

PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the **Town Hall, Saffron Walden** on **THURSDAY 22 January 2026** at **7.30pm**

In the absence of the Committee Chair Cllr McLellan, the Deputy Committee Chair Cllr Curtis chaired this meeting.

Councillors: Cllrs Ahmed, Curtis (Chair), Freeman and Hawke-Smith

Officers: Deputy Town Clerk

Members of the public: None

P&T 014-26	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Jones and McLellan. Absent Cllrs Gadd and Reeve.
P&T 015-26	Declarations of Interest Cllrs Ahmed and Freeman declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Uttlesford District Council (UDC)
P&T 016-26	Public speaking time There were no public speakers.
P&T 017-26	Minutes of Previous Meeting 08.01.2026 The minutes of the previous meeting 08.01.2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.
HIGHWAYS	
P&T 018-26	Standing item: Committee to receive an update from the County Councillor An update was not received.
P&T 019-26	Standing Item: Committee to note any new areas of speeding concern to relay to Essex Police. No new areas of speeding concern were raised.
P&T 020-26	Road Closure Request - Saffron Walden Dance in the Square, Saturday 29th August 2026 Committee noted the road closure request and raised no comments.
P&T 021-26	Street Naming Consultation – Former Friends School Field Committee noted the proposed street names: (John) Cadman (English Cricketer educated at Friends School); (Rosa) Huntingdon (World Champion in mini javelin born in Saffron Walden); and (Laura) Sugar, (British Paralympian born in Saffron Walden).

	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>a. To object to the proposed names. Acknowledging individual names are ordinarily used once an individual is deceased - two of the three proposed individual names are still alive.</p> <p>b. To recommend to UDC/the developer the following names: Phillip Noel Baker (Friends School Student, Nobel Prize winner and Olympian sprinter); Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell (both Olympian sprinters).</p>
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
P&T 022-26	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	UTT/25/3445/HHF Proposed single storey rear extension to provide ground floor WC and shower 7 Prospect Place Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3AB Resolved: No objections
B	UTT/25/3181/CLP Conversion of existing integral garage to a habitable room 92 Long Horse Croft Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4BJ No comment – already approved by UDC.
C	UTT/26/0014/LB Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of application UTT/25/1958/LB (Proposed alterations to ground floor (part) including addition of air conditioning units to external wall) - amendments to approved plans in line with recommendations made by a building control officer. Council Offices London Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4ER Resolved: No objections
D	UTT/26/0006/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of application UTT/25/1957/FUL (Proposed alterations to ground floor (part) including addition of air conditioning units to external wall) - amendments to approved plans in line with recommendations made by a building control officer. Council Offices London Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4ER Resolved: No objections
E	UTT/26/0022/AG Agricultural storage Stonebridge Farm Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1UZ Resolved: No objections
P&T 023-26	Update on ongoing significant applications Committee thanked officers for the progression of the Linden Homes Public Open Space Transfer, noting the paperwork has now been signed by SWTC.
P&T 024-26	Urgent Information Items No urgent items raised.
P&T 025-26	Date and time of Next Meeting Thursday 12 February 2026, in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm