

Chief Executive Decision

Planning Application Decision for 21/01275/S73A – Butterwell Farm, Lower Pitney Road, Pitney

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Purpose of the Report

To confirm the recommendation of members of the Area North Committee relating to the planning application 21/01275/S73A, following consideration at a meeting of Area North Committee (Informal) 22nd September 2021.

Public Interest

At the meeting of Full Council on Thursday 15 April 2021 it was agreed to make the following changes to the Council's Constitution:

- a) To continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology;
- b) To amend Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution to allow those remote meetings to function as consultative bodies and delegate decisions, including Executive and Quasi-Judicial decisions, that would have been taken by those meetings if the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 had continued in force to the Chief Executive (or the relevant Director in the Chief Executive's absence) in consultation with those meetings and those members to whom the decision would otherwise have been delegated under Part 3 of the Constitution;
- c) The delegated authority given under (b) will expire on 31 July 2021 unless continued by a future decision of this Council;

At the meeting of Full Council on 8 July 2021, it was agreed:-

- a) To continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology and to extend the delegation given on 15 April 2021 for a further 6 months, to 08 January 2022;
- b) To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive to amend the Constitution to reflect these changes.

Decision Taken

The Chief executive, following a consultative meeting by the Area North Committee on 22nd September 2021, made the following decision;

That planning application 21/01275/S73A be APPROVED, as per the officer recommendation, subject to the conditions outlined in the officer report.

Reason:

The proposed development, by reason of its scale, nature, layout and design, respects and safeguards the special historic and architectural interest of this listed property without causing any demonstrable harm to visual amenity, residential amenity, highway safety, ecology, flooding and drainage or other environmental concern and therefore accords with the aims and objectives of policies SD1, TA5, TA6, EQ2, EQ3, EQ4 and EQ7 of the South Somerset Local Plan and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Background

To enable the decision making process to continue, it was agreed that Councillors continue to receive decision-making reports. They will form a view which will be communicated to the Chief Executive. The decision will be formally made by the Chief Executive (or relevant Director) during the current coronavirus restrictions.

Background Papers

Officer Report – Planning Application 21/01275/S73A

<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=428&MId=3102&Ver=4>