

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Tuesday, 07 July 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor L Miller-Jones
Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D Smith (from 7.15pm)

Apologies: Councillor Q Cox
Councillor A Luccarini
Vicky Phillips, Deputy Town Clerk

In Attendance: Councillor J Burns
County Councillor P Littman
Mrs C Thompson
Colin Poole, Town Clerk

There were two members of the public present.

Welcome:

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

P26 Apologies for Absence

/099 The above apologies were noted.

P26 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/100 None.

P26 Minutes of the Meeting 15th June 2026

/101 It was proposed by Councillor A Brown and seconded by Councillor D Smith, that the minutes of the meeting held 15th June 2026 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

RESOLVED

P26 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/102 None.

P26 West Suffolk Local Plan

/103 To consider a response to the West Suffolk Local Plan 2045 Scoping Consultation, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the West Suffolk Local Plan Scoping Consultation and noted that this was an initial consultation seeking views on the issues and priorities that should be addressed in preparing the new Local Plan.

Members discussed that the increased housing requirement would be a significant challenge and Councillor A Brown raised that many residents find

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the planning process difficult to understand and are not confident in that any consultation responses could influence outcomes.

The discussion focused on the importance of ensuring that any future development is genuinely sustainable and that infrastructure should be a primary consideration, with emphasis on healthcare, education, highways, public transport and community facilities being delivered alongside new development.

It was understood that future growth in towns and larger villages where services, employment opportunities and public transport already exist, would be preferable rather than in less sustainable locations. Members also highlighted the importance of aligning housing growth with employment provision to reduce the need for long-distance commuting.

Councillor D Smith emphasised the importance of maintaining strong policies on climate change and environmental sustainability within the new Local Plan and measures to improve energy efficiency and low-carbon development.

It was also raised that there is a need for greater provision of affordable and social housing to meet local needs.

A discussion took place regarding developer contributions. Members considered the benefits of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), or a hybrid approach alongside Section 106 agreements, as a means of giving local communities greater influence over how developer contributions are spent. It was noted that we and others will need to lobby the shadow unitary authority to adopt this.

The Deputy Clerk would take the information from the discussion and put forward a response. **VP**

P26 Street Naming

/104 To consider suggested names for Parcel A9, Bloor Home Development, Land North of Haverhill

Councillor J Burns gave an explanation about the proposed names for the site and explained that Charmian Thompson has provided a list which he fully supports. Charmian Thompson gave a brief background to how the suggested names would sit alongside the names already used at the site.

When future development comes forward, Charmian can supply further names.

Suggestions were: Barber, Bigmore, Black, Choat, Dedman, Moore, Radford and Ross-Hoff, plus Baker Thake or Bowers.

It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor L Miller-Jones, that the suggested names be submitted to Bloor Homes. **VP**

RESOLVED

P26 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/105 None

P26 For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee

/106 A resident reported that the work at the roundabout and the bypass has been done.

P26 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached appendix i)

/107 None.

P26 **Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and**
/108 **received by publication of agenda (List B attached)**

P26 **To consider Street Trading Licences**
/109 None.

P26 **Matters to report**

/110 Councillor J Burns reported:

a) Empire Yard; planning application in for discharge of conditions, suggesting they are close to commencing building. Still has concerns over neighbour's right of access.

b) The Vixen; has been broken into again, police were very proactive and contacted the owners.

Councillor D Smith reported:

The site at the old Gas works, work on stopping the storage of old commercial bins from London is ongoing, Councillor A Brown, suggested involving Cadent as site owners as their emergency access appears compromised.

P26 **Date of next Meeting**

/111 The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday, 20 July 2026.

P26 **Closure**

/112 The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

		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
12/06/2026 Expires 03/07/2026	1	DC/26/0857/HH	One outbuilding	The Wright House, 12 Anne Sucklings Lane	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by L Miller- Jones RESOLVED
17/06/2026 Expires 08/07/2026	2	DC/26/0873/HH	a. single storey side extension and front extension b. removal of door on rear elevation	12 Meadowsweet Close	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by L Miller- Jones RESOLVED
19/06/2026 Expires 10/07/2026	3	DC/26/0868/HH	Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory)	4 Shannon Close	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor L Miller- Jones, seconded by A Brown RESOLVED
24/06/2026 Expires 15/07/2026	4	DC/26/0782/HH	Re-Consultation – Description amended for further clarity Conversion of existing detached garage to annexe	Saguenay, 29 Bumpstead Road	Withdrawn

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
24/06/2026 Expires 15/07/2026	5	DC/26/0854/FUL	a. changes to fenestration on south east and north west elevations b. two story rear extension c. increase height of existing raised roof element d. horizontal cladding to all elevations e. alterations to existing external staircase f. siting of three drum charging booth tanks and two waste storage tanks Mr Tim Mann, Codis	12 Rookwood Way	SUPPORT Proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by D Smith RESOLVED
29/06/2026 Expires 20/07/2026	6	DC/26/0952/HH	Installation of air source heat pump	9 Webb Close	SUPPORT Proposed by Councillor L Miller-Jones, seconded by A Brown RESOLVED

List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
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