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## **Agenda Planning & Transport Committee**

**To Committee Members:** Cllrs Asker, Curtis, Eke, Freeman, Gadd, Hawke-Smith (Chair), McLellan (Deputy Chair) and Meloy.

You are summoned to attend a MEETING of the PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE of SAFFRON WALDEN to be held in the **Town Hall**, Saffron Walden on **THURSDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 commencing at 8.00pm** to transact the business as set out in the agenda below.

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**Lisa Courtney, Town Clerk**

25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> To receive apologies and consider requests for approved absence
2	<b>To receive any Declarations of Interest</b> Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.
3	<b>Public Speaking Time</b> For the public or press to ask questions of the Council on matters relating to the agenda.
4	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> Committee to approve the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024.
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	
5	Standing item: Committee to receive an update from the County Councillor
6	<b>RA Butler and St Thomas More - Healthy School Street</b>  The above schools have contacted Essex Highways expressing an interest in having a Healthy School Street.  A Healthy School Street makes changes to make it easier and safer for students to walk, cycle and wheel to school. Changes could include reduced speed limits, cycling training and/or speed bumps.  Essex Highways does not currently have plans or funding to make changes to the street, but an early engagement survey is open to gauge support of the principle of a Healthy School Street.  The survey can be found here <a href="https://letstalkessexsustainabletravel.co.uk/ra-butler-and-st-thomas-more-healthy-school-street">https://letstalkessexsustainabletravel.co.uk/ra-butler-and-st-thomas-more-healthy-school-street</a> and open until 31 July. Committee is asked to consider whether it supports this Healthy School Streets proposal.

7	<p><b>Little Walden Road Speed Limit</b></p> <p>At the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 Committee meeting, committee considered the proposed change in speed limit proposal outside the Abbey Homes housing development on Little Walden Road, to 40mph (from the national speed limit).</p> <p>Committee resolved to respond in objection to the proposal, seeking the 30mph is extended, past the development (rather than the proposed 40mph), aiding pedestrians.</p> <p>Essex Highways has responded and advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>The Essex speed management strategy, sets the expectations of where drivers would experience different speed limits. Notably, a 30mph speed limit would typically apply to built-up areas with development on both sides of the road. Development does not exist on both sides of the road in this location, and the ‘Crocus Fields’ development is set back from the highway and so it cannot be considered a built-up area either.</i></li> <li>b. <i>It is unlikely installing 30mph speed limit signs would have any significant impact to vehicle speeds, due to the characteristics of a 30mph not being present in this location. Non-compliance with the 30mph speed limit would remain likely.</i></li> <li>c. <i>Formally introducing the 30mph speed limit with signage would not be supported by the Essex speed management strategy.</i></li> <li>d. <i>The proposal sets out to deter those drivers who are driving in excess of 40mph before they reach the current (signed) 30mph speed limit. Given the characteristics of the location, this proposal is the most effective way to ensure the safety of all road users’.</i></li> </ul> <p>Essex Highways has asked, given the above information, whether SWTC continues to object to the initial proposal.</p>
<b>PLANNING</b>	
8	<b>To Consider and Comment Upon the Following Planning Applications:</b>
A	<a href="#">UTT/24/1739/LB</a>   Conversion of ground floor utility room by erecting a stud partition wall to provide a cloakroom with a separate ground floor W.C.   Walden Lodge Abbey Lane Saffron Walden CB10 1AG
B	<a href="#">UTT/24/1409/LB</a>   Install an electrical charging unit for home charging an electrical car on the false door of the property.   5 Audley End Village Audley End Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4JB
C	<a href="#">UTT/24/1687/HHF</a>   Install an electrical charging unit for home charging an electrical car on the false door of the property.   5 Audley End Village Audley End Road Saffron Walden CB11 4JB
D	<a href="#">UTT/24/1609/CLP</a>   Proposed Certificate of Lawfulness for redevelopment of green-keepers welfare building   Saffron Walden Golf Club Windmill Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BX
9	<p><b>Licence Application - Elizza, 62 High Street, Saffron Walden CB10 1EE</b></p> <p>Committee is invited to comment on the above license application which can be read online at <a href="https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/comment-on-a-premises-licence-application">https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/comment-on-a-premises-licence-application</a> seeking to extend their alcohol timings on Friday and Saturday evenings.</p>

10	<p><b>Update on ongoing significant applications</b></p> <p>Standing item – Where updates are available, Committee to receive an update on ongoing matters relating to significant planning applications.</p>
11	<p><b>Urgent Information Items</b></p> <p>Any items to report for information only. This item is included for information sharing only, Committee is not permitted to determine matters until this agenda item.</p>
12	<p><b>Date and time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024, 7.30PM, Saffron Walden The Town Hall</p>