



Northampton UDA Planning Committee Minutes

18th May 2010

Committee Members present:

Ann Tate (AT)- Chair

Councillor Chris Millar (CM)
– Vice Chair

John Weir (JW)

Cllr Penny Flavell (PF)

Cllr Brian Markham (BM)

In attendance:

Adrian Arnold (AA) - Director
of Planning Services

John Hill (JH) - Development
Control Manager

Amy Sales (AS)– Committee
Assistant

This Public meeting was held on

18th May 2010

At

Heroes Lounge,
Northampton Saints RFC,
Franklins Gardens,
Weedon Road
Northampton
NN5 5BG

Reference	Minutes	Action
	The Chair opened the meeting at 6pm.	
Item 1	<u>Item 1: Apologies</u> David Dickinson, Nick Thompson sent their apologies.	
Item 2	<u>Item 2: Declaration of interests</u> None	
Item 3	<u>Item 3: Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2010</u> 3.1 IT WAS AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held in public on 20 th April 2010 were a true and accurate record.	
Item 4	<u>Item 4: 28-30 St Giles Street</u> Applicant: Mr Matthew Fountain Application No: 10/0048/FULWNN Description: Division of 28-30 St. Giles Street at ground floor level to create 2no. separate units. The change of use of ground floor of no. 30 only from Financial and Professional Services (Use Class A2) to Coffee Shop and Sandwich Bar (Use Class A3). Address: 28-30 St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1JA Ward: St Crispin 4.1 JH introduced the application and presented the update report. (Update report attached as Appendix A) 4.2 Paul Flatt, spoke against the application as a member of the public. The points he made are summarised as follows: 4.2.1 He expressed his concerns for existing businesses within the area, as the application will be compete with these. 4.2.2 He believed that the business is not very profitable, due to the competition, and there could be risks of existing proprietors going out of business. 4.2.3 The possible closure of businesses would leave many	

	<p>empty shop units.</p> <p>4.2.4 The empty units could potentially be used for amusement arcades or charity shops, which Mr Flatt believed there is already an abundance of in Northampton.</p> <p>4.2.5 He suggested spreading the coffee shops over the town, rather than retaining them within St Giles Street, due to the competition.</p> <p>4.4 NT asked JH whether the competition between the sounding businesses of the application was a material planning consideration.</p> <p>4.5 JH confirmed that competition is not a material planning consideration.</p> <p>4.6 A vote was taken and the members collectively voted for the application.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the application be APPROVED subject to conditions in the officers' report.</p>	
	<p>8. Future meeting dates were agreed to be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th July 2010 • 14th September 2010 • 5th October 2010 	
	<p>AOB</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18:10pm</p> <p>Amy Sales Committee Assistant</p>	

	Signed by the Chairman _____	

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