

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 15TH AUGUST 2012

SUBJECT: SITE VISIT - ERECT TWO FLAG POLES WITH A GREEN FLAG FLYING FROM EACH, PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, PARK CRESCENT, BARGOED

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Jenkins – Chairman

Councillors D.T. Davies and D. Price.

1. Councillor D.G. Carter had declared an interest in this matter and therefore did not attend the site visit. Councillors D.T. Davies and D. Price advised that they are members of the school's governing body.
2. The Planning Committee deferred consideration of this item on 18th July 2012 for a site visit. Members and Officers met on site on 2nd August 2012.
3. The application seeks express consent to erect two flag poles to enable two flags to be displayed in recognition of the school's eco-friendly credentials. The poles have already been erected on the school site.
4. Following advertisement to neighbouring properties and a site notice being posted, three letters of objection were received. A summary of the observations received is set out in the attached report.
5. Officers responded to each of the matters raised and advised that the display of a national flag on a single vertical flagstaff does not require consent from the Local Planning Authority. The school and surrounding site benefits from that right.
6. Those present viewed the site from the roadside in front of the school in order to fully appreciate the issues raised. The local ward members present advised that the main concern of local residents is that of the noise created by the ropes of the flags hitting the flag poles at night. Officers were asked to investigate the feasibility of the flag poles being re-designed so that the ropes were inside the poles. The possibility of one of the flag poles being re-located nearer to the school building was also discussed. It was left that the Development Control Manager would discuss these matters with the applicant and report back to the Planning Committee.
7. A copy of the report submitted to the Planning Committee on 18th July 2012 is attached. Members are now invited to determine the application.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report submitted to Planning Committee on 18th July 2012.