

PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held via ZOOM on **THURSDAY 24th September 2020 at 7.30pm**

Councillors: Asker, De Vries, Freeman, Gadd, Hawke-Smith, McLellan, Porch (Chair) and Roberts

Officers: Chloë Fiddy

Members of the public: Ms Campbell, Ms Chitson, Liz Dixon, Terel Nugent, Jan Freeman, Museum Street and Castle Street (speakers) *and a number of other Museum Street and Castle Street residents.*

Dan Bowles Item 6a

Jane Sharp Item 6e

<p>P&T 273-19</p>	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>All Councillors were present.</p>
<p>P&T 274-19</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllrs Asker, De Vries and Freeman declared general non-pecuniary interests as members of Uttlesford District Council.</p> <p>Cllr Hawke-Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6c as the applicant is known to him.</p> <p>Cllr Freeman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 as he owns a house in Museum Street (which has off road parking).</p>
<p>P&T 275-19</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.</p>
<p>P&T 276-19</p>	<p>Public speaking time (1)</p> <p>Ms Campbell and Ms Chitson gave a presentation to the Committee on Item 5 on behalf of Museum Street and Castle Street residents requesting that the visitor parking bays on their streets be converted to residents' parking.</p> <p>The Officer read a statement on Item 5 sent in from the SW BID objecting to the proposed loss of visitor parking.</p>

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HIGHWAYS	
P&T 277-19	<p>Parking on Museum and Castle Street</p> <p>Committee considered the residents' submissions and the Saffron Walden Business Improvement District's submissions and it was:</p> <p>Resolved to support the residents in their application to convert all 20 of the visitor spaces on the corner of Museum and Castle Streets which are to be converted from visitor to resident parking (not 6 spaces as previously noted).</p>
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
P&T 278-19	<p>Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:</p>
	<p>Public speaking time (2)</p> <p>Dan Bowles spoke on the item. Asked committee to also consider car traffic as well as HGV which is mainly covered in the report. Objects to removal of resident parking. Objects to removal of trees. Commented on raised level of car park and potential for overlooking into opposite properties due to difference in ground levels.</p>
A	<p>Cllr Freeman declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a member of the UDC planning committee and did not participate in this item.</p> <p>UTT/20/2007/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a discount foodstore, a 70 bed care home and 49 no. retirement living apartments with access, car parking, landscaping and associated works. Land South Of Radwinter Road (former Printpack Site) Saffron Walden</p> <p>Committee considered a report put forward by the planning officer.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd noted that the proposals are over-development of the site, that there is inadequate outside space for the retirement flats, and that the car parking spaces should be of an adequate size.</p> <p>The Officer added that new information had come to light indicating that the trees could be retained and the Lidl could be more discretely designed, and potentially have a green roof (there being other green-roofed Lidl's in Europe)</p> <p>Resolved: To submit the report with additions as above.</p>
	<p>Public speaking time (3)</p> <p>Jane Sharp spoke on Agenda item 6e. Was not aware of the development even though it is next to her home.</p> <p>Objects on grounds or road safety. Feels the existing estate was designed not to be suitable for pedestrians. Playground has low fence, so inadequate design for a location next to a new development with additional traffic.</p> <p>Objects on grounds of unsustainable transport – the cycle path barely leaves the development – stopping at the junction with De Vigier Ave – and the bus service is not in operation and is rumoured never to be so.</p>

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	<p>Objects on grounds of damage to environment. The woodland area is quite wild and has many species of birds, which drown out the noise from the adjacent electricity substation. Believes the development is contrary to the Government's 5-year environment plan.</p> <p>Would request that the land is retained for the public to use as a wild space.</p> <p>Objects to the removal of the screening of trees behind the original development alongside the affordable housing.</p>
E	<p>Item 6e was brought forward.</p> <p>Cllr Freeman declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a member of the UDC planning committee and did not participate in this item.</p> <p>UTT/20/2105/OP Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 12 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and support infrastructure. Land To The North Of De Vigier Avenue Saffron Walden Essex Committee considered a report put forward by the planning officer.</p> <p>Cllr Hawke-Smith noted that the wildlife would be damaged if moved.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd added that the road layout appeared to prove the original plan to put them together. The report should be submitted with the previous arguments also.</p> <p>Resolved: Committee agreed with the matters raised by the resident and to submit the report with additions as above, as well as to repeat the objections made to the previous application for this site.</p>
B	<p>UTT/20/2256/LB Erection of internal stud wall to create office. Saffron Walden Library King Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1EU</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
C	<p>UTT/20/2223/HHF Single story side and rear extension 5 Linton Close Saffron Walden CB11 3BU</p> <p>Resolved: No objections subject to parking</p>
D	<p>UTT/20/2228/CLP Proposed single storey rear extension 16 Thorncroft Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2AZ</p> <p>Resolved: already approved prior to meeting.</p>
F	<p>UTT/20/2147/AV Erection of 1 no. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. non-illuminated hanging sign 17 Church Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1JW</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
G	<p>UTT/20/2284/HHF Rear first floor dormers, single storey extension, new garage roof & internal alterations 17 Springhill Road Saffron Walden CB11 4AH</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>

	<p>Update on ongoing significant applications</p> <p>No updates to provide.</p>
	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>The officer provided an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean Air Day 8th October – a global initiative, UDC and SWTC to promote as a joint effort on social and other online media. UDC to install banners and posters in the town. Potential of window space in the TIC.• The highways progress meeting held earlier that day• CF to join the LHP meeting on Monday as a Member of the Public.
	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 8th October 2020, by ZOOM at 7.30pm</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm