

**HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held at Huntingdon Town Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Present: Councillors A Blackwell; K Brockett; D Cole; S Gifford (Chairman); M Kadewere; P Kadewere; P Kennington; B Luckham; A McAdam; A Norton; P Pearce; and K Webb.

In attendance: Councillors S McAdam and T Sanderson.

18. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors M Baker and J Cole.

19. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As members of the Development Management Committee at HDC, Cllrs S McAdam and T Sanderson did not participate in the meeting.

20. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There was none.

21. **MINUTES**

Members had before them copies of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (M2). It was proposed, seconded and

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

22. **LAND NORTHWEST OF SPITTALS WAY AND ERMINE STREET**

Members were asked to comment on the revised plans and documents for application 18/10912/OUT.

Members acknowledged that there was a need for additional housing in Huntingdon, and noted that they would like to see at least 40% of the proposed dwellings designated as social housing of different sizes.

Members questioned the proposed phasing of the project. It was noted that the sports facilities would not be included until 5 years into the development, leaving potential residents moving into dwellings built in earlier phases without these facilities.

Concerns were raised regarding the development's impact on Huntingdon's existing services and infrastructure. It was noted that the existing problems with traffic, road conditions and access to public transport would be worsened by the addition of 1000 new dwellings. Members emphasized that the impact of the development must be properly assessed and addressed by the developer.

Additional concerns were noted about the impact on health services, as none were included in the proposed development. Many existing residents already struggled to access doctor and dentist appointments.

Members would like to see upgrades to the pedestrian and cycle routes from the development to the existing town centre to encourage active travel.

Members noted that HTC's previous comments, such as the concerns about the sports facilities being separated from the residential area by the old A14 road had not been addressed.

It was suggested that the developers be invited to an upcoming meeting to present to Members and answer additional questions.

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

The next meeting was noted as to be confirmed.