

MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2010 IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor N Wilson, in the Chair
Councillors, M McCormick, R Radford, P Ruffles

IN ATTENDANCE: Tricia Carpenter (minutes)
2 members of the Public

139. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Brenda Haddock (previous engagement) Mrs D Hone (previous engagement), and D Poole (Family Commitment).

140. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P Ruffles	Personal	Planning Application 3/10/1496/FP	Member of the Friends of St Leonards
Cllrs P Ruffles, R Radford and N Wilson	Personal	Planning Application 3/10/1474/AD	Party political colleagues of the applicant.
Cllr R Radford	Personal	Planning Application 3/10/1495/FP	Friend of the applicant.

141. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2010 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and the Chairman authorised to sign the same.

142. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None

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

None.

144. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

3/10/1456/FP	10 Villiers Street	Rear dormer window with Juliet balcony, 3no rooflights to front roof slope and single storey
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		rear extension
No objection, although the Committee expressed a slight concern regarding the installation of velux windows in the Conservation Area.		
3/10/1490/FP	Tooke House, 20 Bull Plain	Proposed conversion of upper floors to create 3no self contained residential apartments
No specific observations		
3/10/1491/LB	Tooke House 20 Bull Plain	Proposed conversion of upper floors to create 3no self contained residential apartments
The Committee hoped that any feature of the interior which could compromise the integrity of the building would not be removed.		
3/10/1495/FP	Westmill Farm, Westmill Road	Fifteen caravan pitches with associated parking, extension to access road and construction of toilet and shower building
The Committee wished to ensure that both Ware Town Council and Bengoe Rural Parish Council had been consulted on this application.		
3/10/1442/LB	22 West Street	Removal of thin screed to rear section of cellar floor, line cellar walls with cavity drained membrane damp proofing, finishing with plasterboard and skim. Lay cavity membrane damp proofing to floor of cellar. Install new electronic points and lighting
The Committee recognised the importance of the Wealdon structure and wished to ensure that the treatment was carried out carefully using correct scientific practises.		
3/10/1496/FP	St Leonard's Church, Bengoe	Extension to existing Church to provide lavatory and disabled lavatory facilities. Ancillary footpath and drainage works
No further comments		
3/10/1474/AD	17 Old Cross	Illuminated fascia sign
The Committee remained uneasy at the principle of LED halo illuminated signage in the Old Cross area and would prefer to see externally illuminated signage.		
3/10/1501/AD	Boots the Chemist, 17 Bircherley Green	3no part internally illuminated fascia signs
No objection		
3/10/1510/FP	2 Shepherds Court, Bengoe	Two storey side and signal storey rear extensions. New pitched roof to existing rear extension.
No objection		

Councillors R A K Radford and P A Ruffles 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.

145. DECISION NOTICES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

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

146. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Appeal Notification

The following notification of appeal to be determined by the written representation procedure was noted:

3/10/0678/FP	Change of use of amenity land to residential garden with 1.85m boundary fence and raised decking area – retrospective 9 Links Avenue
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It was **RESOLVED** that:

The appeal be noted.

b. East Herts Core Strategy Consultation

The Committee had received a letter from Brian Thomsett, East Herts Council offering the Council an opportunity for him to facilitate a question and answer with up to five town council representatives on the Core Strategy Consultation during working hours. The Committee was of the opinion that those members who worked in London should be given the opportunity to attend and therefore requested that Cllr Carver be approached to ascertain whether he would be in a position to facilitate an evening session.

147. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Proposal to divert public footpath No 94. Agenda 20th September 2010
East Herts Core Strategy Consultation – Agenda 1 November 2010.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.