

## **Planning Sub Committee report for FoBRA meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Following the PSC update report on 20<sup>th</sup> August for 3<sup>rd</sup> September meeting, this report aims to update any matters of interest:

### **New Planning laws**

A White Paper “Planning for the Future” has been issued by the government with the consultation period ending on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020. This is a very long and complicated document on which NORA have sent a detailed response which FoBRA broadly supports.

### **Planning applications**

Mineral Hospital Redevelopment (19/04933/FUL).....Planning refused

Dick Lovett Site, Lower Bristol Road (20/03071/EFUL) .....Pending Consideration;  
Target Decision 29/12/20

Homebase (20/00259/FUL)..... Pending Consideration; Target Decision 24/09/20

138 Wells road and 2-6 Wellsway (20/01591).... Planning Refused

Jubilee Centre, Lower Bristol Road (20/01794/FUL).....Pending Consideration;  
Target Decision 25/09/20

5G Mast, Widcombe (20/02388/TEL) .....Planning Refused

A reply from Wera Hobhouse MP was received following our enquiry viz: “  
Further to our previous communication, I have now received a reply from the Rt Hon Christopher Pincher MP, Minister of State for Housing, which I have attached for your information.

Although the Minister does not comment on the specific siting of the mast in Widcombe he does give details of the guidance that has been given to network operators to try and make sure local opinions are taken into consideration. However, it is clear that even with this Code of Practice in place network operators do not always consult widely enough and there can still be issues with inappropriate development being attempted.

Unfortunately, from this reply, it does not seem that the Government are willing to bring in any further restrictions on telecommunications masts at this time. “

Locksbrook Road Appeal (20/00023/FUL)

Appeal Hearing commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The Scala/ Co-op, Shaftesbury Road, Oldfield Park(20/00552/FUL)

Demolition and new extensions to improve retail store; provide new community space and 20 No apartments; student accommodation of 96 bedrooms; residential block of 12 No one bedroom apartments including affordable.

Pending consideration; Target Decision 30/11/20

Regency Laundry, Lower Bristol Road (20/03166/FUL)

155 Co-living studios; shared kitchen, living, communal areas totalling 494sqm; 261 sqm co-working space; 155 cycle spaces and 2 car park spaces.

Pending Consideration; Target decision 24/12/20

**Other Matters:**

Cleveland Bridge

The council has obtained approval for the repair work to Cleveland Bridge, although this will remove the current weight restriction once completed. The

weight restriction is important regarding the movement of heavy goods vehicle through Bath.

*The Rec*

The judge looking at the enforceability of the 1922 covenants has ruled that they are enforceable. Bath Rugby have stated that they are still committed to a new stadium at the site.

Graham Feltham for the PSC 08 November 2020