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PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden on **THURSDAY** 12th January 2023 **at 7.30pm**

Councillors: Cllrs Freeman, Gadd (from minute reference 239-23), Hawke-Smith (Chair), McLellan and Roberts.

Officers: Georgia Arnold, Committee Clerk

Members of the public: None

P&T	Apologies for absence
235-23	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs de Vries and Gregory.
	Declarations of Interest
P&T 236-23	Cllr Freeman declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Uttlesford District Council (UDC) and Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council (ECC).
P&T	Minutes of Previous Meeting
237-23	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
P&T	Public speaking time
238-23	There were no public speakers.
P&T 239-23	Cllr Gadd arrived at the meeting.
	HIGHWAYS
P&T 240-23	Committee noted Cllr Gadd's written report attached to the agenda, noting highway defects are being chased for repairs.
P&T 241-23	Street Naming Consultation – Land North Shire Hill
	Committee noted Uttlesford District Council has asked SWTC to suggest three new road names at the land North of Shire Hill, this being currently known as the Redrow development. Road names will be suggested to UDC who will make the decision in line with their Street Naming Policy and in consultation with Royal Mail.
	Since issuing the agenda several road names were suggested by members of the public, relating to people who supported Saffron Walden and carried out various acts of services. All suggestions were considered and discussed by the Committee. It was resolved to suggest the following names to UDC:

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	 Kitty Wilson Crescent / Grove, Wilson Road. This would be in memory of Kitty Wilson, a former Mayor and resident of Saffron Walden, who fostered over 200 children in her lifetime. Cardiff Close / Court This is in memory of Jack Cardiff, an Oscar winning cinematographer who lived in Saffron Walden. Eder Street / Road This is to honour our twin town Bad Wildungen, in Germany. The river Eder runs through Bad Wildungen. Alternatively, Armsfeld Avenue (Armsfeld being part of Bad Wildungen).
	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
P&T 242-23	Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications: All applications were considered against the UDC Local Plan policies dated 2005 and the Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan.
A	UTT/22/3295/HHF Demolition of the existing rear single storey extension and erection of single storey extension with a pitched roof and rooflights. 10 Rylstone Way Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3BS Resolved: No Objections
В	<u>UTT/22/3280/AV</u> S73A retrospective application for 1no. non-illuminated banner above metal rollers (garage entrance not visible from the public walkway) and 1no. weighted base eco-flex sign Garage Bridge Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BU Resolved: Committee raised concern the floor signage (A Frame) would impact the street scene and cause a potential obstruction for pedestrians.
С	UTT/22/3352/HHF Demolition of existing garage, replacement single storey side extension and internal alterations. 11 Sedop Close Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4DD Cllr Gadd declared a non-pecuniary interest as knows one of the consultees who have raised comments. Resolved: To object to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment and loss of car parking which would result in additional traffic movement. (GEN1 & GEN2)
D	<u>UTT/22/3400/HHF</u> Proposed two bay windows with adjoining porch, amend window height, extend detached garage at rear to form office 23 Gibson Gardens Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AW Resolved: Committee raised concern for the potential loss of a mature tree, impacting the street scene.
E	UTT/22/3383/CLLB Proposed alterations to front ground and first floor sash windows and rear first floor casements. 72 Castle Street Saffron Walden CB10 1BJ Resolved: No objections
F	<u>UTT/22/3375/HHF</u> Proposed single storey rear extension 17 Copperfields Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4FG Resolved: No objections

<u>UTT/22/3119/HHF</u> Two storey front and side extension 128 Winstanley Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3EY
Resolved: To object to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment which is not in keeping with its surroundings. (GEN2)
<u>UTT/22/3448/LB</u> Retention of external works including two York stone paved areas utilising existing levels and a red brick faced retaining wall and stairway to link two terraces. Proposed brick wall to separate car parking area and lower terrace. 33 Church Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1JQ Resolved: No objections
<u>UTT/22/3447/HHF</u> S73A retrospective application for proposed external works including two York stone paved areas utilising existing levels and a red brick faced retaining wall and stairway to link two terraces. Proposed brick wall to separate car parking area and lower terrace. 33 Church Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1JQ Resolved: No objections
<u>UTT/22/3450/FUL</u> Construction of Padel Courts on the Tennis Courts Lord Butler Leisure Centre Peaslands Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3EG Resolved: Committee noted the applications Design and Access Statement states SWTC has been previously consulted and is in support of the application. This is not the case, SWTC has NOT been previously consulted. Committee raised concern that the changes might affect current users (for example could netball practices continue). The change in operational hours will likely increase noise and possibly light pollution.
UTT/22/3223/HHF Two storey side extension to house and new drop kerb 6 New Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1LP Resolved: No comment
UTT/22/3511/CLP Proposed single storey one room extension 31 Farmadine Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3HR Resolved: No comment due to the limited information
<u>UTT/22/3531/OP</u> Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of 2 no. dwellings, relocated access and associated works Little Walden Reservoir Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1XA Resolved:
Radio Base Updates at Saffron Walden Water Tower Committee noted the proposals regarding upgrading works to the radio base at the Water Tower and made no comment.
Uttlesford Design Code Survey
Committee agreed with the recommendation to delegate the response to UDC's Design Code to the Committee Clerk and Committee Chair on behalf of Saffron Walden Town Council.
Update on ongoing significant applications
Committee noted the written report attached to the agenda, detailing significant planning application updates. The Committee Clerk noted yesterday UDC considered planning application S62A/2022/0014 Land west of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden

	(referred to as the Kier site). UDC considered informatives to submit to the planning inspector.
	Urgent Information Items
P&T 246-23	No urgent information items were raised.
	Date and time of Next Meeting
P&T 247-23	Thursday 26 th January 2023, in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 7.30pm
	Cllr Gadd provided his apologies for this meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm