

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE

To; All Members of Huntingdon Town Council.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONSED TO ATTEND
a meeting of the
PLANNING COMMITTEE
to be held
at the TOWN HALL, HUNTINGDON
on
THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2023
Following the Finance Committee (approximately 8pm)

2ND March 2023

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PHILIP PEACOCK
TOWN CLERK

Town Hall
Market Hill
Huntingdon
PE29 3PJ

AGENDA

10. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

To appoint a Chairman to the Committee for the local government year 2022/23

11. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To hear any declarations of interest in items on this agenda (see notes attached)

13. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

To hear any address to the Committee from members of the public on matters within its responsibility

14. **MINUTES**

To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9th June 2022 (M1) (attached)

15. **RECOMMENDATION OF SUB COMMITTEES**

To receive and approve recommendations in the minutes of the Planning Applications Panel meeting held on 2nd February 2023 (M1) (attached)

16. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 20MPH APPLICATION**

To discuss and consider locations in the town to nominate for the Cambridgeshire County Council 20mph Application (report attached)

17. **DATE AND AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Date to be confirmed.

This meeting will be serviced by the Town Clerk – 01480 410383
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Copies for information to:

District Councillors; County Councillors; The Chairman and Chief Executive of Huntingdonshire District Council; The Press; Huntingdon Public Library and the Police.

Notes

A. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

(1) Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.

(2) A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it

(a) relates to you, or

(b) is an interest of -

(i) your spouse or civil partner; or (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners and you are aware that the other person has the interest.

(3) Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -

(a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;

(b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);

(c) any current contracts with the Council;

(d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;

(e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;

(f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or

(g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

B. Other Interests

(4) If a Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote.

(5) A Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -

(a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Council's administrative area, or

(b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

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HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held at Huntingdon Town Hall on Thursday 9th June 2022.

Present: Councillors: K Brockett; D Cole (Mayor); C Doyle; S Gifford; M Kadewere; P Kadewere; P Kennington; A McAdam; S McAdam; A Norton; G Shiels; P Pearce; S Sweek; K Webb

In attendance: 1 member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors: M Baker; A Blackwell; J Cole; B Luckham; T Sanderson

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to elect Councillor S Gifford as the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the local government year 2022/23.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr D Landon Cole lived over the road from the Huntingdon North development that was discussed in item 7.

4. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There was none.

5. **MINUTES**

Members had before them copies of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17th March 2022 (M4) (attached). It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to approve and adopt these minutes which were signed by the Chairman.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEE**

Members were asked to consider the appointment of the following Sub-Committee for the ensuing local government year and the membership thereof and the following was proposed:

Planning Applications Panel (9)

Councillors: K Brockett, C Doyle, P Kennington, P Pearce and G Shiels.

Nominations were seconded and Members unanimously

RESOLVED to appoint the sub committees and membership thereof.

Clerk's note: The Chairman skipped to item 8 while waiting for the group from Vistry to join the meeting via Zoom

8. **COSTA COFFEE LICENSE RENEWAL**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to recommend approval for the planning application to renew the licence to place tables and chairs in an area measuring approximately 1.3m x 6.6m outside Costa Coffee, 41 High Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3AQ.

Clerk's note: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm to wait for the group from Vistry to join the meeting via Zoom. The meeting was reconvened at 7pm

7. **HUNTINGDON NORTH**

Mike Jones from Bidwells, Martin Curtis and Chris Heaney from Vistry joined the meeting via Zoom to give an update and presentation on the development referred to as Huntingdon North.

Mike Jones explained that the scope, layout and design of the development relied on the new alignment of the A141 which would be resolved in June or July 2022. Bidwells and Vistry were liaising with Huntingdonshire District Council at officer level, Huntingdon Town Council and other stakeholders. Technical assessments such as archaeologist, habitat, drainage and transport were being organised to be implemented once the road alignment was known.

Chris Heaney stated that they were waiting to find out if the road would be a single carriageway or dual carriageway as the decision would have an impact on the design and layout of the development.

The members were shown a presentation titled Land at Lodge Farm, Huntingdon which would consist of 4 interconnecting neighbourhoods with the largest having amenities such as a primary school, community hub and shops.

The emerging vision concept was living local; 4 interconnecting neighbourhoods with walkways so that the car could be left at home. There would be a 40-metre stretch of green area and then a larger 100 metre area to include sports pitches which would both be away from the road wherever the road will be.

A member asked if there was any provision for a secondary school as the two secondary schools in Huntingdon were at capacity. Huntingdon Town Council had specified previously that an education setting from pre-school – 18 was needed on this development. Martin Curtis replied that depending on the demographic and number of 3 and 4 bed houses there was a calculation for the education settings that needed to be

provided on the development. The planning wasn't at that stage yet because the road alignment had not been confirmed.

A member asked what resources would be provided for the local hospital and emergency services due to the increase in the population that the development would bring. It was envisaged that a doctor's surgery would need to be built on the development but it was too early to look at this at the current stage of planning. Martin Curtis also explained that proposed changes to S106 meant things like this were up in the air but they were keeping a close eye on what the government would introduce to replace S106.

A member asked about the provision of a doctors' surgery and a dentist service on the new development and if there would be commercial facilities. The developers explained that there was no fixed plan at this stage as they were waiting on the road alignment that would determine the layout and design of the development. The developers would need a steer on facilities to be provided once that stage of planning was reached.

A member queried the timeline of the route of the A141 and the impact of traffic into the town centre caused by the new development. The developers said that the impact would be looked into at a later stage of the planning process. In 2020 the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority looked at whether the transport network could cope and the developer would then develop something to fit with this.

A member asked about the impact on parking that the increase in population would have on the existing car parking in Huntingdon. The developers explained that this would be governed by Huntingdonshire District Council.

A member asked what plans there were for affordable housing and affordable rents at the development as younger people were having to move to cheaper areas away from Huntingdon where they have lived and where their support networks are. The developer explained that there would be at least the minimum of mixed tenure to include affordable housing on the development but this could be increased if data showed that it was needed. A wide spectrum of affordable housing would be built.

Martin Curtis said that if there were any other questions to pass to the Town Clerk and Amenities Officer who could forward them on.

The next steps would be after the road alignment of the A141 was confirmed in June or July 2022 and they could come back to Huntingdon Town Council with an update at this stage.

The Chairman thanked Mike Jones, Martin Curtis and Chris Heaney for the presentation.

9. **DATE AND AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**PLANNING APPLICATIONS PANEL**

A meeting of the Planning Applications Panel was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 6:30pm.

Present: Councillors: K Brockett; D Cole (Ex-Officio); C Doyle (Chairman); P Kennington; A McAdam (Ex-Officio); G Shiels and P Pearce.

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that Cllr C Doyle be elected Chairman to the Planning Applications Panel for the local government year 2022-23.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that Cllr K Brockett be elected Vice Chairman to the Planning Applications Panel for the local government year 2022-23.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

5. **PUBLIC ADDRESS/ADDRESS BY OTHER TOWN COUNCILLORS TO PANEL**

A member indicated that they wished to speak. It was therefore proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Cllr D Cole raised concerns that Planning Applications Panel, along with some other Sub-Committees, had not been meeting regularly. It was explained that as of 2020, the planning applications process had been changed to Officers making recommendations to be approved by Members via email, with in-person meetings being called when required at the request of the Chairman. It was queried if this decision had been voted on by the committee.

Clerk's Note: A report on changes to the planning process was considered by the Planning Applications Panel at a meeting on 12th March 2020 (M20), where the decision was deferred.

Some Members requested a return to regular meetings, as it was felt that Members should be making planning recommendations instead of Officers. It was noted that this would be discussed further at a future meeting.

It was then proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to reconvene.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members of the Panel considered the planning applications received from Huntingdonshire District Council contained in a list dated 2nd February 2023 as set out on the attached schedule.

7. **PLANNING APPEALS**

Members were asked to consider planning appeals for developments at 99 Sparrowhawk Way (23/00001/REFUSL) and 97 Sparrowhawk Way (22/00040/REFUSL). It was noted that the information provided on both applications was unclear. Residents from both properties were in attendance, and explained that the boundaries of the properties were not clearly defined, and disputed that the land in question was owned and managed by HDC. It was also pointed out that the site was not previously accessible by the public due to the existing wire fence.

HTC previously had no objections to both developments. A concern had been raised regarding potential loss of trees in the area, and the residents clarified that they did not intend to remove any.

Members requested that the original 'no objections' comments were resubmitted for both appeals, with the comments for 99 Sparrowhawk Way amended to reflect that the concerns about loss of trees had been addressed.

8. **DATE & AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as to be confirmed.

CHAIRMAN

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCILPLANNING COMMENTS : 2nd February 2023

<p>22/02549/HHFUL Mr Don Mackenzie, 30 Main Street, Huntingdon PE29 1XU</p> <p>Demolition of garage and erection of new garage 30 Main Street, Hartford, Huntingdon PE29 1XU</p> <p>Recommend Approve. No objections</p>
<p>22/02433/FUL Courtney Anderson, 8 Badger way, Brampton PE29 4GZ</p> <p>Change the windows of a like for like basis Flat 6 St John's Street. Huntingdon PE29 3DD</p> <p>Recommend Approve. No objections</p>
<p>22/02312/HHFUL Mr East 9 Macbeth Close</p> <p>Erection of Single story side extension to move entrance door. (9 Macbeth Close, Huntford, Huntingdon PE29 1PB</p> <p>Recommend Approve. No objections</p>
<p>23/00090/HHFUL Jo Baddeley, 35 Florida Avenue</p> <p>Proposed 2 story extension to rear of property. 35 Florida Avenue, Hartford, Huntingdon PE29 1PY</p> <p>Recommend Approve. No objections</p>
<p>23/00029/HHFUL Mr Habib Rehman, 21 Pennington road, PE29 1QF</p> <p>Erection of Single story side and rear extension and first floor side extension 21 Pennington Road, Huntingdon PE29 1QF</p> <p>Recommend Approve. No objections</p>

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**PLANNING COMMENTS : 2nd February 2023**

22/02556/ADV

Motor Fuel Group, 36 - 38 Upper Maryborough Road, St Albans AL1 3UU

Erection of 7m Pole sign BP Garage Huntingdon Northern Bypass, Hartford
Huntingdon PE28 2DN

Recommend Approve. It was felt the sign was set far enough back from the road to not effect visibility.

23/00118/ADV

John Valentine, 3 Benedicts Court, Huntingdon PE29 3PN

Proposed Fascia Signage. Proposed Projecting Fascia Signage. Window Signage.
3 St Benedicts Court Huntingdon PE29 3PN

Recommend Approve. No objections

22/02430/FUL

Mr & Mrs A & D Richardson, 7 Mill Common PE29 3AU

Demolition of existing garage and construction of two new three bedroom semi-detached properties. 6 Kings Ripton Road Sapley Huntingdon PE28 2NU

Recommend REFUSE. Members felt there was not sufficient space for 2 additional properties at the proposed site and considered this overdevelopment of the site. It was also noted that it appeared that work had already begun at the site ahead of permission being granted.

To: PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: 9th March 2023

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 20MPH APPLICATION

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1 Cambridgeshire County Council has created an annual 20mph funding programme to install either 20mph zones or limits countywide.
- 2 The programme will open for applications annually. Once an application has been submitted it will be prioritised and scored by officers. This will produce a long list which will then be worked through until all the schemes applied for have been delivered.
- 3 The 20mph restrictions will:
 - Make streets safer by reducing speeds and enabling a more equitable use of the road space for all users (vulnerable road users, sustainable transport, businesses, and car users).
 - Encourage residents to walk or cycle by reducing speeds.
 - Reduce noise and pollution by amending the way vehicles accelerate/decelerate.

2. DETAILED CONSIDERATION

2.1 Which areas are eligible:

In general, a new 20mph limit should be in an area with features that justify a lower speed limit to drivers, for example, an area that has:

- evidence of traffic incidents or potential dangers within an existing 30/40mph
- vulnerable road users e.g. pedestrians (of all ability), cyclists, equestrian users and motorcyclists
- visible homes, shops, and business frontages
- a school or a school route
- a cycling route
- a quiet lane designation
- an area that would benefit from more active travel such as cycling and walking

2.2 The deadline for applications is 5pm on Sunday 30th April 2023, the timeline for applications is as follows:

- Application window opens – Monday 27 February 2023
- Application window closes – at 5pm on Sunday 30 April 2023
- Prioritisation undertaken – May to July 2023
- Report to committee including prioritised list for approval - July 2023
- Programming, design, and consultation with applicants - September 2023 to March 2024
- Pricing and construction – March 2024 to July 2024

2.3 More information is available on the following website:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/20mph-funding>

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Members to discuss and consider locations in the town to nominate for the CCC 20mph Application.

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