

OPEN SESSION

**PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2006
AT 2.05PM**

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER – 06/88520 – 254 SOUTHAMPTON ROAD

Mr Barkway of 4 Meadow Way noted that the proposed development was 3-storeys high and hoped that it would not exceed the pitch of the adjoining development.

The Chairman of the Committee informed Mr Barkway that the pitch was in line with the adjoining development.

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER – 06/88549 – RINGWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Jean Brown spoke on behalf of her sister, Trixie Brown, who lived at 31 Addison Square.

She objected to the application on the following grounds:

- overdevelopment – she did not believe that the area was large enough for what was envisaged.
- the development would spoil the tranquillity of the cemetery.
- sewer capacity – she said that the manhole in the playing field was used when there was any obstruction in the system.

Norman and Linda Chislett of 43 Addison Square objected to the application for the following reasons:

- Only 20 car parking spaces were provided on site – this was not sufficient and would have a detrimental impact on surrounding roads, e.g. Parsonage Barn Lane, Cloughs Road and Manor Road.
- Government grants were available to build changing rooms for schools – there was not need to involve the Rugby Club.
- Concern re. noise and vandalism.
- Concern re. impact of floodlights in residential area.

Carol Hazel, Chair of Governors of Ringwood Junior School spoke in support of the proposal.

She had some sympathy with residents with regard to parking but said that they had been directed by the District and County Councils on this part of the application and had included the maximum number of spaces allowed. However, they intended to alleviate pressure on surrounding roads by bringing the Junior School play ground into use as a car park out of school hours.

Following public consultation last year the number of floodlights had been reduced to 3 and these would be located along the cemetery wall. The lights would be directed down onto the pitches and would not be in use every day.

She said that both the Junior School and Infant School would like to make more use of the playing fields but were unable to at present due to the lack of changing and toilet facilities. The scheme also had the support of Ringwood School. Therefore, 3000 school children would benefit from this development.

Mrs Hazel also said that the field was 5 acres of green open space and this scheme would guarantee its continuation as playing fields and use by the community for at least 35 years. If the scheme did not proceed, it was possible the field could be used for housing at some stage in the future.

She also referred to the amount of outside funding coming into the town from Sport England and the Rugby Football Union, which would not have been possible were it not for this proposal.

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER – 06/88624 – 24 NORTHFIELD ROAD

Mrs Sharp of 33 Highfield Drive objected to this application on the following grounds:

- The side extension takes up the whole width of the plot and would restrict light to her property.
- The roofline was not in keeping with neighbouring properties.
- The extended property would be a dominating size.
- The dormer and velux window to the rear would overlook her property.