

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Waterton (Chair), Councillor Sam Maxwell (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Nick Brown, Richard Forrest, Marion Waterton and Mark Widdop.

Officers in attendance: Darren Tilley, Chief Executive & Town Clerk.

There were three members of the public present at the meeting.

34. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Darshan Singh.

35. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members.

Councillor Nick Brown advised that he had agreed to second the motion by the Portfolio Holder, concerning the Designation of a new Conservation Area in Braunstone Village and the making of a non-immediate Article 4 Direction, at Blaby District Council on Tuesday 24th September 2024. The motion would be to approve the recommendations contained in the Senior Planning Officer's report.

36. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may submit a petition and/or attend the meeting for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There were three members of the public present.

The Chair agreed with the residents that they could make their points during the item and the initial comments by members of the Committee.

All three members of the public welcomed the proposed Conservation Area for Braunstone Village, the Character Appraisal and the Management Plan. All were looking forward to the proposal being approved by Blaby District Council and implemented.

37. Braunstone Town Conservation Area

The Committee received, following the consultation process, an amended Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan for consideration and recommendation for adoption by Blaby District Council (item 4 on the agenda).

RESOLVED that the recommendations:

1. to formally designate the new Braunstone Village Conservation Area, which is shown in Appendix A; and
 2. to prepare and make a 'non-immediate' Article 4 Direction removing some Permitted Development rights to specific properties as detailed in the Conservation Area Management Plan (Appendix C);
- as detailed in the report to Blaby District Council on 24th September 2024 (attached as an Annexe), be supported.

Reason for Decision

There was evidence of incremental change in Braunstone Village, with the loss of more traditional building features and materials, as well as small scale developments that were more visually harmful. The area was seen as being close to a tipping point in terms of this change, with the expanded permitted development rights for non-listed properties providing a heightened risk.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.

EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;
- foster good relations between different groups

To ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.

These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the currently proposed meeting scheduled for 31st October 2024.