

PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden on **THURSDAY 14th April 2022 at 7.30pm**

Councillors: Cllrs McLellan (Chair), Porch, and Roberts

Officers: Mr Terry Frostick, Operations Manager

Members of the public: None.

P&T 078-22	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs de Vries, Freeman, Gadd, Gregory, Hawke-Smith.
P&T 079-22	Declarations of Interest None
P&T 080-22	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting of 24.03.2022 were approved.
P&T 081-22	Public speaking time There were no public speakers.
HIGHWAYS	
P&T 082-22	Committee noted Cllr Gadd's submitted written report regarding Flooding and drainage issues and matters from the last Local Highways Panel meeting.
P&T 083-22	HGV Lorries It was noted that the current HGV lorry restricted route allows access within the SW town centre and drivers coming from the South/Thaxted direction have no restrictions. There are restrictions in place at the north, where drivers at Stumps Cross are told to take the alternative route via the back of the Chesterfords coming into Newport then into SW, allowing a right-hand turn into George Street from the High Street. Committee resolved unanimously: That a request should be made by Saffron Walden Town Council to Essex Highways, our Essex County Councillor and Uttlesford District Council Councillors in finding a working way of requesting that all HGV lorries take an alternate route which does not include the town centre.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
P&T 084-22	<p>Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:</p> <p>All applications were considered against the UDC Local Plan policies dated 2005.</p>
A	<p>UTT/22/0607/AV 13 no. Lamp post banners. Ashdon Road, Radwinter Road, Little Walden Road, Windmill Hill. Bridge Street, New Pond Lane, Audley End Road, Thaxted Road, London Road Saffron Walden Essex</p> <p>To note a similar application (UTT/21/2823/AV) was submitted and withdrawn last year.</p> <p>The two applications do have differing designs and proposed locations, the differences in locations are detailed below:</p> <p>The previous application (2823/AV) included: Common Hill, High Street, Park Lane – these locations have not been included in the revised application (0607/AV).</p> <p>The revised application (0607/AV) continues to include: Little Walden Road, Radwinter Road, Thaxted Road, Windmill Hill. With additional locations being: Bridge St, New Pond Lane, Audley Road and London Road.</p> <p>Committee Resolved Unanimously to Strongly Object:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council support the objections of the other respondents in respect of this matter. • The Council are concerned that the banners would prove a distraction to road users and create a traffic hazard. • The addition of these items would add to street clutter and there is already too much now. • The scheme does not sympathetically respond to the character of the conversation area and surrounding areas. • The Council do not believe that the scheme would add to the attraction of the town, on the contrary it would detract from it, and hence reduce passing and other trade rather than supporting additional commercial possibilities. • The Council believe that Paragraph 202 of the NPPF (2021) is relevant in respect of this application.
B	<p>UTT/22/0843/DOC Application to discharge condition 2 (mitigation), 4 (Biodiversity enhancement layout) and 5 (lighting design scheme) attached to UTT/21/2684/HHF. Rakefriars Cottage 78 Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2DW</p> <p>Resolved - No Comment</p>
C	<p>UTT/22/0831/DOC Application to discharge condition 2 (details of doors) attached to UTT/20/1762/LB 9 Debden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4AA</p> <p>Resolved - No Comment</p>
D	<p>UTT/22/0809/DOC Application to discharge condition 2 (doorways) and 3 (french doors) attached to UTT/22/0031/LB. 18 Castle Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BP</p> <p>Resolved - No Comment</p>

E	UTT/22/0806/CLP (Certificate of Lawful Proposed) Removal of chimney and fireplace. 43 Hunters Way Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4DE Resolved - No Comment
F	UTT/22/0641/LB Retention of secondary glazing to first and second floor windows 10 Market Place Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1JX Resolved - No Comment
G	UTT/22/0838/LB Replacement single storey rear extension and internal alterations 76A High Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1EE Resolved, no objections
H	UTT/22/0817/HHF Replacement single storey rear extension and internal alterations 76A High Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1EE Resolved, no objections
I	UTT/22/0821/HHF Proposed first floor side extension. 19 Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2DT Resolved, no objections
J	UTT/22/0798/HHF Single storey rear extension 54 Ross Close Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4AY Resolved, no objections
K	UTT/22/0575/HHF Single storey rear extension 14 Howard Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2DB Resolved, no objections
L	UTT/22/0686/HHF Proposed rear extension 15 Petlands Little Walden Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1XF Resolved, no objections
M	UTT/22/0879/HHF Proposed single storey rear extension 46 Shepherds Way Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2AH Resolved, no objections
N	UTT/22/0897/HHF Two Storey Rear Extension 86 Thaxted Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3AG Resolved – To object , due to over development and concerns over increased parking problems.
O	UTT/22/0917/HHF Extension of existing single garage to provide an office area with additional storage. 2 Upsheres Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3BP Resolved, no objections
P	UTT/22/0901/HHF Demolition of existing outbuildings erection of a single storey rear extension 71 Rowntree Way Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4BY Resolved, no objections
Q	UTT/22/0985/DOC Application to discharge condition 9 (lighting design scheme) attached to UTT/17/3426/OP (approved under Appeal APP/C1570/W/19/3227368 Appeal A) Land South Of Radwinter Road Radwinter Road Saffron Walden Essex Resolved - No Comment
R	UTT/22/0962/HHF Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. 5 Howard Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2DB Resolved - No Comment
S	UTT/22/0904/HHF Proposed demolition of existing conservatories and garage conversion and erection of a single storey rear extension. 62 Peaslands Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3EG Resolved - No Comment

P&T 085-22	<p>Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Committee noted that the examiner has issued their draft fact check report which details the full response and comments to the SWNP. As per the examiners note issued in February 2022 policies were recommended for modification and this report details the full extent of what changes are required and why.</p> <p>At this stage the examiner’s report is draft and SWTC and UDC have both been asked to keep it confidential, as it could be subject to change. We are simply asked to check the accuracy and that the report is factually correct before the final report is published, which will likely be in May 2022.</p> <p>The Committee Clerk has read the report with assistance from the Town Clerk and will submit some comments to the examiner via UDC. These comments include factual corrections or ask for clarity regarding some comments.</p> <p>Further updates will be provided when available.</p>
P&T 086-22	<p>Update on ongoing significant applications</p> <p>Standing item – Where updates are available, Committee to receive an update on ongoing matters relating to significant planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chase New Homes have issued the attached Newsletter regarding their plans for the former Friends School site, notably they have said they will submit the application directly to the Planning Inspector and not Uttlesford District Council. b) To note that a 21-day response time to this application will be in place once it has been registered by PINS <p>To note - should an application be refused by the Planning Inspector, the applicant cannot appeal. SWTC still get the opportunity to make a formal consultee response once an application is submitted to the Planning Inspector and SWTC will include within any response to the inspector an update on; where the SWNP stands and the weight it holds; requests for POS transfer with S106 contributions including facilities and community contributions – this is to ensure localised needs are not missed.</p> <p>Resolved Unanimously: Committee to keep a watching brief on this application and to call an extraordinary meeting if required and to give thought as to if the Town Council wished to seek the S106 transfer of the Public Open Spaces and swimming pool etc.</p>
P&T 087-22	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>Cllr McLellan raised the issue of the large chalk mound at Linton Close/Bellway site and wished it be noted Cllr Coote and others are looking at this and a site meeting will be held with relevant parties, It was noted that the Town Council had no jurisdiction re any alleged breach of planning issues and these must be reported to UDC planning department.</p>
P&T 088-22	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 28th April 2022, in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 7.30pm</p> <p>Cllr McLellan gave his apologies for the upcoming meeting.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm