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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 10th July 2023**

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

Present: Councillors

P.	Barlow	(Chairman)
J.C.	Coleman	(Vice Chairman)
E.	Adelaja	
J.M.	Coleman	
L.	Headley	Arrived 6.50pm
J.	Martin	
A.	Sloma	
E.	Williams	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
S.	Shannon	(PA to the Council)

And one member of the public.

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Ramage.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and approved.

38. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 26th June 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

39. INTERESTS

Councillor J. Coleman declared a non-pecuniary interest in regards to Minute 46 – National Grid, Norwich to Tilbury, due to a potential work conflict.

40. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The member present did not wish to comment.

41. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer explained to Members that Councillor Heath had complained to Essex County Council about the overgrown verges along Hatfield Road from Gershwin Boulevard to Maltings Lane, and that he encouraged South and Hatfield Ward Members to submit complaints also.

The Planning Officer explained that several Members of the Committee had been enrolled into an 'Introduction to Planning' zoom course and it may be beneficial for other members to consider attending as well. This course was designed to give an overview of the planning process, how to constructively comment on applications as a consultee and consideration of case studies as practical examples. If anyone would like to enrol, they should contact the P.A.

RESOLVED That the report be received and noted.

42. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

23/01409/LBC

28 Home Bridge Court, Hatfield Road, Witham

Retention of new front door

NO OBJECTION

23/01464/HH

32 Benton Close, Witham, Essex

Proposed first floor side and rear extension

NO OBJECTION

43. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

23/01361/VAR

49 Braintree Road, Witham, Essex

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of approved application 18/00011/FUL granted 27/05/2019 for: Redevelopment of the site to provide 8 one-bedroom flats and 2 two-bedroom flats (10 units total) incorporating the remodelling of the existing building to provide a three-storey building with associated landscaping, parking. Variation would allow: Drawing No: 17.2960/P204 revision G to Revision H - 49 Braintree Road, Witham, Essex.

Members raised several concerns regarding the potential overdevelopment of the plot and the lack of amenities on site. However, it was agreed that the prime location could offset these potential problems.

NO OBJECTION Subject to the variations complying with Building Regulations.

23/01293/FUL

Mill Lane Stores, Mill Lane, Witham

Demolition of single storey retail unit and proposed 1 No. 2 bedroom dwelling.

NO OBJECTION Subject to the advice of the Historic Buildings Officer.

23/01441/FUL

11 The Grove Centre, Newland Street, Witham

Insertion of 2No. windows to side elevation

NO OBJECTION

23/01406/HH

8 Bradshaw Gardens, Witham, Essex

Change of use of garage to residential annexe.

It was noted that the plans were not detailed nor the annexe obviously connected to the main dwelling.

NO OBJECTION Subject to the annexe being designated as ancillary to the main dwelling, in accordance with policy LPP36h.

23/01547/FUL

Esso Doe Motors Ltd, Colchester Rd, Witham

Single storey side extension.

NO OBJECTION

23/01354/HH

76 Maldon Road, Witham, Essex

Enlargement of dwelling through the provision of additional storey and proposed two storey rear extension.

NO OBJECTION Subject to no representations being made by neighbours.

23/01483/HH

16 Foxden, Rivenhall End, Witham

Proposed one and a half storey outbuilding with carport.

Members decided it would not be appropriate to comment on this application as it was outside Witham's boundary.

44. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

45. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

46. NATIONAL GRID NORWICH – TILBURY CONSULTATION

Information regarding the National Grid Consultation was received.

Councillor Jack Coleman declared a non-pecuniary interest, due to a potential work conflict.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

47. STREET TRADING APPLICATION – 23/01511/STR

An application for street trading was received.

Members commented that they could see no issue with the proposal.

RESOLVED The information be received and noted.

48. PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

Information regarding the proposed base station upgrade at Hugh Baird & Sons Ltd, Station Maltings, Station Road, Witham was received.

RESOLVED The information be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.15p.m.

Councillor P. Barlow
Chairman

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