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AGENDA

Meeting of: **Planning & Transport Committee**

Date: **Monday, 7th July 2025** Time: **6.45 p.m.**

Place: **Town Hall, 61 Newland Street, Witham, Essex**

Members are hereby summoned to attend the above Meeting to transact the following business. Members are respectfully reminded that each item on the Agenda should be carefully examined. If you have any interest, it must be duly declared.

To be present: Councillors -

J.	Robertson	(Chairman)	L.	Headley
J.C.	Coleman	(Vice Chairman)	R.	Playle
E.	Adelaja		R.	Ramage
P.	Barlow		A.	Sloma
J.M.	Coleman		E.	Williams

Nikki Smith
Town Clerk
GK/2.7.2025

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held 23rd June 2025 (previously circulated).

3. **INTERESTS**

To receive any declarations of interests that Members may wish to give notice of on matters pertaining to any item on this Agenda.

4. QUESTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the press and public will be invited to address the Meeting.

Order Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is designated for public participation time with no individual speaker exceeding three minutes unless otherwise granted an extension by the Chairman under Standing Order 3(F) & 3(G)

5. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

To receive a verbal report from the Planning Officer on any matters arising from previous Meeting.

6. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

To approve officer 'no objection' recommendations for applications listed under [Part 1](#) without debate. *Applications may be moved to Part 2 where Members are in disagreement with recommendations by giving 24 hours' notice to the Planning Officer.*

7. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

To consider applications in [Part 2](#).

8. REVISED PLANS

To consider any revised plans received by Braintree District Council that have previously been commented upon.

9. DECISIONS

To receive and note decisions on planning applications pertaining to Witham which have been received from Braintree District Council ([attached](#) at page 8).

10. TACKLING SPEEDING IN WITHAM/20s PLENTY

To receive a verbal report.

11. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TRANSPORT MEETING

To receive the notes from the June Transport Meeting and the Presentation (previously circulated).

12. PROPOSED ROADWORKS IN WITHAM

To receive an update on proposed roadworks during the summer months.

PART 1
APPLICATIONS WITH OFFICER ‘NO OBJECTION’
RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED “EN BLOC” WITHOUT
DEBATE.

Applications Received:

The following applications have been made to the District Council for planning permission under the Town & Country Planning Acts and referred to the Town Council as a statutory consultee. Copies of the applications and accompanying plans may be seen at the Planning Department Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree or online at www.braintree.gov.uk

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APPLICATION_NO	ADDRESS	WARD	PROPOSAL
25/01388/HH	92 Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex	West	Proposed driveway with permeable surface, including vehicle crossover, retaining wall, EV charging point & dropped kerb

PART 2 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS' DEBATE

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25/01374/HH	29 Ebenezer Close, Witham, Essex	North	Proposed single storey rear/side and front extension, external render, insertion of 4No. rooflights and alterations to fenestration
25/01413/HH	6 Orchards, Witham, Essex	Central	Proposed extension to existing first floor balcony
25/01301/LBC	The Battersford Court , 100 Newland Street, Witham	Central	Installation of upgraded Wi-Fi infrastructure

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 25/01374/HH

Address:- 29 Ebenezer Close, Witham, Essex

Ward:- North

Proposal:- Proposed single storey rear/side and front extension, external render, insertion of 4No. rooflights and alterations to fenestration

Relevant Site History:-

Representations:-

Summary:- The application is to extend to the side of the property incorporating an existing brick built structure and to the rear of the property by 2.5m. The front of the side extension will have the existing door removed and a larger window incorporated to allow for emergency access. It is proposed to render this area.

Recommendation:- Ebenezer Close has an eclectic mix of houses. There would in my opinion be no objection to the extension itself with the exception of the proposed render on the front wall. All the houses on Ebenezer are brick and this would therefore affect the street scene. Would therefore suggest no objection subject to the proposed render being made brickwork.

Policy References:- LPP38b - materials should be compatible with the original dwelling & LPP36e - no unacceptable impact on the identity of the street scene.

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 25/01413/HH

Address:- 6 Orchards, Witham, Essex

Ward:- Central

Proposal:- Proposed extension to existing first floor balcony

Relevant Site History:- 24/02601/HH - discussed on 7th January and recommended for refusal on the grounds of over-development of site and potential for adverse impact on neighbourhood amenities

Representations:-

Summary:- The proposal is to create a balcony over an approved rear extension which is apparently under construction. The balcony or roof terrace would measure 2.5m in depth across the whole width. There will be opaque glazing to either side of the balcony at a height of 1.8m to prevent the possibility of overlooking.

Recommendation:- This application just deals with the aspect of a balcony or roof terrace over part of the ground floor extension. The proposed roof terrace has been scaled back from the previous application and there is less likelihood of neighbours being over looked. Would therefore recommend no objection.

Policy References:-

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 25/01301/LBC

Address:- The Battesford Court , 100 Newland Street, Witham

Ward:- Central

Proposal:- Installation of upgraded Wi-Fi infrastructure

Relevant Site History:-

Representations:-

Summary:- The proposal is to upgrade the existing wifi infrastructure. There is a 66 page report detailing all the proposed work. Where possible, cabling will be in roof voids and entries into the building will be via existing points.

Recommendation:- Battesford Court is a Grade 11 listed building. The proposed works are to upgrade technology in the building. I would recommend no objection subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer.

Policy References:-

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Application & Address	Proposal	BDC Decision	WTC Decision	Agenda Item 9
25/00957/HH - 6 Whiteways Court Witham Essex CM8 2EP	Proposed single storey rear extension	Application Permitted	No objection	
24/02739/FUL - Waste Transfer Depot Bellcroft Witham Essex	Retention of 1No. warehouse for storage and weighing of recyclable materials. Ancillary works include amended site drainage.	Application Refused	No objection subject to solar panels being installed on the building	

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