

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

2.00pm 3 SEPTEMBER 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Cattell, Earthey, Nann, Parrott, Robinson, Shanks, Sheard, C Theobald and Winder

Apologies: Councillor Thomson

Officers in attendance: Matthew Gest (Planning Manager), Alison Gatherer (Senior Legal Officer), Rebecca Smith (Planning Officer), Mark Thomas (Senior Planning Officer) and Shaun Hughes (Democratic Services)

PART ONE

121 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

a) Declarations of substitutes

121.1 None

b) Declarations of interests

121.2 None

c) Exclusion of the press and public

121.3 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Planning Committee considered whether the public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item of business on the grounds that it is likely in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during it, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act.

121.4 **RESOLVED:** That the public are not excluded from any item of business on the agenda.

d) Use of mobile phones and tablets

121.5 The Chair requested Members ensure that their mobile phones were switched off, and where Members were using tablets to access agenda papers electronically ensure that these were switched to 'aeroplane mode'.

122 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 122.1 **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2025 were agreed.

123 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 123.1 The deputy chair addressed the committee stating the following: Unfortunately, Councillor Thompson has had to step out this afternoon due to a family emergency and has asked me to step in in her place as deputy chair. On her behalf, Councillor Thompson has asked me to remind all members that we have training in relation to affordable housing on the 18th of September, so members are up to date on this key part of planning law, and can all members make sure they complete the relevant online training so we come into the session on an even keel.

124 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 124.1 There was no public involvement.

125 TO AGREE THOSE APPLICATIONS TO BE THE SUBJECT OF SITE VISITS

- 125.1 There were no request for site visits.

126 TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 126.1 The Democratic Services officer noted that item A – BH2025/01191 had been withdrawn after the agenda had been published and there were two items left on the agenda, both minor applications, neither of which had speakers. The committee called the two minor applications for discussion.

A BH2025/01191 - Esplanade South of Brunswick Lawns, Kingsway, Hove - Full Planning

1. The application was withdrawn after the publication of the agenda.

B BH2025/01377 - 7 Saxon Close, Saltdean, Brighton - Removal or Variation of Condition

1. The case officer introduced the application to the committee.

Answers to Committee Member Questions

2. Councillor Theobald was informed that there were no changes proposed as part of this application to the turning head of the road, neither were there any access changes. The inclusion of a heat pump was permitted development and not part of the application.

Debate

3. Councillor Cattell noted the development was already approved and the committee were looking at the changes proposed in this application. The representations appeared to be the same as the ones submitted for the original application. The councillor supported the application.
4. Councillor Theobald considered the proposed amendments not to be too bad as they were minor changes. The councillor supported the application.
5. Councillor Robinson considered the representations to be relevant to the first application and therefore were not relevant to this application. The councillor supported the application.
6. Councillor Earthey considered there were no material changes. The councillor supported the application.
7. Councillor Sheard considered the changes were not material, and were minor, reducing the impact of the development. The councillor supported the application.

Vote

8. A vote was held and the committee agreed unanimously to grant planning permission.
9. **RESOLVED:** That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in the report and resolves to **GRANT** planning permission subject to the Conditions and Informatives in the report.

C BH2025/01527 - Brighton Dome, Church Street, Brighton - Full Planning

1. The case officer introduced the application to the committee.

Answers to Committee Member Questions

2. Councillor Shanks was informed that the materials would require approval by condition and test areas were to be submitted to the case officer for approval before works started.
3. Councillor Theobald was informed that the paint colour match will be approved by condition. The planning manager confirmed the proposed repair works could not be undertaken without planning committee approval as this was a listed building and a significant landmark in the city.

Debate

4. Councillor Theobald considered the repair works to be a good thing and noted that other buildings required repairing as well. The councillor supported the application.
5. Councillor Robinson noted that Historic England had not objected to the repair works, and this would be a plus for the city. The councillor supported the application.

6. Councillor Cattell was happy the repairs works were being done. The councillor supported the application.
7. Councillor Sheard considered it was good to carry out the repair works and supported the application.

Vote

8. A vote was held, and the committee agreed unanimously to grant Listed Building consent.
9. **RESOLVED:** That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in the report and resolves to **GRANT** Listed Building Consent subject to the Conditions and Informatives in the report.

127 LIST OF NEW APPEALS LODGED WITH THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

- 127.1 The Committee noted the new appeals that had been lodged as set out in the planning agenda.

128 INFORMATION ON INFORMAL HEARINGS/PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- 128.1 There were none for this agenda.

129 APPEAL DECISIONS

- 129.1 The Committee noted the content of the letters received from the Planning Inspectorate advising of the results of planning appeals which had been lodged as set out in the agenda.

The meeting concluded at 2.32pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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