

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 4th February 2016.

Present: Councillors A Beevor (Chairman); A Blackwell, D Brown, A Dovans, J Dyne, T Forster, S Gifford, S Hassell, P Kadewere, A Mackender-Lawrence, B Manning, S McAdam, S Mulcahy, T Sanderson and R Valatka.

In Attendance: Mr Ainsley Foster and Mr Paul Phelps of Frank Shaw Associates

Absent: There were none.

39. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors L George, W Hensley, J Jacobs, and B Morrell.

40. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

41. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There was none.

42. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th November 2015 (M4) had been circulated following their informal approval by the Chairman. It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to approve the minutes and these were duly signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

43. **RECOMMENDATION OF SUB COMMITTEES**

In advance of the meeting, Members had been notified of publication of copies of the minutes of the Planning Application Panel meetings held on 12th November 2015 (M13), 26th November 2015 (14), 10th December 2015(M15), 17th December 2015 (M16), 14th January 2016 (M17) and 21st January 2016 (M18). (All attached)

For each of these, it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to receive, approve and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

44. **LAND BETWEEN BRAMPTON ROAD AND ERMINE STREET**

Members welcomed Mr Paul Phelps and Mr Ainsely Foster to the meeting. Mr Foster began by reminding Members of the proposed development on the land between Brampton Road and Ermine Street "Ferrars Road". It was a residential development comprising of 2 or 3 bed houses and 1, 2 or 3 bed flats.

Since the last presentation, received in November 2015, various surveys had been undertaken and completed. Blocks within the development had been moved slightly to change the focal points within the development and to improve flow throughout. Focal Points were created using rendering on the corners of properties and buildings. The height of buildings throughout the development was varied to emphasis the different areas.

Computer generated designs of the street scenes were shown to members, showing property fronts, cycle paths and entrances. Roofing for the development was stepped up to in keep with the rise of Edison Bell Way. The site still planned to offer integrated parking (garages) and on-street parking which was reflected in the computer designed street scene images.

Members questioned the green spaces, including the 'public art area'. It was explained that Mr Phelps had been in touch with Huntingdon in Bloom who were enthusiastic about collaborating and had various ideas for the green spaces. Green spaces would be landscaped.

A Member raised the culvert which ran through the development. Mr Phelps confirmed that this would not be uncovered, and that the levels of the site had been raised as per Flood Risk recommendation. It was noted that if the site had been bigger it may have been more suitable to uncover. Residents and construction would struggle to access areas of the development, including some blocks if the stream was uncovered.

A Member questioned the number of garages and use of on street parking. The number of garages had decreased in order to offer a wider variety of properties, All properties have access to parking with a garage or on-street parking. Garages are wider than the national average, providing more space to residents with the aim of encouraging them to use the garage for parking.

The Town Clerk raised a final point regarding drainage on the site. Mr Phelps concluded that water would drain to the culvert, and other drainage points, and that the road surface was porous.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to thank Mr Foster and Mr Phelps for the presentation.

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

17th March 2016, Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon.

CHAIRMAN

