

**MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 JUNE 2014  
IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr N Wilson, in the Chair  
Councillors Mrs B Haddock, Dr L Radford, D Poole, P Ruffles and R Willis

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms T Carpenter (Civic Administration Manager)  
1 Member of the public

**68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Mansfield (Holiday) and Mrs S Newton (Previous engagement)

**69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Dr L Radford	Declarable	Planning Application: 3/14/0924/FP – Richard Hale School	The School has hosted the Fun Run organised by Dr Radford
Cllr P Ruffles	Declarable	Planning Application: 3/14/0968/FP – 39 Cublands	Applicant is known to Cllr Ruffles
Cllr P Ruffles	Declarable	Planning Application: 3/14/0924/FP – Richard Hale School	Former pupil

**70. THE MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on 9 June 14 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.

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

7-9 Fore Street

It was noted that work was currently taking place.

Proliferation of Signage – Hertingfordbury Road/Mimram Road

A meeting was taking place with HCC and EHDC officers on 24 June 14 to discuss a way forward.

Bollywoods – Fore Street

The Clerk was requested to seek an update of the listed building application.

Flood Alleviation

The Committee noted the recent joint public meeting organised by the Environment Agency and East Herts Council which had taken place and felt that the queries the Council had had been answered through that meeting and it was therefore requested that this matter be removed from future agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The action sheet be noted.

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

Cllr Ruffles stated that he had not identified any planning application with the current agenda which he thought would be referred to a Development Management Committee at East Herts Council (of which he was a member).

**73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

3/14/0949/FP/JS	137 Willowmead	Single storey front extension, two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension
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Whilst the Committee considered this proposal to be large development the Committee did not consider the proposal to be an over development of the site, or cause any encroachment to neighbourhood amenity, it was nevertheless requested that the finishes to the development be carefully matched to the existing properties in the area.

3/14/0967/FP/JS	263 Ware Road	Installation of a 2 <sup>nd</sup> vehicular crossover
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Objection. The proposed crossover was considered to be situated too close to the junction with Cromwell Road. Furthermore, the proposal removed another on street parking space and caused a second interruption to the pedestrian highway, thus comprising pedestrian safety. There was also the potential danger of increase speed on the ingress and egress.

3/14/0968/FP/MC	39 Cublands	Erection of 1.65m fence and 1.80m gate to front (retrospective application reducing height of fence erected without permission
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Objection. The materials used did not match the open aspect and character of the Foxholes Estate. The Committee also deplored the retrospective application.

3/14/0981/FP/AK	Riversdale End, Ware Park	First floor rear extension
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No objection

3/14/0992/FO/TM	McMullen's Brewery Site, Hartham Lane	Variation of condition 16 (Opening hours) of planning permission ref: 3/10/2047/FO to read 'the retail store hereby permitted shall only be open for customers between 07.00 and 22.00 hours Mondays to Saturdays, 07.00 and 22.00 hours on Bank Holidays and for no more than six hours between 07.00 and 22.00 on Sundays
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The Committee wished to lodge a strong objection to this proposal coming only two years after the supermarket had opened. Sunday and Bank Holiday trading is known to be 10am to 4pm and these times should not be varied. The sensitive location given its proximity to the park and Folly Island made the proposed changes totally unsuitable.

3/14/1017/AD/MC	2-4 Fore Street	Replacement of fascia sign on shop front and new hanging sign
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Objection. Plastic was not considered a suitable material for a fascia sign in the Conservation Area, nor were the colours considered conducive.  
Note: Should this application be approved it was requested that all window advertisements be removed.

3/14/1016/LB/JS	41a North Road	Replacement of existing modern timber single glazed windows with bespoke traditional styled timber double glazed windows
No objection provided it can be guaranteed that the new windows will be more in keeping with the original building.		
3/14/1021/FP/SD	Flats 76-98, 100-122, 117-139 and 141-167 Cecil Road	Demolition of existing brickwork and metal railing at first floor and erection of replacement balustrades
No objection		
3/14/1026/FP/MC	3 Willis Grove	Single storey rear extension, repositioning of store building
No objection		
3/14/0924/FP/LP	Richard Hale School, Hale Road	Development of an artificial turf pitch with associated fencing, floodlighting and the inclusion of a storage container for maintenance equipment
No objection, although it was requested that a condition be set that all floodlighting was switched off at 10pm.		
3/14/1049/FP/AK	36 New Road	Rear extension and internal reconfiguration
No objection		

Councillors Ruffles and Wilson declared that any views 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.

**74. DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY AND EAST HERTS COUNCILS**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

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

**75. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**76. IDENTIFICATION OF UNADOPTED FOOTPATHS**

The Committee identified the following footpaths for registering with the County Council prior to the 2016 deadline for registering unofficial footpaths.

Wentworth Road to the rear of Mandeville Road

Burley Road to the back of the old Pines School.

Foxholes Estate through to Brookside

Foxholes Estate through to Foxholes Business Park to cross in a gully under the A414 to link with the existing footpath to Hertford Heath Industrial Park.

Rush Green to Hoe Lane

Windsor Drive to Thieves Lane between nos. 94-96 Windsor Drive, linking with FP 64.

Bentley Road behind flats 1-9 through to Cherry Tree Lane

Old Scout Hut to The Ridgeway

Adjacent to 10 Windsor Drive to Cherry Tree Green

Perrett Gardens to the open space beyond.

Farm Close to the open space beyond.

Hutton Close to Welwyn Road

The otherside of the A414 to link to the FP near the Goat Public House, through to Rush Green/Gamballs/Hogsdell Lane.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The unofficial footpaths detailed above be forwarded to Hertfordshire County Council for registering.

#### **77. WELCOME TO HERTFORD SIGNAGE**

The Committee had been asked to consider whether it would wish to see area names such as Bengo and Hornsmill added to the Welcome to Hertford signage. The Committee was not in favour of seeing the additions to the signage, which they felt could lead to a proliferation of area names e.g. Sele Farm, Pinehurst etc.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

This matter not be recommended for adoption.

#### **78. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

None

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm