

PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER of the TOWN HALL on **THURSDAY 22nd August 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present

Councillors: Cllrs Gadd, McLellan, Roberts

Officers: Chloë Fiddy

P & RT 063-19	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Coote, Freeman, Hawke-Smith, Porch and Toy. Cllr Gadd took the chair.</p>
P & RT 064-19	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllrs Gadd and McLellan declared non-pecuniary interests in item 7d.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7h.</p>
P & RT 065-19	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.</p>
P & RT 066-19	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>Douglas Kent spoke on item 7b and raised the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the site is within a conservation area and that residential development would remove the open aspect of the space; • That the planning application describes the school sports hall as being detrimental to the appearance of the site and yet proposes to replace it with a three-storey block of flats; • That the application makes no mention of sustainable build techniques; and • That nothing is known about the developer's plans for the rest of the site and that the piecemeal approach to design is of concern. <p>He also noted that a group remains interested in taking the site on as an educational establishment, and he confirmed that this group would be making contact with the district council separately on this matter.</p>
P & RT 067-19	<p>UTT/19/1744/OP Former Friends School Mount Pleasant Road</p> <p>This item was brought forward.</p> <p>Committee considered the points raised by Mr Kent and other objections to the application. It was Resolved</p> <p>To object to the principle of development on the grounds of:</p> <p>1) Loss of sports fields and hall;</p>

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	<p>2) Loss of character of conservation area; 3) Lack of capacity on the road network; and 4) That the applicant cannot demonstrate that the only possible use for the site is residential</p> <p>And to object to the detail of the development on the grounds of: 1) Layout of affordable housing; 2) Inefficient use of land; 3) The inaccurate transport assessment; and 4) Outline planning applications not being allowed in conservation areas.</p> <p>And to request appropriate mitigation measures as a condition of approval should the objections be overcome.</p>
HIGHWAYS	
P & RT 068-19	<p>Temporary Traffic Regulation Order</p> <p>Committee noted the new speed order on Little Walden Road and noted that thanks should be passed to former Cllr Sam Goddard for his work advocating on the project.</p>
PLANNING	
P & RT 069-19	<p>Changes to planning committee processes at Uttlesford District Council</p> <p>Committee noted the changes to the planning committee process at Uttlesford District Council and it was agreed that they are positive.</p>
P & RT 070-19	<p>Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:</p>
A	<p>UTT/19/1717/HHF Erection of detached cart lodge with utility room, toilet facilities and studio above Summerhill House 16 Radwinter Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3JB</p> <p>Noted that this is effectively a new additional dwelling. No objection subject to parking being sufficient.</p>
C	<p>UTT/19/1893/DOC Application to discharge Condition 7 (Pedestrian cycle connection,) attached to UTT/17/0255/FUL dated 4.12.2017 Land To The West Of Lime Avenue Saffron Walden Essex</p> <p>No objection</p>
D	<p>UTT/19/1897/HHF Erection of single storey side extension 2 Mandeville Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4AQ</p> <p>No Objection</p>
E, G, J	<p>UTT/19/1903/LB Proposed alterations to the existing boundary wall to East Street in front of Plots 1-4 Former Police Station East Street Saffron Walden Essex</p> <p>UTT/19/1982/NMA Non Material Amendment to application UTT/18/2028/FUL - Retention and alterations to existing East Street boundary wall to the front of plots 1-4, provision of</p>

	pedestrian access at the east end of the site from East Street and altered surface water drainage strategy. Former Police Station East Street Saffron Walden Essex No objection
F	UTT/19/1823/FUL Creation of an Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with associated features including: fencing and entrance gates, pitch barrier with entrance gates, fenced enclosure, hard-standing areas, vehicular maintenance and emergency access, 15m high floodlight system, maintenance equipment store, football car park, grassed mound and replacement planting. Saffron Walden County High School Audley End Road Saffron Walden CB11 4UH No objection
H	UTT/19/1959/DOC Application to discharge Condition 2 (acoustic specification) attached to UTT/18/2338/FUL dated 12 December 2018. W Hart And Son Ltd Chroma House Shire Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3AQ No objection subject to environmental health approval
I	UTT/19/1967/PDE Proposed single storey rear extension - extending 6m from rear wall, maximum height 4m and height to eaves 2.7m 15 Beeches Close Saffron Walden CB11 4BU No objection
J	UTT/19/1982/NMA Non Material Amendment to application UTT/18/2028/FUL - Retention and alterations to existing East Street boundary wall to the front of plots 1-4, provision of pedestrian access at the east end of the site from East Street and altered surface water drainage strategy. Former Police Station East Street Saffron Walden Essex This was added to the agenda in error and is a duplicate of item g.
P & RT 071-19	Urgent Information Items There were no urgent information items.
P & RT 072-19	Date and time of Next Meeting Thursday 12 th September, 7.30pm Council Chamber, Town Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.