

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.00pm



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor B Davidson
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor D Smith
Councillor L Smith
Councillor A Stinchcombe
Vacancy

Apologies: Vicky Phillips, Assistant Town Clerk

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Councillor J Burns
Councillor J Mason

There were no members of the public present.

Welcome:

Councillor P Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded. **To note that this Working Party has no delegated authority and may only make recommendations to Full Council. Urgent actions may be taken under delegated authority given to the Clerk and Chair.**

P22 Apologies for Absence

/144 The above apologies were noted

P22 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/145 P22/145 – Councillor T Brown declared a pecuniary interest in this item as Vestey Trust are the landlords for his business and left the meeting during the discussion

P22 Acorn Bioenergy proposals for new anaerobic digestion plant at Spring Grove Farm off the A1307 near the Epicentre, Haverhill.

Members to discuss the possibility of a joint visit to the plant at Baldock or Euston village near Thetford with Members of Withersfield Parish Council to understand how the facility operates and its impact on surrounding residents

Discussion took place on this item, two nearby examples do not reflect the latest standards. Mayor Davidson reported that a public meeting will be taking place on Thursday evening. No previous such plant has been built so there is no idea whether this facility will omit less odours. Councillor D Smith suggested that the Town Council approach Withersfield Parish Council after the meeting on Thursday and follow their lead on visiting other plants.

Agreed

P22 Minutes of the Meetings held

/147 Councillor L Smith proposed, Councillor T Brown seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 6th September 2022 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

All in favour.

RESOLVED

P22 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/148 The date of the previous minutes need correcting.

VP

P22 Tree Preservation Order – TPO/018(2022), Boyton Hall, Anne Sucklings Lane, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 7TA

/149 Strongly object.

Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor D Smith

All in favour

P22 Street naming and number application (already circulated) Phase 6

/150 For members to consider and state any objections or comments on street naming and number application for Phase 6.

Councillor Burns has asked Persimmon whether they have exhausted list of previous submitted names, but not heard back. Councillor Burns advised that WSDC will choose names if we do not propose any. Councillor Brown mentioned that he had previously suggested naming a significant road after the late Queen Elizabeth. Councillor L Smith agreed and added that road names associated with themes in her life could be used. Councillor Brown suggested themes associated with the Queen could be a favourite horse. He also suggested flora and fauna displaced by development.

Councillor Davidson agreed with the above and suggested Balmoral Rd, Sandringham Place or geographical area. He mentioned that he had previously suggested ideas such as towns from other counties. Councillor Burns outlined that Balmoral Drive had already been used, JB has suggested that the link road between the Relief Road and Ann Suckling could be Queen Elizabeth Way. He agreed with using themes and reminded members that the development was in Little Wratting, as previously in that parish.

DS – links to London boroughs where people have come from could be used.

VP

Vicky to collate a list from Councillors.

P22 For members of the Public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Working Party

/151 Appendix (ii) - None

P22 Notice of Appeal - DC/22/00851/HH, 28 Helions Park Avenue.

/152 Noted

P22 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)

/153 Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair are shown on List A attached to the Minutes, see Appendix (i)

P22 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)

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Applications determined by the Committee are shown on List B attached to the Minutes, see Appendix (i)

P22 Matters to Report

/155 Councillor Burns:

Vixen pub – the car park is being used by residents so less parking for trade customers of Strasbourg Square businesses. JB has asked WSDC to get something done about the building.

JB is also trying to find out about the Old Fox.

Lidl footpath blocked by containers: WSDC enforcement have taken no action in respect of breach of planning.

Councillor D Smith:

Application at Rose Bank went to appeal and was lost.

P22 Date of next Meeting

/156 The next meeting of the Planning Working Party will be 18th October 2022

P22 Closure

/157 The meeting was closed at 8.33pm

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
31.08.22 Expires 21.09.22	1	DC/22/1146/TPO	TPO 297(2000) – Two Sycamore (T11 and T12 on plan and order, within 3 Tudor Close) reduce overhanging branches back to boundary line; one Ash (T10 on plan and order, within 4 Tudor Close) reduce overhanging branches to boundary line; one Ash (T9 on plan and order, within 4 Tudor Close) fell; one Ash (T8 on plan and on order, within communal grounds) fell	Tudor Close	NEUTRAL
06.09.22 Expires 27.09.22	2	DC/22/1542/HH	Porch to front elevation	52 Roman Way	NEUTRAL

List B – To be considered at the Working Party Meeting

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
01.09.22 Expires 22.09.22*	1	DC/22/1447/RM *Agreed extension to consultation period to 5th Oct.	Submission of details under outline planning permission SE/09/1283 – all matters reserved for the construction of 113 dwellings, with associated private amenity space, means of enclosure, parking, vehicle and access arrangements, and proposed areas of landscaping and areas of open space for Phase 3b. The application includes submission of details to enable the discharge of conditions B4, B8, B9, B16, B17 B20, B21 and B24 Mr Isaac Jolly, Persimmon Homes	Land NW of Haverhill, Anne Sucklings Lane	OBJECT

Councillor Brown proposes objection as insufficient resources in town to support this additional development. Councillor Burns; s106 dependent on some works which Persimmon have not carried out, such as transport plan. More houses being built without the promised resources being done. Is the s106 being spent on the promised services? Where are the bus stops and routes? Councillor J Mason: s106 cycle path to a toucan crossing down to Chalkstone Way to Samuel Ward. The sum agreed in 2015 has been eroded by inflation. The infrastructure plan needs to be delivered.

Clerk: s106 officers can confirm figures, we can write to portfolio holders re SCC Highways s106 projects. Whilst an objection holds no weight in planning terms, it may cause a bigger splash politically. Councillor Burns: Copy key people into the email to the planning portal and the media. Councillor Brown: We need to be speaking up for people, the development has not the connections we were promised. S106 should have specified items, not sums of money. New residents, particularly affordable housing, need public services. Councillor D Smith: Big projects and S106 is fixed at a moment in time and needs to be relevant to contemporary need, if we don't ask, you don't get, so cause a splash.

Councillor Hanlon: EV charging points, at least ducting for cables. Also, LLFA have holding objections re SuDS.

Objection on above
 Councillor Brown proposed, Councillor L Smith seconded
RESOLVED

06.09.22 Expires 27.09.22*	2	DC/22/1551/LB *Agreed extension to consultation period to 5th Oct.	Replacement windows and doors Mark Asburn, Sanctuary Housing Association	Heazworth House, 17-19 Hamlet Road	NEUTRAL Councillor D Smith proposed, Councillor Davidson seconded RESOLVED
Expires 22.09.22	3	22/01217/REM	Application for the Approval of Reserved Matters (in respect of Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 15/01477/OUT granted 04.10.2016 for: Construction of access road and the erection of a freestanding drive-thru restaurant with car parking, goal post height restrictor, customer order displays and associated works.	Land at Haverhill Business Park, Phoenix Road, Helions Bumpstead	NEUTRAL – with comments Councillor Lucarini proposed, Councillor D Smith seconded. RESOLVED

Councillor Burns has submitted comments. Concerned the traffic generation is well beyond what the outline application anticipated. The totem is going to dominate the skyline. Traffic survey in March when the road had traffic lights and not a normal flow. Concerned Braintree are ignoring highway safety concerns. Drainage issue. The application is going to planning committee 31st October. The totem should be on the bypass not on the site.

Councillor Hanlon: Support is nowhere near the site, objections from immediate neighbours. WSDC have objected.

Councillor Brown: Need to impress that we intend our comments re the totem to be applied to any relevant application submitted at this time.

JM: Commitment to management of waste to a certain distance.

09.09.22 Expires 30.09.22*	4	DC/22/1541/FUL *Consultation period extended until 5th October	a. changes to existing ground floor retail units b. three storey extension above existing retail units to provide seven residential units (following demolition of existing first floor residential unit)	40 High Street	NEUTRAL Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Hanlong RESOLVED
13.09.22 Expires 05.10.22	5	DC/22/1571/HH	a. solar panels to front elevation b. enlargement of dormer on front elevation c. port enlargements d. new window and door to rear elevation	7 Bryony Close	NEUTRAL Councillor P Hanlon proposed, seconded Councillor L Smith RESOLVED
14.09.22 Expires 06.10.22	6	DC/22/1583/HH	Single storey link extension	8 Raine Avenue	NEUTRAL Councillor Davidson proposed, Councillor Lucarini seconded. RESOLVED
15.09.22 Expires 07.10.22	7	DC/22/1582/HH	a. two storey side and rear extensions (following demolition of existing garage and conservatory) b. installation of window to first floor of side elevation	67 Arrendene	OBJECT Bedrooms are too small, massing, over-development of the site, lack of a design & access statement Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Hanlon RESOLVED