

# Haverhill Town Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 7.00pm



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:** Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)  
Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor R André  
Councillor J Burns  
Councillor A Luccarini  
Councillor M Martin  
Councillor D Smith

**Apologies:** Councillor Q Cox

**In Attendance:** Colin Poole, Clerk  
Vicky Phillips, Deputy Clerk

There were 2 members of the public present:  
Indy Wijenayaka, Councillor for Withersfield Ward and Economic Development Cabinet Member for West Suffolk Council  
Philip Styles, Withersfield Parish Councillor

#### **Welcome:**

Councillor P Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

#### **P24 Apologies for Absence**

**/088** The above apologies were noted.

#### **P24 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**

**/089** None.

**RESOLVED**

#### **P24 Minutes of the Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**/090** Councillor D Smith proposed and Councillor A Luccarini seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, were approved as a true record by show of hands.

**RESOLVED**

#### **P24 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**/091** Councillor André asked on progress on inviting WSC Enforcement Officers to a planning meeting.

#### **P24 For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee**

**/092** West Suffolk Councillor I Wijenayaka and Withersfield Parish Councillor Philip Siles spoke on application CCC/23/110/FUL (appendix ii).

**P24 /093 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)**

Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair are shown on List A attached to the Minutes, see Appendix (i) – None

**P24 /094 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)**

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

**P24 /095 Matters to Report**

- a) Councillor A Brown reported that, as predicted, there is chaos at Haverhill service station when fuel tankers are trying to enter and exit the site.
- b) A discussion arose following a report that new shops in the High Street were opening late and that a planning application for opening hours or possible change of use may not of been submitted. The Deputy Clerk had also circulated an email with the agenda received from a member of public regarding a possible planning breach around new shop signage. It was suggested that rather than reporting new businesses to West Suffolk Council, Town Councillors could visit new businesses, introduce themselves and see if they can be of any assistance, for example, to point them in the right direction for planning matters.

It was proposed by Councillor A Luccarini, seconded by Councillor A Brown that the form from WSC Planning Enforcement be forwarded to the member of public who made a planning complaint, for their completion.

**RESOLVED**

**P24 /096 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Clements Community Centre.

**P24 /097 Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.12pm

Signed .....  
**Chairman**

Date.....

## Appendix (i)

### List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION

### List B – To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
17.05.24 Expires 07.06.24	1	CCC/23/110/FUL	<p>Farm-based anaerobic digestion renewable energy facility, construction of vehicular access/road to A1307, associated infrastructure and landscaping.</p> <p><i>Revised and/or additional information dated 17<sup>th</sup> May has been submitted on Cambridge County Council planning portal</i></p>	Land at Streetly Hall Farm, Webbs Road, West Wickham, Cambridge	<p>OBJECT (see below)</p> <p>Councillor A Brown proposed, seconded by Councillor M Martin.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No economical or social benefit to the area as it is proposed that the gas will be transported by truck to Hull and then exported by pipeline to the continent.</li> <li>Issues around access and egress from A1307. The ghost island is for vehicles that come from the east and does not alleviate the potential dangers of vehicles exiting the site and turning right, against the traffic.</li> <li>This stretch of road is 50mph. 38 tonne trucks, 16.5 metres long (max length of an articulated truck) crossing a carriageway from a standing start and entering the next carriageway will cause severe danger to traffic travelling at speed.</li> <li>Food supply for the anaerobic digester will come from within a 12-mile radius, much of it through Horseheath village and Withersfield village, causing traffic issues. The other application for an AD Plant submitted by Acorn bioenergy states that it's food supply for the AD will come from local farms, therefore the fields being relied upon cannot be counted twice.</li> <li>There is insufficient protection from leakage into the water table.</li> <li>It is proposed that manure and maize will be transported to the site. Manure has a strong odour; maize is bulky and many trucks will be required to transport it.</li> <li>There is concern that by turning this corridor into an industrial-agricultural type zone that high-tech companies will be deterred from coming to Haverhill, for example to the EpiCentre. This will impact potential growth.</li> <li>Methane gas will be produced which is a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. Any leaks will be detrimental to the atmosphere.</li> </ul>					

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
17.06.24 Expires 08.06.24	2	DC/24/0648/TCA	One Sycamore tree (as indicated on plan) fell.  Mrs Anastasia Archer	3 Chainey Pieces	OBJECT: Members request that an arboricultural report is submitted to give an expert opinion as to why the tree should be felled.  Proposed Councillor André, seconded Councillor Luccarini <b>RESOLVED</b>
22.05.24 Expires 06.06.24	3	DC/22/2143/FUL	Seven residential units (as amended)  Mr Mohammed Rahmany	Land at Empire Yard, Brook Service Yard	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor Luccarini, seconded Councillor Brown <b>RESOLVED</b>
21.05.24 Expires 12.06.24	4	DC/24/0651/TCA	Trees in a conservation area notification – see tree work schedule  Mr Richard Clifford	1 Cangle Junction	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor D Smith, seconded Councillor André <b>RESOLVED</b>