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MINUTES

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 6th September 2021**

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

Present: Councillors

J.	Goodman	(Chairman)
P.	Barlow	<i>Arrived 7:20pm</i>
S.	Hicks	
M.	Lager	
J.	Sheehy	(Town Clerk)
N.	Smith	(Deputy Town Clerk)
S.	Smith	(P.A to the Council)

95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from C. Jay, A. Kilmartin and C. Lager who had previous engagements, Councillor S. Rajeev who was unwell and Councillor K. Atwill due to travel abroad.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and accepted.

96. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Applications and Transport Committee held 23rd August 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

97. INTERESTS

Councillor Lager declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 100, as a neighbour of Littlefields, 41 Chipping Hill, Witham.

98. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the press or public were present.

99. CLERK’S REPORT

There was no additional information for the Clerk to report.

100. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

21/02492/FUL

29 Newlands Precinct, Witham

Installation of an air conditioning unit with secure cage to rear elevation

NO OBJECTION

21/02469/HH

16 Millbridge Road, Witham

Two Storey and Single Storey Rear Extension

Moved on notice to part 2

21/02571/HH

Littlefields, 41 Chipping Hill, Witham

Replacement storm porch and repairs to exterior render

NO OBJECTION

101. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

21/02469/HH

16 Millbridge Road, Witham

Two Storey and Single Storey Rear Extension

Members were mindful of the impact on the architectural integrity of the house and discussed how the addition to the existing rear extension might impact upon the neighbouring amenity although on balance agreed to offer no objection.

NO OBJECTION

21/02038/FUL

AKA Restaurant, 47 Newland Street, Witham

Change of use of public house accommodation at first floor to 1 x 2 bed residential apartment.

Members discussed the proposed amendments from the previous application and whether this new application offered sufficient mitigation.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that the exterior amenity proposals remain substandard. If this application was to be granted by the Local Planning Authority Witham Town Council request that a condition be attached stating that ownership and occupancy of the apartment should reside with the owners of 47 Newland Street.

21/02439/FUL

Mill Lane Stores, Mill Lane, Witham

Demolition of an existing single-storey retail unit and construction of a new two-storey building comprising retail space on the ground floor and 1 x 1 bedroom apartment on the first floor.

Members discussed concerns regarding flooding and use of UPVC within the Conservation Area.

NO OBJECTION subject to the following conditions- that materials used are commensurate for a building within the Conservation Area, that the shared driveway is put back into good repair and that advice is taken from the Historic Buildings Officer regarding flood protection.

21/02522/HH

Mortimer Cottage, Lockram Lane, Witham

Erection of single-storey attached garage and two-storey extension to front of property.

Members noted that the property was sheltered from public view however it was still situated within the Conservation Area.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that there should be no further UPVC used at the property.

Relevant Planning Policies LPP56 Conservation Areas

21/02568/T56

Land Adjacent Hatfield Road, Witham

Installation of 15m high Phase 8 Monopole, 4 No cabinets at ground-level and ancillary works.

Members noted that although the height had been reduced by 3m the proposals submitted are unaltered from a previous application.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL on the grounds that no mitigations have been made to camouflage the pole so that it blends in with the surrounding area. It was suggested that the applicant should negotiate a more suitable site and seek expert advice as to the maximum height required.

21/02573/HH

Ruskins, Lawn Chase, Witham

Installation of a Garden Annexe to provide ancillary accommodation.

NO OBJECTION subject to the following conditions - that there is no separate occupancy from the main dwelling and that all materials used are suitable for a house within the Conservation Area.

102. REVISED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

21/01518/VAR

Witham Railway Station Upgrade

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 17/02227/FUL granted 28/10/2019 for: Refurbishment of Albert Road Station entrance and new associated station building on eastern side of track, together with upgraded

parking bays in the forecourt and improved cycle storage facilities. Variation would allow:- a new layout to reflect the increase of cycle storage.

Members noted that the variation provided extra cycle storage space and agreed this to be a welcome upgrade.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

103. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

104. STREETNAMING

Members were asked to agree seven suitable street names for the new development off Conrad Road.

RESOLVED that this item be held in abeyance until the next meeting of the Planning Applications and Transport Committee when more members would be present.

105. BLACKTHORN ROAD

The Clerk gave a report regarding the problems with spring water in Blackthorn Road. It was noted that the Essex County Councillor for Witham South had been informed and was making enquiries on behalf of residents

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

Councillor P Barlow entered the meeting at 7:20pm

106. GIMSONS REVIEW GROUP

The Minutes from the Gimsons Review Group Meeting held 19th August 2021 were received.

RESOLVED That the Minutes be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.25 p.m.

Councillor J. Goodman
Chairman

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