

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

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden on **THURSDAY** 15th December 2022 at **7.30pm**

Councillors: Cllrs Gadd, Hawke-Smith (Chair) and Roberts

Officers: Georgia Arnold, Committee Clerk

Members of the public: None

P&T 222-22	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs de Vries, Freeman, Gregory and McLellan.
P&T 223-22	Declarations of Interest Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council (ECC) and a generic non-pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 6F (planning application UTT/22/3215/LB as the applicant is known to him.
P&T 224-22	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
P&T- 225-22	Public speaking time There were no public speakers.
HIGHWAYS	
P&T 226-22	Committee noted the written report provided by Cllr Gadd detailing progression of highway matters in Saffron Walden. Committee noted how it can be a slow process to fix defects, but matters are being resolved.
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
P&T 227-22	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	<u>S62A/2022/0014</u> - Land west of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden Committee noted the application for 170 dwellings has been submitted directly to the planning inspector and that UDC resolved an environmental impact assessment is not required as a result of the recent screening opinion (UTT/22/3002/SCO). Committee resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:

Signed as a true and accurate record
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The limited public open space does not conform with the SWNP SW17. • The affordable housing mix is not thoroughly dispersed within the development, most of the affordable housing sits together on the entrance to the site. Breaching SWNP SW2. • The lack of community provision. Committee noted the developer has drafted heads of terms which do not include any mention of community provisions, secondary school contributions and limited sustainable transport links. <p>Committee considered asking a planning advisor who worked with SWTC in the past to prepare the response. It was agreed that outside this meeting the Committee Clerk would find out if any monies are remaining in the professional services budget and refer back to the Chair and Leader.</p>
B	<p><u>UTT/22/3232/FUL</u> Removal of conditions 10 (contamination investigation and risk assessment) and 11 (noise assessment) attached to UTT/21/2992/OP Little Meadow Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1UZ</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
C	<p><u>UTT/22/3176/LB</u> Replacement of 2 no casement windows on front elevation with wooden box frames and sash. Inset by one brick course and finish with white paint. 70 Castle Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BJ</p> <p>Resolved: No Comment</p>
D	<p><u>UTT/22/3151/HHF</u> Proposed single storey rear extension, widening of vehicular access and the creation on an additional off-street car parking space. 3 Gibson Close Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AJ</p> <p>Resolved: The proposals must be in line with Place Services</p>
E	<p><u>UTT/22/2828/HHF</u> Proposed two storey rear extension, front dormers and porch. 19A Mount Pleasant Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3EA</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
F	<p><u>UTT/22/3215/LB</u> Retention of boiler and flue. 13 London Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4ED</p> <p>Resolved: No Comment, agreed it is a matter for place services.</p>
P&T 228-22	<p>Uttlesford District Council: Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document Consultation</p> <p>Committee noted the ongoing consultation and agreed for the Town Clerk, Lisa Courtney and Committee Clerk, Georgia Arnold to prepare a response with Cllrs Hawke-Smith and Gadd.</p>
P&T 229-22	<p>Minutes from the Local Council Liaison Forum - Monday 7th November 2022</p> <p>Committee noted the copy of the minutes from the recent Uttlesford District Council Local Council Liaison Forum meeting.</p>
P&T 230-22	<p>New Premises License Application</p> <p>Committee noted the change in in license request submitted to Uttlesford District Council for 34 High Street, Saffron Walden, CB10 1EP requesting <i>Sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises- Monday – Sunday 11:00 – 23:30 and Late-Night Refreshment Monday – Sunday 23:00 – 23:30</i>. It was resolved to raise no objections.</p>

P&T 231-22	<p>Affinity Water – Heavy Rainfall</p> <p>Committee noted the recent update from Affinity Water explaining if there are <i>below average rainfall for the remainder of this autumn and winter and groundwater levels fail to recover sufficiently, we may need to introduce a Temporary Use Ban (otherwise known as a hosepipe ban) by spring 2023.</i></p>
P&T 232-22	<p>Update on ongoing significant applications - No significant planning application matters were raised.</p>
P&T 233-22	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>No urgent information items were raised.</p>
P&T 234-22	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 12th January 2023, in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 7.30pm</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm