

40. PLANNING APPLICATION – 14/01082/FUL – 4 SECOND AVENUE, WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE, CO14 8JS

The Committee had before it the published Officer report containing the key planning issues, relevant planning policies, planning history, any response from consultees, written representations received and a recommendation of refusal.

An update sheet was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting, with details of an additional comment of support for the proposal from Councillor Bucke and of a further letter of objection received.

At the meeting, an oral presentation was made by the Council's Planning Development Manager in respect of the application.

Councillor Johnson raised concerns of 'lobbying' at the site visit for this application insofar as a local Ward Member, Councillor Miles, had handed out a letter to the Members of the Committee. The Legal Services Manager confirmed that this was a form of 'lobbying' and advised that all Members of the Committee who had been present at the site visit should declare this. Councillor Miles apologised to the Chairman and the Committee if she had inadvertently acted in an inappropriate matter.

Councillor Miles, as a local Ward Member, spoke in support of the application.

It was moved by Councillor Watling, seconded by Councillor Scott and:

RESOLVED that the Head of Planning be authorised to grant planning permission for the development, contrary to the Officers' recommendation of approval, subject to the dark, horizontal cladding of the extension being removed and replaced with something more in keeping with the locality; the details and materials of such replacement to be delegated to the Head of Planning and agreed and implemented within reasonable time periods to be determined, in their discretion, by the Head of Planning.