

**PLANNING BOARD
6th February, 2025**

Present:- Councillor Williams (in the Chair); Councillors Adair, Baker-Rogers, Currie, Elliott, Fisher, Hussain, Keenan, Knight, Mault and Thorp.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmed and Tarmey.

The webcast of the Planning Meeting can be viewed at:-

<https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

57. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda to warrant exclusion of the press and public.

58. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were no matters of urgency for consideration.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fisher declared a personal interest in application RB2024/1307 (erection of a battery energy storage facility including storage containers and other support infrastructure and equipment on land north of Brinsworth Road, Brinsworth) on the grounds of being a shareholder of a company who made battery storage cells.

60. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 12th December, 2024, be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

61. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS

There were no site visits or deferments recommended.

62. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Resolved:- (1) That, on the development proposals now considered, the requisite notices be issued and be made available on the Council's website and that the time limits specified in Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 apply.

In accordance with the right to speak procedure the following people attended the meeting and spoke about the applications below:-

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- Erection of a battery energy storage facility including storage containers and other support infrastructure and equipment at land north of Brinsworth Road, Brinsworth for Root-Power South (RB2024/1307)

Mr. E. Jones (on behalf of the Applicant)

Ms. C. Bennett (Objector)

Mrs. Hughes (Objector)

Statements were read out on behalf of Ms. C. Stanley and Councillor A. Carter (Objectors)

- Demolition of bungalow and detached outbuilding and erection for four dwellinghouses at 140 Moor Lane South, Ravenfield for Mrs. Hogan (RB2024/1470)

Mr. B. Simpson (Applicant)

Ms. L. Race (Objector)

(2) That applications RB2024/1307 and RB2024/1470 be granted for the reasons adopted by Members at the meeting and subject to the relevant conditions listed in the submitted report.

(Councillor Fisher declared a personal interest in application RB2024/1307 (erection of a battery energy storage facility including storage containers and other support infrastructure and equipment on land north of Brinsworth Road, Brinsworth) on the grounds of being a shareholder of a company who made battery storage cells)

63. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 2024

Consideration was given to a short presentation by the Planning Enforcement Manager which provided an update on planning enforcement from January to December, 2024.

The presentation highlighted:-

Number of complaints received	401
Planning Contravention Notices	10
Enforcement Notices	13
Breach of Condition Notice	1
Temporary Stop Notice	0
Section 215 Untidy Land	0
Tree Replacement Notices	1

There were also thirty-one other cases where enforcement action had been authorised by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Board.

Further information was provided on the numbers of planning applications received as a result of enforcement:-

Number of applications received	110
% of applications refused	23%
Numbers of applications dismissed at appeal	13
Number of applications upheld at appeal	2

From the Enforcement Notices issued a number appealed the decision:-

Number of Enforcement Notice Appeals	6
Appeals Dismissed	0
Appeals Allowed	3
Appeals awaiting determination	3

Photographic evidence of examples were shared where action was recommended and where this had been successful.

Members welcomed the data as presented and the confidence this provided in the Enforcement Team.

The Planning Enforcement Manager in response to questions confirmed that the Service were reliant on complaints being made by the public, but explained the timeframe for enforcement action had, since the 25th April, 2024, been extended from four years to ten years.

Any issues where there were concerns about ongoing and delayed development could be referred to the Service for investigation.

Resolved:- That the information be received and the contents noted.

64. UPDATES

The following update information was provided:-

- (a) Revisions to the [National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\)](#)

The Head of Planning confirmed that arrangements were being made for an all Member Seminar to highlight the changes following the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government publishing its revised [National Planning Policy Framework \(NPPF\)](#) on 12th December, 2024.

A dedicated session would also be provided for Members of the Planning Board.

Dates were to be confirmed and circulated shortly.

Resolved:- That the update be received and the contents noted.