

**MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011 IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillor N Wilson, in the Chair  
Councillors Mrs B Haddock, R Radford, P Ruffles, R Willis and N Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Tricia Carpenter (Minutes)

**29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Moore, Cllr Mrs S Newton and Cllr D Poole (Family Commitments)

**30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ruffles	P	Personal	3/11/0770/FP & 3/11/0771/LB. Mayflower Lodge, Hertingfordbury	The property is owned by the Freemasons of which Cllr Ruffles is a member
Cllr Ruffles	P	Personal	3/11/0850/FP, 71 Fordwich Rise	A party political colleague is a neighbour

**31. THE MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting held on 24 May 2011 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings, and the Chairman authorised to sign the same.

**32. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA – PAPER A**

Street Naming Policy

It was requested that a further letter be forwarded to Mr G Hughes to seek the current position.

Cycle Racks, Hertford Theatre

It was requested that a letter be forwarded to Mr Will O Neill to seek the current position

Relocation of the 5 Bishops Sculpture

To note the Sculpture was had now been moved to a suitable location and it was requested that a thank you letter be forwarded to the officer concerned

**33. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

### 34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered current planning applications, and commented as follows:

3/11/0684/FP/MC	2 Brewhouse Lane	Loft conversion with 2 new dormer windows and new casement window to existing bathroom
No objection		
3/11/0770/FP/LP	Mayflower Place, Hertingfordbury Road	Single storey rear infill extension
No objection		
3/11/0771/LB/LP	Mayflower Place, Hertingfordbury Road	Single storey rear infill extension and removal of single storey extension and storage sheds
No objection		
3/11/0781/LB/AK	3 Old Cross Wharf	Removal of partition wall and bathroom - retrospective
The Committee deplored the retrospective nature of the application and requested that the Conservation Officer inspect the internal alterations to ensure no important features of the internal fabric had been removed.		
3/11/0810/LC/SD	15 Currie Street	Demolition of existing industrial buildings and sections of boundary wall
Concern was expressed regarding the removal of sections of the boundary wall and it was requested that no demolition work to the wall was carried out until such time as the full planning permission had been approved or otherwise		
3/11/0850/FP	71 Fordwich Rise	Removal of existing garage, two single/two storey side and rear extensions creating a roof terrace and Juliet balcony and porch to front
No objection		
3/11/0813/LB/AK	3 Old Cross Wharf, Old Cross	Installation of cloakroom for disabled person (wife) on ground floor
No specific observations		
3/11/0824/FP/LP	7 & 8 Bluecoats Avenue	Change of use of 2no class B1 office buildings to create 12no class C3 1,2 and 3 bed apartments.
<p>Objection: When this committee objected to the change of use of the Gatehouse in the Bluecoats Avenue (application number 3/11/0165/FP) it expressed concern at the dangerous precedent which would be set, leading to creeping residential development in the area. Within weeks of that application being granted, it is incredibly disappointing to note another change of use application for the Bluecoats estate.</p> <p>Although members appreciated that the market for office space was a difficult one, this remained an excellent area for business use, with the benefit of car parking space which was at a premium in Hertford and its location encouraged use of the town centre by office workers. If Hertford was to have a bright future beyond the economic downturn the town required a strong mix of residential, retail and business use to</p>		

sustain its growing population. This application was contrary to those ingredients and would severely undermine the continued use of this Bluecoats estate for offices. A use which every effort should be made to protect and maintain.  
Cllr Radford maintained an opposing view to that of the Committee.

3/11/0825/LB/LP	7 & 8 Bluecoats Avenue	Change of use of 2no class B1 office buildings to create 12no class C3 1,2 and 3 bed apartments.
Objection: The Committee would not wish to see the addition of the proposed clutter of community gardens, waste bin storage etc as well as the unwarranted changes to the façade of the listed building.		

3/11/0845/AD/AK	Bluecoats Office Park, Mill Road	Property marketing signage for vacant office space
Objection: The proposed advertisement hoardings should be considerably toned down with the visual qualities improved to suit the ambiance of the area and the listed building		

3/11/0846/AD/AK	Bluecoats Office Park, Mill Road	Permanent office park signage
Objection: The proposed signage was considered unnecessary and totally out of keeping with the ambiance of the area and the listed building.		

3/11/0868/FP/AK	11 Chandlers Way	Replacement conservatory
Whilst the Committee did not object to the proposal it was however noted that the description on the notification from East Herts Council was incorrect. The proposal was not for a replacement conservatory but in fact for a single storey extension. The Committee was concerned that residents of neighbouring properties may have been misled by the description on the notification.		

Councillors R A K Radford, P Ruffles and N Wilson declared that any views they expressed about applications were on the evidence before them so far, and at this meeting. They reserved the right to speak on additional evidence, which may be presented to them subsequently as District Councillors.

### 35. DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY AND EAST HERTS COUNCILS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The review of Decision notices from East Herts Council be noted.

### 36. CORRESPONDENCE

To note the following appeal decision issued by the Planning Inspectorate:

3/10/1843/FP	New dwelling, driveway and hard landscaping 2 Fordwich Hill Appeal dismissed
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To note the following appeal to be determined by the written representation procedure:

3/10/1578/FP            Construction of 9 dwellings  
57 Molewood Road

**37. STREET LIGHTING IN HERTFORDSHIRE**

The Committee had been circulated with a copy of a letter from Hertfordshire County Council detailing the policy of turning off most street lights between midnight at 6.00am. Town centres, road traffic hazards and CCTV coverage will be excluded from the scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Committee note the proposal with enthusiastic approval.

Note: Cllr Willis requested that it be recorded that he voted against the proposal.

**38. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

1. Common Permit Scheme Consultation. - Item for meeting of 4 July 2011
2. Condition of the St Mary the Less drinking fountain at Old Cross
3. Mead Lane Urban Design Framework – Visit of Tim Hagyard and Kay Mead, East Herts Council on 20 June 2011

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.