

Minutes of: **PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting: 24th February 2026

Present: Councillor G McGill (in the Chair)
Councillors C Boles, D Duncalfe, U Farooq, J Harris, M Hayes,
B Ibrahim, D Quinn, G Staples-Jones, D Vernon and M Walsh

Also in attendance: Councillor C Birchmore

Public Attendance: 4 members of the public were present at the meeting.

PCC.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted.

PCC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no reported declarations of interest.

PCC.3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH JANUARY 2026

Delegated decision:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PCC.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A report from the Head of Development Management was submitted in relation to applications for planning permission.

There was supplementary information to add in respect of application numbers 71284 and 72383.

The Committee heard representations from an objector and Ward Councillor in respect of applications submitted. This was limited to three minutes for each speaker.

Delegated decisions:

1. That the Committee **Approved with Conditions** the following application in accordance with the reasons put forward by the Development Manager in the report and the supplementary information submitted and subject to all other conditions included: -

Radcliffe Metrolink, Festival Gardens, Church Street West, Radcliffe, M26 2BY

Construct a 4m wide ramp providing a direct access, for pedestrians and cyclists, to the eastern platform of Radcliffe Metrolink station from the A6053, Spring Lane, and Church Street West via Festival Gardens

2. That the Committee **Approved with Conditions** the following application in accordance with the reasons put forward by the Development Manager in the report and the supplementary information submitted along with an amended condition 7 in relation to the inclusion of swift bricks and subject to all other conditions included: -

Smithie Garage, Spring Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 9JQ

Conversion and extension of former garage into 1 No. two storey dwelling

3. That the Committee **Approved with Conditions** the following application in accordance with the reasons put forward by the Development Manager in the report submitted and subject to all other conditions included: -

13 Morley Street, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 6GF

Change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3(a)) to children's residential care home (Class C2)

PCC.5 DELEGATED DECISIONS

A report from the Head of Development Management was submitted listing all recent planning application decisions made by Officers using delegated powers since the last meeting of the Planning Control Committee.

Delegated decision:

That the report and appendices be noted.

PCC.6 PLANNING APPEALS

A report from the Head of Development Management was submitted listing all recent planning application decisions made by Officers using delegated powers since the last meeting of the Planning Control Committee.

Delegated decision:

That the report and appendices be noted.

PCC.7 SITES OF BIOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE: 2023 REVIEW

A report from the Head of Development Management was submitted identifying the latest changes made to the GM Register of Sites of Biological Importance for the Borough. It also described the purpose and application of the Register. During the review period 2023 one site was added to the Register, one site was deleted from the Register and gains were made at one site.

Delegated decision:

That the Planning Control Committee noted the 2023 update of the Register of Sites of Biological Importance for use in development planning and management.

PCC.8 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER CONFIRMATION

A report from the Head of Development Management was attached setting out the issues relating to the current temporary tree preservation order Tree Preservation Order (No. 367) 2025 at the former Ramsbottom ambulance station.

Before any discussions took place, this agenda item was withdrawn from the business of the meeting for further consideration.

Delegated decision:

That the report be withdrawn and the item deferred for a future meeting.

PCC.9 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was reported.

COUNCILLOR G MCGILL
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00pm and ended at 7.55pm)