

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE held on 5 August 2002 in the Vernon Institute, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor Mrs P Humphrey  
Councillor Mrs J Johnson  
Councillor JA Marsden  
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar  
Councillor Mrs J Young (in the Chair)

56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Moss.

57 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs J Johnson declared an interest in respect of item 5 on the agenda Minute No 60/2002 (Planning Applications listed below (e) and (f)) and left the meeting whilst the two were discussed.

58 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 July 2002 be confirmed as a correct record.

59 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

60 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following planning applications and requested that its comments be passed to Chester City Council, the Planning Authority.

(a) 02/01104/COU/RG

RE: Change of use of Shippon to firework store and shop.

AT: Newlands Farm, Parkgate Road, Saughall

“No objections.”

(b) 02/01102/ADV/RG

RE: Retrospective application for signage.

AT: Newlands Farm, Parkgate Road, Saughall

“No Objections.”

- (c) 02/01192/FUL  
RE: Extension of shop, installation of 60,000 litre underground diesel tank and relocation of dispensers.  
AT: Red Ensign Autopoint, Parkgate Road, Saughall

“No Objections.”

- (d) 02/01216/FUL/JJ  
RE: Conservatory (Plot 4) variation of a house type.  
AT: Land to the rear of Sunnybank and Fernlea, Sea Hill Road, Saughall

“No Objections.”

- (e) 02/01180/FUL  
RE: Replacement access.  
AT: Brevin, Fiddlers Lane, Saughall

“No Objections.”

- (f) 02/01231/FUL  
RE: New access.  
AT: Oak Tree Farm Nurseries, Fiddlers Lane, Saughall

“This Council wishes to declare an interest and consequently makes no comment.”

## 61 PLANNING DECISIONS

The Committee noted the following planning decision made by Chester City Council, the Planning Authority, since the Committee’s meeting on 10 June 2002:

- (a) 02/00652/FUL  
Proposal: Detached garage.  
Location: Sunnyview, Kingswood Avenue, Saughall
- (b) 02/00827/FUL  
Proposal: Window opening to match existing to side and alteration to door at rear.  
Location: Greyhound Inn, Saughall
- (c) 02/00552/COU  
Proposal: Change of use of office premises to residential units.  
Location: Former Telephone Exchange, 7 Hermitage Road, Saughall

## 62 2 HERMITAGE ROAD, SAUGHALL

RESOLVED:

That the Committee continue to monitor the improvements being carried out at 2 Hermitage Road, Saughall.

63 APPLICATION BY AIRBUS UK LIMITED FOR AN INTEGRATED POLLUTION PREVENTION (IPP) PERMIT FOR ITS MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT BROUGHTON

Councillor RA Storrar had brought the above application to the Council's attention at a meeting held on 5 August 2002. The Council subsequently referred the application to the Planning Committee for its consideration.

The Environment Agency had consulted Chester City Council on the application but as yet the Parish Council as a neighbouring parish had not been consulted.

The aircraft factory at Broughton, although situated wholly within Flintshire, was at its closest point just over one kilometre from the boundary with Chester District. Airbus UK Limited manufactured wings for the Airbus range of commercial aircraft and the fuselage and wings for the Hawker private jet at the facility. The Broughton site was presently expanding in preparation for the production of the new A380 Airbus "double decker" aircraft. The expansion was considered a "significant change" under the Pollution Prevention Control Regulations and it was necessary for Airbus to apply to the Environment Agency for a permit to operate the installation. Two other companies, Metal Improvement and Stiel Facilities, were also applying for permits at the same time to operate linked operations at the same installation.

The activities carried out on site were:

- Combustion of fuels for heat and electricity
- Machining of aluminium
- Forming of aluminium using heat and pressure
- Chrome anodising of aluminium
- Painting, priming and top coating
- Assembly of components

Two other companies on site would carry out operations linked to the Airbus process that would be covered by separate applications. These were the Metal Improvement Company – who carried out the processes to improve fatigue resistance of aluminium, and Stiel Facilities who would operate the new Combined Heat and Power Plants to be installed on the site.

The application for the IPP Permit was accompanied by an environmental impact assessment (EIA) which detailed the abatement techniques that the company would use to mitigate the effects of any releases from the processes. The EIA indicated that the current and proposed activities on site were unlikely to have a harmful effect on the environment. To confirm this Airbus UK would carry out additional environmental monitoring and undertake further assessment work.

It was concluded that the environmental impact of the factory would have little effect on Chester District and it was not intended that Chester City Council would make any comment on the application to the Environment Agency.

RESOLVED:

That the information presented to the Committee in respect of the application by Airbus UK Limited be noted.