

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2025

Held at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford and live streamed on Rushcliffe Borough Council's YouTube channel

PRESENT:

Councillors R Walker (Chair), A Edyvean (Vice-Chair), T Birch, A Brown, S Calvert, J Chaplain, S Ellis, S Mallender, D Mason, C Thomas and T Wells

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor R Mallender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

L Ashmore	Director of Development and
	Economic Growth
R Clack	Borough Solicitor
A Cullen	Planning Manager - Development
H Tambini	Democratic Services Manager
C Thompson	Area Planning Officer

5 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Calvert declared a non-pecuniary interest as a "MyForestPro" membership holder. Having reflected on whether this affected his ability to maintain an open mind, he had concluded that it did not and he would participate in the debate and vote on this application.

Councillor S Mallender advised that she had previously made an objection in March 2020, when the application was first submitted. Having expressed an opinion publicly she would remove herself from the debate and not vote on the item. She stated that she would be speaking as the Secretary of the Lady Bay Community Association.

Councillor R Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Nottingham Forest membership holder, who regularly attended matches. He stated that he had carefully reflected upon this and considered any impact of this on his ability to approach decision making with an open mind and concluded that this interest was not prejudicial and that he would participate in the debate and decision making process.

6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 June 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

7 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the written report of the Director – Development and Economic Growth relating to the following application, which had been circulated previously.

Having previously objected to the application, Councillor S Mallender removed herself from the Committee and did not contribute to the discussion nor vote on the following item.

19/02589/HYBRID – Hybrid planning application comprising full planning application for the redevelopment of the Peter Taylor stand (including the demolition of existing buildings/structures), new public realm, replacement club shop, car parking and associated works, and outline planning application for up to 170 residential units including flexible uses (Class E) at ground floor (approval for access, layout and scale) – Nottingham Forest Football Club, City Ground (Including Champions Centre, Club Shop and Storage Warehouse and Rowing Club Britannia Boathouse), Pavilion Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire

Updates

Additional representations were received after the agenda was published and these were circulated to the Committee before the meeting and published on the Council's website. Members were asked to note in particular the updated heritage comments relating to the Britannia Boathouse being identified as a non-designated heritage asset and the correction of a cross-referencing error in proposed condition 45.

In accordance with the Council's Public Speaking Protocol for Planning Committee, Mr C Potts (Applicant's Agent), Ms P Gowland and Ms S Mallender (Objectors) and Councillor L Plant (Ward Councillor) addressed the Committee.

Comment

Members of the Committee expressed concern that there had been very little community engagement and consultation with local residents and community groups, particularly on issues relating to match day parking and preparation of the required Travel Plan and requested that some form of liaison group should be established with community groups and the football club.

The Area Planning Officer suggested the following wording for the advisory note relating to proposed conditions 15 and 16 "That it was recommended that the applicant sets up a Community Liaison Group to provide input into the preparation and implementation of the updated Travel Plan."

Councillor D Mason moved to accept the recommendation to approve the application, subject to conditions and completion of the Section 106 Agreement, including the amendment to condition 45 as listed in the additional representations and to add an additional advisory note referred to above, and this was seconded by Councillor S Ellis and the vote was carried.

DECISION

PLANNING PERMISSION BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AND THE PRIOR SIGNING OF A SECTION 106 AGREEMENT.

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm.

CHAIR