

MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2014 IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs R Willis, in the Chair
Councillors: Cllr Mrs B Haddock, Mrs B Mansfield, Cllr D Poole and P Ruffles

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr A Stevenson
Ms Tricia Carpenter – Civic Administration Manager
1 Member of the public

481. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N Wilson (Holiday)

482. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ruffles	DPI	3/14/0543/LB – Hertford Museum	Trustee of the Museum
Cllr Ruffles	Declarable	3/14/0653/FP – 38 The Drive	The applicant is known to Cllr Ruffles

483. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2014 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.

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

Proliferation of Signage on Hertingfordbury Road/Mimram Road. It was requested that correspondence be sent to the local County Councillor to request that action be taken by the County Council to remove the large amount of A boards on the highway verge, which it was felt were not only unsightly, but a distraction to motorists.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report be noted.

485. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

486. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

3/14/0543/LB/SD	Hertford Museum, 18 Bull Plain	Timber shutter inserts to rear elevation alcoves to-from storage space for garden tools
No objection. Note: Having previously declared a DPI, Cllr Ruffles left the room during the discussion		

on this item.

3/13/1967/FP	Sovereign House, Hale Road	Demolition of Sovereign House and redevelopment to provide 84no residential units, 83 car parking spaces, relocated sub-station and associated access, amenity space and landscaping – Amended Scheme
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The Committee was of the opinion that as the building on the site was intended as small dwellings the social housing element remained an issue. The provision of underground car parking was looked at favourable but nevertheless the Committee still had concerns regarding the level of parking spaces and the effect this could have on surrounding roads.

3/14/0584/FP/SD	70 Fore Street	New shop front
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The Committee regretted that the applicant had not paid more attention to the traditional shop fronts in the conservation area when submitting this proposal

3/14/0636/FP/AK	12 Foxes Close	Single storey rear extension and first floor flank window
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No objection

3/14/0627/FP/SD	1 Holly Dell	Single storey part front/side extension and single storey side extension to form new garage
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No objection

3/14/0638/FP/SD	41 West Street	Erection of single storey side/rear extension and dormer to rear roof
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The proposal was considered an over development of the site which did not enhance the property or that of its neighbours.

3/14/0576/CL/SD	43 Iron Drive	Front porch and enclosure of existing brick cupboard to form internal toilet
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No objection

3/14/0653/FP/SD	38 The Drive	Two storey and single storey front extension and single storey side extension
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Objection – Over development of the site.

3/14/0646/LB/JS	Shire Hall 15 Fore Street	Erection of angled flag pole to hang union jack flag to front (east) Elevation above main entrance
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No objection

3/14/0590/FP/HI	Junction of Mill Road/Mead Lane	Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of the site to provide 107 residential units. 100 sqm of retail floorspace, provision of a link road between Mill Road and Mead Lane and passenger interchange, associated car parking, landscaping and ground works.
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The Council has a policy of not supporting any development in the Mill Road/Mead Lane area until such time as much improved road traffic access is arranged for the area. Nevertheless the Council was happy with the design of the development but continued to have grave reservations regarding the impact, not on Elder Court, but on the Victorian terraced row of 1-13 Mead Lane. The Council has many times in the past fought for the integrity of these homes and the impact of the current proposal on that

one area is so serious that the Council wishes to register an objection to the application. The lack of car parking facility would exacerbate the parking issues in the wider neighbourhood.

Councillor Ruffles declared that any views expressed about applications were on the evidence before him so far, and at this meeting. He reserved the right to speak on additional evidence, which may be presented to him subsequently as a District Councillor.

487. DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY AND EAST HERTS COUNCILS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The decision notices from East Herts Council be noted.

488. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

489. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. Rush Green Roundabout – traffic issues caused by overflow from petrol station and McDonalds. County Cllr Andrew Stevenson to attend the meeting on Monday 12 May. The Committee provided Cllr Stevenson with their views and preferences for improvements, for his forthcoming meeting with highways officers.

Meeting closed at 7pm