

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

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held via ZOOM on **THURSDAY 14th January 2021 at 7.30pm**

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

Officers: Lisa Courtney, Town Clerk

Members of the public: None

P&T 001-21	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Asker
P&T 002-21	Declarations of Interest Cllrs De Vries and Freeman declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Uttlesford District Council and neither participated in the discussion or voting relating to Min Ref P&T 007-21 (F) (being an application made by Uttlesford District Council) Cllr Hawke-Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in Min Ref P&T 007-21 (i) as the applicant is known to him Cllrs Gadd and McLellan declared non-pecuniary interests in Min Ref P&T 008-21 as the appellant is known to them
P&T 003-21	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were not available and will be considered at the next Committee meeting
P&T 004-21	Public speaking time - There were no public speakers.
HIGHWAYS	
P&T 005-21	Cllrs Gadd and Porch noted the need to reconvene the Working Group to consider the preferred options and modes of travel in and around Saffron Walden. All agreed it would be timely to initiate the Working Group at the earliest convenience and that the Working Group would elect a Chair of the Group at its first meeting. Resolved: to set date/time for next Working Group meeting asap
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
P&R 006-21	Local Heritage Listing Committee noted the current consultation, it was Resolved:

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	<p>To nominate the following assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A resubmission of those as originally submitted by SWTC in 2017 but not included in the last listing round by UDC (b) Any assets specifically identified within the Neighbourhood Plan (c) The pump in Debden Road (as proposed by Cllr Light) (d) Stansted Airport Terminal (noting that this was not in SW but was deemed an important building for the district and county).
P&T 007-21	Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:
A	<p>UTT/20/3458/HHF Demolition of existing side garage, workshop and link corridor. Erection of Two-storey side and part single storey/part two storey rear extension - 46 Beeches Close, Saffron Walden</p> <p>Resolved: To note with no comments or objections</p>
B	<p>UTT/20/3296/FUL Construction of new car parking area - Chalk Place, Thaxted Road,</p> <p>Resolved: To note with no comments or objections. It was noted that the creation of parking spaces did not result in the loss of any public open space or green space as the proposed area for development was private land and is of poor quality. Creation of parking spaces would help to alleviate nearby congestion in street parking</p>
C	<p>UTT/20/3355/FUL Change of use from surgery to dwelling - 18 Castle Street, Saffron Walden</p> <p>Resolved: To note with no comments or objections</p>
D	<p>UTT/20/3134/FUL Proposed covered walkway from main entrance to playing field area. Two new timber bespoke classrooms to field area accessed via new timber walkway and concrete staircase - St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Castle Street</p> <p>Resolved: To note with no comments or objections</p>
E	<p>UTT/20/3194/HHF Single storey extension - 5 Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden</p> <p>Resolved: To note with no objections but to request UDC Planning to ensure they take into account the comments and objections as raised by a neighbouring property</p>
F	<p>UTT/20/3354/FUL Proposed development of 14 no. dwellings including associated external works and parking - Land off Auton Croft. This application is submitted by UDC for 14 Council owned homes</p> <p>Having declared an interest as UDC Councillors, both Cllrs De Vries and Freeman abstained from discussion and voting on this application</p> <p>Resolved: To object on the grounds of overdevelopment and the loss of important public open, green space. Members noted the area was relatively dense housing and</p>

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	the loss of this public open space would be detrimental to local residents. Committee noted the need to provide Council housing and commended UDC on the principle of this provision but that any housing should be on an alternative site.
G	UTT/21/0040/HHF Single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing garage and conservatory - 9 Chichester Road, Saffron Walden Resolved: To note with no comments or objections
H	UTT/21/0037/HHF Single storey rear extension and single storey side extension incorporating new front entrance lobby - 38 Lambert Cross, Saffron Walden Resolved: To note with no comments or objections
I	UTT/20/3472/HHF Section 73A Retrospective application to replace an open porch with an enclosed porch to the front elevation - 35 Lambert Cross, Saffron Walden Resolved: To note with no comments or objections
J	UTT/20/3282/LB Erection of 2 no. internal partitions to separate space - 26-28 Church Street, Saffron Walden, CB10 1JQ Resolved: To note with no comments or objections
K	UTT/20/3339/HHF 12 Strachey Close, Saffron Walden, CB10 2GN - Erection of single storey rear extension Resolved: To note with no comments or objections but in light of the comments made by a neighbour, that a UDC Planning Officer visits site in order to reach an informed view on the objections raised by the neighbour
L	UTT/21/0045/HHF Erection of single storey rear extension - 23 Linton Close, Saffron Walden Resolved: To note with no comments or objections
P&T 008-21	Planning Appeal, application No UTT/20/1825/HHF, 22 Mandeville Road, Saffron Walden Committee noted the comments as previously submitted to this application and agreed that these should stand and that it did not wish to withdraw these comments
P&T 009-21	Update on ongoing significant applications No updates reported

P&T 010-21	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>Cllr Freeman updated Committee on the soil disposal and the creation of (what appears to be) a reservoir, just off Ashdon Road. Committee continued to express concern on the disposal of this soil and noted that UDC's Environmental Health Officer was dealing with the applicant and owner of the land in question. It was agreed that an update should be sought and advised to Committee members.</p>
P&T 011-21	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 28th January 2021, by ZOOM at 7.30pm</p>
P&R 012-21	<p>Confidential Item – Exclusion of Press and Public (Part II meeting)</p> <p>It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
P&T 013-21	<p>Cycling Interconnectivity</p> <p>Cllr Gadd reported on correspondence sent and received to date with landowners and householders.</p> <p>It was Resolved: That Cllr Gadd and the Planning/Projects Officer would further discuss opportunities with Audley End Estates.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm