PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Twon Hall, Saffron Walden on THURSDAY 22nd February 2024 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Cllrs Curtis, Eke, Freeman, Gadd and Hawke-Smith (Chair).

Officers: Georgia Arnold, Deputy Town Clerk

Members of the public: None

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P&T	Apologies for absence
033-24	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Asker, McLellan and Meloy.
	Declarations of Interest
P&T 034-24	Cllrs 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).
	Public speaking time
P&T 035-24	There were no public speakers.
P&T 036-24	Minutes of Previous Meeting 08.02.2024
	The minutes of the previous meeting 08.02.2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.
	HIGHWAYS
P&T 037-24	There were no highways matters for consideration
	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
P&T 038-24	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>UTT/24/0281/FUL</u> Change of use from agricultural land to garden land including the erection of a new boundary wall. Slade Farm Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1UZ Resolved: No Objections
В	UTT/24/0254/HHF Replace the existing flat roof to the side of the property with a pitched roof. 15 Farmadine Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3HR Resolved: No Objections
С	<u>UTT/24/0242/LB</u> Repairs to floor structures, recovering of tiled roof surfaces and replacement of front door Winstanley House 4 Market Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1HQ Resolved: To object to the application due to the concerns raised by Place Services which must be resolved.
D	UTT/24/0275/HHF Proposed two storey side extension 15 Railey Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3EN Resolved: To raise concerns of overdevelopment. Notably it appears from the designs the proposed extension intrudes onto the public footpath which raises further concern.

E	UTT/24/0349/AV Replace 1no. Projecting signage with new 500mm. Retain existing brackets. Existing Projecting sign brackets to be painted in blue to match new fascia. Replace 1no. Fascia and 1no. Logo with 1no. New blue fascia & 1no. New 150mm logo height. Omit 1no. logo. Replace statutory signage with new. Replace 1no. ATM surround and decals with new. 9 Market Walk Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1JZ Resolved: Concerns were raised with LED lighting being embedded into the frontage sign. If the intention is to keep the lights on during all hours, SWTC objects because it is out of keeping with the street scene.
F	<u>UTT/24/0348/LB </u> Replace 1no. Projecting signage with new 500mm. Retain existing brackets. Existing Projecting sign brackets to be painted in blue to match new fascia. Replace 1no. Fascia and 1no. Logo with 1no. New blue fascia & 1no. New 150mm logo height. Omit 1no. logo. Replace statutory signage (posters only, frame to be retained). Replace 1no. ATM surround and decals with new. 9 Market Walk Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1JZ Resolved: Concerns were raised with LED lighting being embedded into the frontage sign. If the intention is to keep the lights on during all hours, SWTC objects because it is out of keeping with the street scene.
G	<u>UTT/24/0294/HHF</u> Proposed detached greenhouse within rear garden. 57-59 Castle Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BD Resolved: No objections
Н	UTT/24/0282/HHF Section 73A Retrospective application for erection of detached garage Land Rear Of 50 Old Mill Road Saffron Walden Essex Resolved: No objection to the garage in principle, however, the documents are misleading and unclear. Some documents refer to a garage and others a bungalow which is inaccurate.
P&T 039-24	Essex minerals Local Plan Review Committee noted phase one of the Essex minerals Local Plan Review has concluded and findings can be found at https://www.essex.gov.uk/replacement-essex-minerals-local-plan-review-2025-2040
P&T 040-24	Update on ongoing significant applications Committee noted the following regarding the North of Knight Park Thaxted Road site (55 dwellings): UDC officers informed SWTC, the planning inspector will host a hearing on 7 March to determine the application. (POST MEETING NOTE, further to subsequent information, it is since confirmed, the above application does not require a hearing and the application will be determined by PINS using the written responses as evidence.)
P&T 041-24	Urgent Information Items Concern was raised by councillors regarding long standing advertising signage at Barnards Court and it was noted the Deputy Town Clerk would raise this with UDC officers.
P&T 042-24	Date and time of Next Meeting Thursday 14 th March 2024 at 7.30PM, Saffron Walden The Town, in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm