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AGENDA

Meeting of: Planning & Transport Committee

Date: Monday, 10th July 2023 Time: 6.30 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 remionded that each item on the Agenda should be carefully examined. If you have any interest, it must be duly declared.

To be present:

Councillors:

Ρ. Barlow (Chairman) J.C. Coleman (Vice Chairman) J. Martin E. Adelaja R. Ramage J.M. Coleman A. Sloma L. Headley E. Williams

Nikki Smith

Town Clerk 4th July 2023

1. APOLOGIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held 26th June 2023 (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 <u>Part 1</u> 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).

10. NATIONAL GRID NORWICH - TILBURY CONSULTATION

To receive the information (attached).

11. STREET TRADING APPLICATION - 23/01511/STR

To consider Street Trading Application - 23/01511/STR, details attached.

12. PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

To consider the proposed base station upgrade at Hugh Baird & Sons Ltd, Station Maltings, Station Road, Witham, CM8 2DU (NGR: 582201, 215235). Details attached.



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 23/01409/LBC	ADDRESS 28 Home Bridge Court, Hatfield Road, Witham	WARD Hatfield	PROPOSAL Retention of new front door
23/01464/HH	32 Benton Close, Witham, Essex	South	Proposed first floor side and rear extension



PART 2 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS' DEBATE

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APPLICATION NO	ADDRESS	WARD	PROPOSAL
23/01361/VAR	49 Braintree Road, Witham, Essex	North	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
23/01293/FUL	Mill Lane Stores , Mill Lane, Witham	Central	Demolition of single storey retail unit and proposed 1 No. 2 bedroom dwelling
23/01441/FUL	11 The Grove Centre, Newland Street, Witham	Central	Insertion of 2No. windows to side elevation
23/01406/HH	8 Bradshaw Gardens, Witham, Essex	South	Change of use of garage to residential annexe
23/01547/FUL	Esso Doe Motors Ltd , Colchester Rd, Witham	Central	Single storey side extension
23/01354/НН	76 Maldon Road, Witham, Essex	Central	Enlargement of dwelling through the provision of additional storey and proposed two storey rear extension
23/01483/HH	16 Foxden, Rivenhall End, Witham	North	Proposed one and a half storey outbuilding with carport

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Relevant Site History:- 18/00011/FUL - Application Permitted, Witham Town Council considered the above application on 28th May 2019 and raises no objection subject to a condition that the work be started within two years

Representations:- National Highways, Essex Police and Anglian Water.

Summary:- The reasons for the change to the elevations & plans are as follows:

- The submitted plans and elevations did not comply with the Building Regulation Part B (Fire Safety)
- The stair did not provide the adequate smoke ventilation to the common parts of the building in the event of fire.
- The escape distances were too great.
- There was no protected common lobby at each level as is required by Building Regulations Part B.
- There were no fire rated doors to the staircase as is required by Building Regulations Part B.
- The bin store, located within the common parts of the flats were on an unprotected escape route without a separating lobby contrary to the Building Regulations Part B.
- The bike store was in an alcove off the common stair with no separating fire resisting doors.
- Some flats are well above the National Space Standards and others were well in excess of the standard.
- Rationalise the loadbearing elements to ensure that walls are supported on structure below (note, external wall to lower terrace in above a garage opening without adequate support.

Recommendation:- Although Witham Town Council previously recommended no objection, members did request that the works be started within two years, therefore it is up to members whether they would like to retain their original decision.

Policy References:-



Address:- Mill Lane Stores , Mill Lane, Witham
Ward:- Central
Proposal:- Demolition of single storey retail unit and proposed 1 No. 2 bedroom dwelling
Relevant Site History:- 21/02439/FUL- 9th May 2022 - Demolition of an existing single-storey retail unit and construction of a new two-storey building comprising retail space on the ground floor and 1×1 bedroom apartment on the first floor.
Representations:- Essex fire & rescue
Summary:- The current scheme proposes to demolish the building within the area of ownership of Borno Chemist, in the Conservation Area, and to construct a single dwelling, comprising two bedrooms on the first floor and a lounge/dining and kitchen at ground floor. A garden is proposed at the rear of the property, with a single parking space. The material palette is similar to that of the neighbouring residential properties, featuring facing brickwork and decorative cast stone lintels and cills for the two storey portion of the building. The single storey part of the building has contrasting weatherboarding to soften the appearance of the building and to retain a subtle reference to the existing structure. Recommendation:- Overall, the mass of the building is smaller than the previously approved proposal that Witham Town Council raised no objection to with several caveats, and does not impose on the neighbouring properties. The garden at the rear also introduces more green space and potential for planting. The single parking space at the rear is proposed, in a permeable material to allow drainage. Therefore the officer recommendation would be to raise no objection, subject to the advice of the Historic Buildings Officer. Policy References:-
Tolley References.



Application No:- 23/01293/FUL

Application No:- 23/01441/FUL		
Address:- 11 The Grove Centre, Newland Street, Witham		
Ward:- Central		
Proposal:- Insertion of 2No. windows to side elevation		
Relevant Site History:- Simultainous 'Prior Approval - Change of Use Application' to allow for the conversion to flats		
Representations:-		
Summary:- Insertion of two windows to flat 2 on the northern-easterly elevation		
Recommendation:- Recommend no objection, subject to there being no representations being made by neighbours.		
Policy References:-		



Application No:- 23/01406/HH Address:- 8 Bradshaw Gardens, Witham, Essex Ward:- South **Proposal:-** Change of use of garage to residential annexe Relevant Site History:- L23/00102/UBW3 | Unauthorised works enquiry Representations:- Two objection comment from neighbours Summary:- This proposal is to convert an existing garage on the property into a residential annexe with a bathroom. Recommendation:- From the current proposed plans it is impossible to tell whether the annexe would be in line with policy LPP 36 h. As a result of this, and the two objection comments from neighbours, the officer recommendation would be to recommend refusal until more detailed plans are available. Policy References:- LPP36 h



Application No:- 23/01547/FUL
Address:- Esso Doe Motors Ltd , Colchester Rd, Witham
Ward:- Central
Proposal:- Single storey side extension
Relevant Site History:- 99/01276/FUL Status: Application Permitted
Representations:-
Summary:- The proposed extension looks to extend the shop floor and add a toilet, a kitchen prep room, and a staff room all with associated storage, and an additional large storage space.
Recommendation:- Recommend no objection.
Policy References:-



Application No:- 23/01354/HH Address:- 76 Maldon Road, Witham, Essex Ward:- Central **Proposal:-** Enlargement of dwelling through the provision of additional storey and proposed two storey rear extension **Relevant Site History:-**Representations:-Summary:- The extension and enlargement of the property would allow for the bedrooms to be moved upstairs, abd for that space to be used for a larger kitchen and family room, a reception space and a utility room. Recommendation:- The proposal would result in the dwelling being considerably larger than the orginal, with an extension that would not be subordinate. Therefore, would recommend refusal in line with policy LPP 36. Policy References:- LPP36



Address:- 16 Foxden, Rivenhall End, Witham		
Ward:- North		
Proposal:- Proposed one and a half storey outbuilding with carport		
Relevant Site History:- 21/01203/HH Application Permitted		
Representations:-		
Summary: - The proposed outbuilding would allow for a large garden room with a hot tub and BBQ/ bar area, a sauna room, and a carport.		
Recommendation: - Recommend no objection, subject to there being no representations being made by neighbours.		
Policy References:-		

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Application No:- 23/01483/HH



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Application & Address	Proposal	BDC Decision	WTC Decision
23/01178/TPO 1 Nicholas Court Collingwood Road Witham Essex CM8 2EF	1 Nicholas Court Collingwood Road Witham Essex CM8 2EF	Application Permitted	Raised no objection subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer
23/01093/TPO Lime Tree Place Collingwood Road Witham Essex	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - 9/75 and 26/90 Carry out works to TPO trees as detailed in the application	Part Granted Part Refused	Raised no objection subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer
23/01061/TPO 25 Windsor Close Witham Essex CM8 1GH	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 19a/02 -Complete removal of the tree.	Application Refused	Recommended refusal on the grounds of loss of amenity to the local area and subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer. Members asked that if the application is considered by the Planning Committee that a Town Councillor attends the Meeting to give our representations.
23/00984/HH Chase House Moat Farm Chase Chipping Hill Witham Essex CM8 2JU	Proposed garden room	Application Permitted	Raised no objection.
23/00894/LBC Croft House 10 Bridge Street Witham Essex CM8 1BT	Install a log burner and black metal flue, new liner to chimney.	Application Permitted	Raised no objection subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer.
23/01002/HH 1 Spinks Lane Witham Essex CM8 1EP	Single-storey side extension	Application Permitted	Raised no objection.
22/01955/HH 27 Powers Hall End Witham Essex CM8 2HE	Two storey side and rear extension with integral garage	Application Refused	Raised no objection.
23/01121/HH 2 The Paddocks Witham Essex CM8 2DR	Proposed first floor side extension and single storey rear extension	Application Refused	Raised no objection.



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National Grid is inviting local communities to comment on the latest proposals for a new electricity reinforcement needed between Norwich and Tilbury.

Our proposals include building new overhead lines and associated pylons and underground cables between existing substations in Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury, along with a new substation in Tendring to connect to new offshore wind generation and interconnection.

To find out more about our proposals, please join us at one of our public consultation events, where members of the project team will be available to talk through our proposals and answer any questions.

Date and time	Venue
Thursday 6 July 2-7pm	The Brentwood Centre, Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood, CM15 9NN
Friday 7 July 2-7pm	Diss Youth & Community Centre, Shelfanger Road, Diss, IP22 4EH
Saturday 8 July 11am-4pm	Lawford Venture Centre 2000, Bromley Road, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2JE
Monday 10 July 1-6pm	Tibenham Community Hall, Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham Pristow Green, Norwich NR16 1PX
Tuesday 11 July 11am-4pm	Blackbourne Community Centre, 71 Blackbourne Road, Elmswell, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 9UH
Wednesday 12 July 2-7pm	Chelmsford City Racecourse, Chelmsford, CM3 1QP

Date and time	Venue
Thursday 13 July 2-7pm	Langham Community Centre, School Road, Langham, Colchester, CO4 5PA
Monday 17 July 2-7pm	The Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU
Tuesday 18 July 1-6pm	Tasburgh Village Hall, Grove Lane, Tasburgh, NR15 1LR
Wednesday 19 July 2-7pm	Copdock and Washbrook Village Hall, Old London Road, Copdock, IP8 3JN
Thursday 20 July 2-7pm	Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham, CM8 2DY
Friday 21 July 2-7pm	Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road Basildon, SS14 3GR

We want to hear the views of local people. Knowing what matters to you, matters to us.

To find out more about our latest proposals you can:



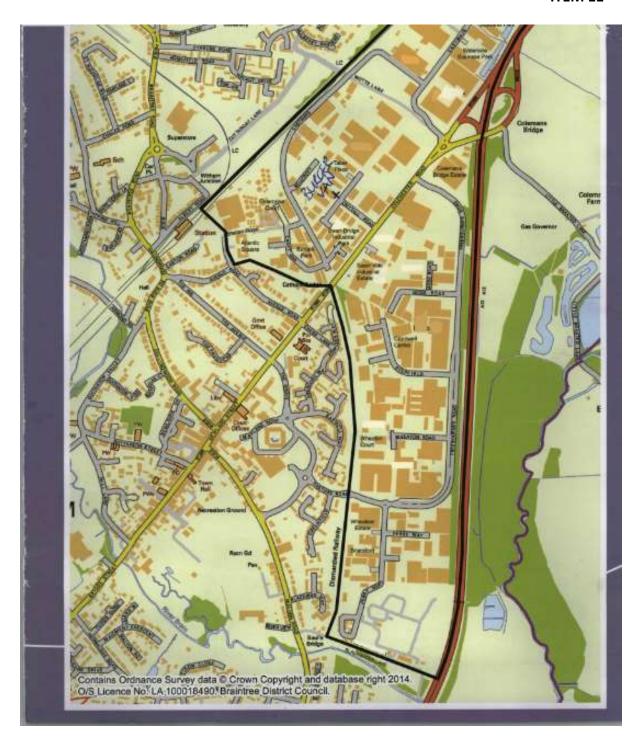
Visit our website: www.nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury
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Our ref: PG/CTIL_107492 27

Clerk Nikki Smith Witham Town Council Town Hall 61 Newland Street Witham Essex CM8 2FE Waldon Telecom Ltd Rosemount House Rosemount Avenue West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6LB

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

BY EMAIL

Dear Clerk Nikki Smith.

PROPOSED BASE STATION UPGRADE AT CTIL_107492 27, HUGH BAIRD & SONS LTD, STATION MALTINGS, STATION ROAD, WITHAM, CM8 2DU (NGR: 582201, 215235)

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone have identified this site as suitable for an equipment upgrade for VMO2 (trading as O2).

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before proceeding with the works. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone and VMO2 are committed to consultation with communities for mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of VMO2's network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station upgrade at this location to improve 3G, 4G and provide new 5G network coverage in the local area.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones, and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

In the first instance, all correspondence should be directed to the agent.

Cornerstone Planning Consultation Letter to Councillors - Reg 5 V.3 – 15/04/2021

Registered Address:

Classification: Unrestricted

Cornerstone Telecommunications, Infrastructure Limited, Hive 2, 1530 Arlington Business Park, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 4SA. Registered in England & Wales No. 08087551. VAT No. GB142 8555 06 Please find below the details of the proposed site: -

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- CTIL_107492 27, Hugh Baird & Sons Ltd
- To improve 3G, 4G and provide new 5G network coverage for VMO2 in the local area.

We consider the best solution is as follows:

- Hugh Baird & Sons Ltd, Station Maltings, Station Road, Witham, CM8 2DU (NGR: 582201, 215235)
- The proposed development comprises of the removal and replacement of 6no. existing antennas with 6no. new antennas, the installation of 1no. 300mm dish, internal cabinet works and ancillary works thereto.
- This option has been chosen as it utilises an existing installation which will improve coverage with minimal changes to the equipment, reducing the visual impact on the surrounding area as far as technically possible.

The Local Planning Authority mast register and the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Cornerstone installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (quoting cell number CTIL_107492 27)

Yours faithfully,

Peter Greer

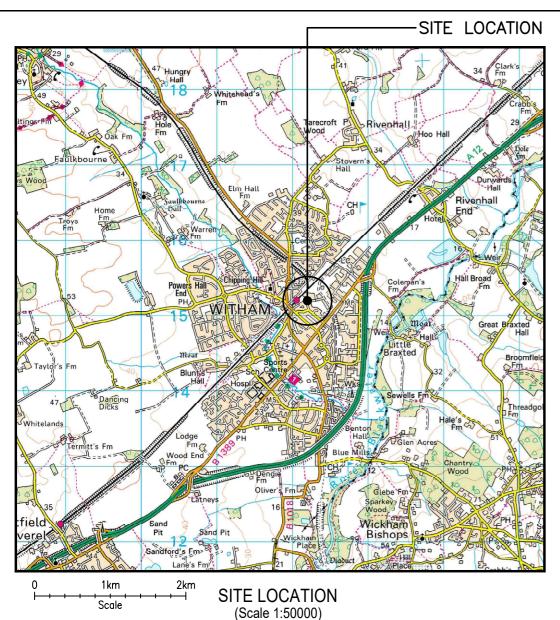
Waldon Telecom Ltd.

(for and on behalf of Cornerstone)

Email: Peter.Greer@waldontelecom.com

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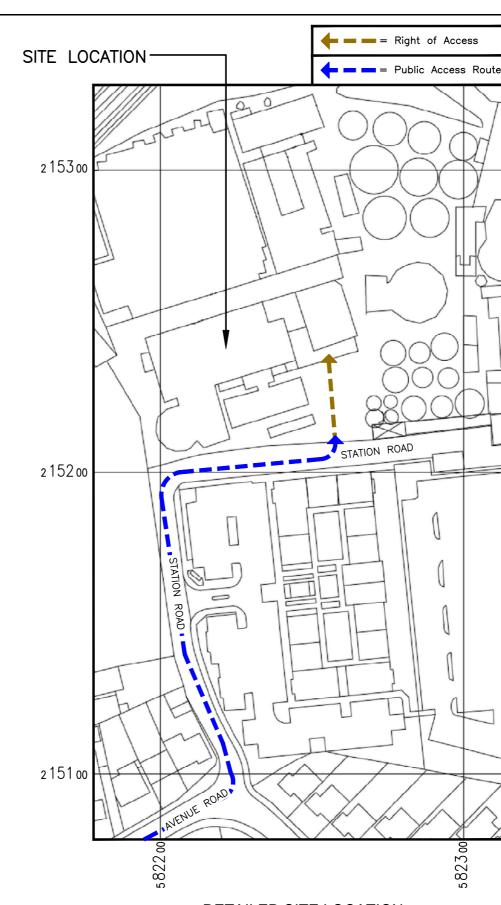


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SITE PHOTOGRAPH

These drawings comply with VMO2 <u>Standard</u> ICNIRP guidelines, Designed in accordance with Cornerstone documents: SDN0008 Rev 5.1



DETAILED SITE LOCATION

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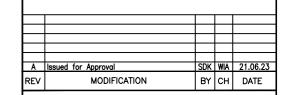
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N.G.R E: 582201 N: 215235

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A120, CONTINUE ONTO A120, AT GALLEYS COR,
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ROUNDABOUT, TAKE THE 2ND EXIT ONTO
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B1018, AT THE ROUNDABOUT, TAKE THE 1ST EXIT
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NOTES:







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Site Address / Contact Details

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