

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Monday 1st December 2025 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D Smith

Apologies: Mayor Q Cox
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor M Martin

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Vicky Phillips, Deputy Town Clerk
Councillor J Burns

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.

P25 Apologies for Absence

/212 The above apologies were noted.

P25 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/213 Councillor T Brown declared a non-registerable interest in item P25/219 item 7. A dispensation was given to allow Councillor Brown to stay in the room as otherwise the business of the committee would be impeded.
Proposed Councillor P Hanlon, seconded Councillor D Smith.
RESOLVED

P25 Minutes of the Meeting 17th November 2025

/214 It was proposed by Councillor D Smith seconded by Councillor T Brown, that the minutes of the meeting held 17th November 2025 were approved as a true record by show of hands.
RESOLVED

P25 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/215 Item P25/209 – The Clerk to make a note to contact the Portfolio holder.
Item P25/206, Item 1 – Councillor Hanlon had contacted the planning officer regarding parking. The Planning Officer had confirmed that there was sufficient parking as hardstanding had been put in on the grass. Councillor Hanlon was now satisfied with the application.

P25 West Suffolk Council, Consultation on Local Validation Requirements

/216 It was proposed by Councillor D Smith, seconded by Councillor T Brown, that no further comments need to be submitted.

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RESOLVED

P25 /217 For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee

There were no members of public present.

P25 /218 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached appendix i)

None.

P25 /219 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).

P25 /220 To consider Street Trading Licences

None.

P25 /221 Matters to report

- Councillor J Burns reported that an updated application had been submitted for the ex-Vixen Public House. The underground parking provision and convenience store have been removed. The Deputy Clerk advised that this application was coming to the next planning committee meeting.
- Councillor T Brown advised that he had no response to his email regarding Sturmer Road garage.
- Councillor D Smith advised that West Suffolk Council Environment Team have opened a case on lorries parking along the bypass.

P25 /222 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 15th December 2025

P25 /223 Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.36pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
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List B – To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
12/11/2025 Expires 03/12/2025	1	DC/25/1691/TPO	TPO 491 (2009) tree preservation order – one maple (marked T5 on plan and order) fell, one cherry (marked T2 on plan and order) crown lift to 2.5 metres above ground level. Mr Christopher Benson, AP Landscapes Tree and Grounds Maintenance	Unit 15, Homefield Road	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor T Brown, seconded by Councillor D Smith RESOLVED
12/11/2025 Expires 03/12/2025	2	DC/25/1779/HH	Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conversation).	7 Castle Lane	
OBJECT The application shows a change from a three-bedroom property to a four-bedroom property, this increase means the dwelling no longer meets the Suffolk Parking Standards, which requires parking provision of 3 spaces for a four-bedroom home. The proposal therefore risks increasing on-street parking pressures and creating highway safety concerns within the surrounding area. Proposed Councillor P Hanlon, Seconded Councillor D Smith RESOLVED					
13/11/2025 Expires 04/12/2025	3	DC/25/1785/FUL	a. installation of replacement refrigeration plant equipment b. installation of air source heat pumps c. replacement associated enclosure fencing d. relocation of bin store.	Aldi Lordscroft Lane	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor T Brown RESOLVED

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
			Harry Berks, Avison Young		
17/11/2025 Expires 08/12/2025	4	DC/25/1716/RM	Submission of details under outline planning permission DC/21/2446/OUT – the means of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale – for the construction of one dwelling.	Land adjacent, Anne Sucklings Lane	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor D Smith, seconded by Councillor T Brown. RESOLVED
19/11/2025 Expires 10/12/2025	5	DC/25/1803/HH	a. single storey side extension b. replace door with window on rear elevation. Mr & Mrs M Barrett	7 Julian Close	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor T Brown RESOLVED
20/11/2025 Expires 11/12/2025	6	DC/25/1801/HH	a. dropped kerb with new driveway layout b. convert existing garage to living accommodation by replacing garage door with patio doors c. single storey side and rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory).	5 Edmund Close Haverhill Suffolk CB9	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor T Brown RESOLVED
20/11/2025 Expires 11/12/2025	7	DC/25/1622/FUL	Change of use of office building (class E3) to dwellinghouse (class C3),	Weavers Business Centre, 6 Hamlet Road	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor D Smith RESOLVED

List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION