

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

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden on  
**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors:** Cllrs Eke, Hawke-Smith (Chair), McLellan and Meloy

**Officers:** Georgia Arnold, Deputy Town Clerk

**Members of the public:** None

P&T 381-23	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Asker, Curtis, Freeman and Gadd/
P&T 382-23	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr Hawke-Smith declared a generic non-pecuniary interest in application E, UTT/23/1886/HHF, as the applicant is known to him and application L, UTT/23/1954/HHF, as a neighbouring property to him.
P&T 383-23	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 27.07.2023</b>  The minutes of the previous meeting, 27.07.2023, were approved.
P&T 384-23	<b>Public speaking time</b>  There were no public speakers.
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	
P&T 385-23	Committee noted the written report provided by County Cllr Gadd.  Committee raised concern with the increasingly uneven path at the High Street and noted the Deputy Town Clerk and Cllr Gadd are chasing Essex Highways for remedial works to be carried out.
<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
P&T 386-23	<b>Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:</b>  All applications were considered against the UDC Local Plan policies dated 2005 and the Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan.
A	<a href="#">UTT/23/1887/DOC</a>   Application to discharge condition 12 (materials) attached to UTT/22/1040/PINS - S62A/22/0000002   Former Friends School Mount Pleasant Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4AL <b>Resolved: No comment</b>
B	<a href="#">UTT/23/1853/FUL</a>   S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of S62A/22/0000002 (application reference UTT/22/1040/PINS) for conversion of buildings and demolition of buildings to allow redevelopment to provide 96 dwellings, swimming pool and changing facilities, associated recreation facilities, access and landscaping   Former Friends School Mount Pleasant Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4AL

Signed as a true and accurate record .....  
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	<p>Committee noted the revised application proposes demolition of the Assembly Building and the Croydon building chimney breasts are removed.</p> <p><b>Resolved: To object to the application due to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The lack of evidence demonstrating why the Assembly Building and chimney breasts should be removed. The applicants covering letter explains evidence is included in the engineer letter from Glanville but this is not included on the planning documents.</li> <li>- The original application was granted by the planning inspector, in the decision notice the inspector noted the two buildings are of “<i>greater intrinsic architectural value</i>” and the inspector refers to the value of the buildings being retained with “<i>minimal refurbishment</i>”. To that end the buildings should be retained to maintain their historic value.</li> </ul>
C	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1381/FUL</a>   Demolition of 2 no. existing block of flats and the construction of 14 no. new apartments with associated parking and access   Wharton House And Wittrick House Gibson Way Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AL</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Committee raised concern for the limited car parking provision, Gibson Way is already affected by cars parking on the roads and therefore one space for each dwelling does not allow for those with multiple vehicles and/or visitors. It was also noted all spaces should also have electric charging per SWNP SW4.</p>
D	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1915/HHF</a>   Single storey rear extension, garage conversion and extension and new front entrance porch   17 Gallows Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4DA</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>
E	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1886/HHF</a>   Proposed solar panels on garage roof.   3 Chaters Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2AB</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>
F	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1868/HHF</a>   Section 73A Retrospective application for replacement garage.   28 Beeches Close Saffron Walden CB11 4BT</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No comment</p>
G	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1837/FUL</a>   Proposed demolition of the detached dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling   7 Gibson Way Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AH</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>
H	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1869/HHF</a>   Replace timber windows with PVCu windows.   38 Elm Grove Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1NA</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>
I	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1806/LB</a>   Removal of existing flat roof at rear of cottage. Extend pitched roof and restore to original line. Addition of new guttering. Replace existing oval windows at rear with cottage style windows similar to those at front of property. Replace modern Velux roof light with dormer similar to those at front of property   5 Myddylton Place Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BB</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>
J	<p><a href="#">UTT/23/1805/HHF</a>   Removal of existing flat roof at rear of cottage. Extend pitched roof and restore to original line. Addition of new guttering. Replace existing oval windows at rear with cottage style windows similar to those at front of property. Replace modern Velux roof light with</p>

	dormer similar to those at front of property   5 Myddylton Place Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BB <b>Resolved:</b> No objections
K	<a href="#">UTT/23/1947/FUL</a>   Removal of existing Annexe and single storey garage, proposed first floor extension and changes to fenestration and materials to existing dwelling. Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated parking and landscaping   8 Whiteshot Way Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2AW <b>Resolved:</b> No objections
L	<a href="#">UTT/23/1954/HHF</a>   Single storey rear extension with replacement fenestration.   Willow Cottage 1 Goul Lane Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1NQ <b>Resolved:</b> No objections
P&T 387-23	<b>London Stansted Airport Draft Noise Action Plan Consultation 2024-2028</b>  Committee noted the draft noise action plan for London Stansted Airport has been prepared and SWTC has been invited to comment.  <b>It was resolved:</b> To respond to the consultation outside this meeting and Cllr Meloy and the Deputy Town Clerk were delegated responsibility to respond.
P&T 388-23	<b>Update on ongoing significant applications</b>  No update was provided it was noted a written update would be provided at the next meeting.
P&T 389-23	<b>Urgent Information Items</b>  No urgent information items were raised.
P&T 390-23	<b>Date and time of Next Meeting</b>  Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2023, in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 7.30pm
P&T 391-23	<b>Confidential Item – Exclusion of Press and Public (Part II meeting)</b>  To resolve 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&T 392-23	<b>Public Right of Way</b>  Committee noted the written report and agreed with the recommendation. It was noted the report is confidential due to being commercially sensitive.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm