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## MINUTES

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall, 61 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2FE**

Present: Councillors

P.	Barlow	(Chairman)
J.C.	Coleman	(Vice Chairman)
E.	Adelaja	
L.	Headley	
J.	Martin	
R.	Ramage	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
S.	Smith	(PA to the Council)

One member of the public was present.

#### **187. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Sloma, J.M. Coleman and T. Hewitt. Councillor E. Williams was absent.

**RESOLVED** That the apologies be received and approved.

#### **188. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **189. INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

#### **190. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The member of public present did not wish to speak.

**191. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Planning Officer explained that the District Council's Planning Committee would be considering application 23/01840/ADV – Land at Conrad Road, Witham – the retention of 18 flags, flag poles and three signs on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. This Committee had recommended no objection subject to the flags and signs being removed once the last house was sold so no representations were required.

She explained that the following our notification to object to the proposed stopping up of the highway at the Victoria Public House, the Department of Transport had put us in touch with the applicant's agent to discuss our concerns. This approach was to avoid the need and expense of a public inquiry. The Chairman had taken photographs of the location showing the problems in relation to visibility, which is the only objection that the Department of Transport had deemed valid, and a full report will be written. The Chairman said that there could be an opportunity to compromise to allow for better visibility.

She reminded Members of the 20s Plenty Zoom meeting on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

**RESOLVED** That the information be received and noted.

**192. PART 1 APPLICATIONS**

There were no part 1 applications.

**193. PART 2 APPLICATIONS**

**23/03058/HH**

**Beau Manor, Guithavon Valley, Witham**

Demolition of an existing greenhouse and the construction of an outbuilding consisting of a cart lodge, garage and gardener's store.

Members considered that the scale of the building would impact on the Grade II Listed Building.

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL** In line with policy LPP36 c as the scale of the building would impact on the Grade II Listed Building.

**23/03059/LBC**

**Beau Manor, Guithavon Valley, Witham**

Demolition of an existing greenhouse and the construction of an outbuilding consisting of a cart lodge, garage and gardener's store.

Members were unsure as to whether the proposed materials were appropriate.

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL** In line with policy LPP36 c as the scale of the building would impact on the Grade II Listed Building.

**23/02990/HH**

**5 Witham Lodge, Witham**

Proposed 2 storey rear extension, ground floor extension and porch to front elevation, rendered finish to all facades and resurfacing of drive from loose gravel to block paving. Replacement roof and alteration to pool building

**NO OBJECTION**

**23/03067/FUL**

**Sports Ground, Stevens Road, Witham**

Creation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with perimeter fencing, acoustic fencing, hardstanding areas, storage container, floodlights and an access footpath

Members commented that there were existing problems with parking on a match day, steps should be taken to try and secure additional parking for players and spectators. Members recognised the problems that the existing pitch caused with bad language, light spillage and insecure fencing.

**NO OBJECTION** in principle but Members asked that steps be taken to secure additional parking on match days, that existing fencing be repaired and strengthened, and that any potential adverse effects from the existing floodlights be mitigated.

**24/00044/HH**

**36 Avenue Road, Witham**

Proposed front porch

Members were reminded that this Committee had recommended no objection to a previous, similar, application subject to the Listed Buildings Officer being satisfied with the design and materials to be used.

**NO OBJECTION** subject to the Listed Buildings Officer being satisfied with the design and materials to be used.

**24/00066/TPO**

**23 Collingwood Road, Witham**

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO – 18/76, T3 – Removal of diseased tree (malus)

The Tree Warden had made a site visit and could find no sign of disease. He therefore suggested that the application be refused on the grounds that was no evidence of decline and no proposal to replace the tree.

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL** on the grounds that there was no evidence of decline and no proposal to replace the tree, subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

**194. REVISED PLANS**

There were no revised plans.

195. **DECISIONS**

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

**RESOLVED** That the decisions be received and noted.

196. **A12 BOREHAM TO MARKS TEY WIDENING SCHEME**

Members were informed that the Secretary of State had granted a development consent order to allow the A12 widening scheme to progress.

**RESOLVED** That the information be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Councillor P. Barlow  
Chairman

GK/SS/23.1.2024