the following ambitions of the Vision 2030 –

Ambition 7 – We now have many new homes to meet a full range of housing needs in attractive neighbourhoods and close to key transport routes.

Ambition 8 - Our distinctive towns and neighbourhoods are successful centres of community life, leisure and entertainment where people increasingly choose to bring up their families.

Ambition 10 - Sandwell now has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focused on what really matters in people's lives and communities.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee may decide to carry out site visits when it feels that the visit will provide additional information in connection with the planning application.
- 3.2 The Director – Regeneration and Growth may also recommend that the Committee carries out a site visit where she feels that it will assist the Committee in determining the application.
- 3.3 The following planning applications are due to be considered by the Committee at a future meeting. The Director – Regeneration and Growth is of the view that site visits will assist the Committee in determining then following applications:-

Application No. and Address	Proposal	Reason for Site Visit
<p>DC/19/63045</p> <p>PJ House London Street Smethwick</p>	<p>Proposed erection of a multi-storey car park (sui generis) and a mixed-use building of between 6 and 9 storeys to include 201 dwellings (Use Class C3) and commercial floorspace (flexible within Use Classes A1 (shops), A2 (financial and professional), A3 (restaurants), A4 (drinking establishments), A5 (hot food takeaways), D2 (assembly and leisure) or mix thereof), office (Use Class B1) plus associated amenity space and demolition of existing buildings.</p>	<p>To allow members to view the site in context to the existing area which includes new Midland Metropolitan Hospital</p>
<p>DC/19/63409</p> <p>Royal Oak Inn 1 Causeway Green Road Oldbury</p>	<p>(Retention of proposed loft extension with dormer windows to front and rear to create 1 No retail unit, and 13 No bed HMO with external alterations and side wall with railings</p>	<p>To allow members to view the site in context to the area</p>
<p>DC/19/63753</p> <p>Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, Sandwell General. Hospital, Lyndon</p>	<p>Proposed demolition of hospital accommodation block, erection of a multi-storey car park, reconfiguration of surface parking spaces and associated access alterations, drainage, landscaping, infrastructure and associated works.</p>	<p>To allow members to view the site in context to the area</p>

4 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with site visits are met from Regeneration and Growth budgets.

5 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

The Planning Committee has delegated powers to determine planning applications within current Council policy.

Amy Harhoff
Director – Regeneration and Growth