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AGENDA

Meeting of: **Planning & Transport Committee**

Date: **Tuesday, 19th March 2024** 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 reminded that each item on the Agenda should be carefully examined. If you have any interest, it must be duly declared.

To be present:

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

Nikki Smith
Town Clerk

GK/13.3.2024

1. APOLOGIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held 5th March 2024 (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. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION: ON-STREET ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

To receive a report ([attached](#) at page 9).

11. TACKLING SPEEDING IN WITHAM

To receive an update on the issue of speeding in Witham and to receive a report from the Chairman regarding the 20s Plenty Campaign ([attached](#) at page 11).

12. NOTICE OF APPEAL – 23/00995/FUL - LAND REAR OF 95 NEWLAND STREET, WITHAM

To receive details of an appeal against the District Council's decision to refuse the above application and to consider whether to write in support of the applicant as the Town Council recommended no objection as Witham is in need of flats in the town centre ([attached](#) at page 12).

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
24/00434/HH	26 Highfields Road, Witham, Essex	West	Single storey side and rear extension

PART 2 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS' DEBATE

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24/00404/HH	43 Collingwood Road, Witham, Essex	Central	Replacement windows
24/00504/HH	54A Church Street, Witham, Essex	North	Single storey rear extension, raising of existing flat roof by 250mm , re-construction of existing brick wall facing Public Footpath, additional roof light and new boiler flue
24/00505/LBC	54A Church Street, Witham, Essex	North	Single storey rear extension, raising of existing flat roof by 250mm , re-construction of existing brick wall facing Public Footpath, additional roof light and new boiler flue

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 24/00404/HH

Address:- 43 Collingwood Road, Witham, Essex

Ward:- Central

Proposal:- Replacement windows

Relevant Site History:-

Representations:-

Summary:- This is a semi detached property. The proposal is to install triple glazed windows to match existing and the neighbouring property.

Recommendation:- This property is in the Conservation Area. The proposal is for UPVC framed windows to be installed. This is not a Listed Building and the proposal would not affect any Listed Building so would suggest no objection.

Policy References:-

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 24/00504/HH

Address:- 54A Church Street, Witham, Essex

Ward:- North

Proposal:- Single storey rear extension, raising of existing flat roof by 250mm, re-construction of existing brick wall facing Public Footpath, additional roof light and new boiler flue

Relevant Site History:- 22/02490/HH and 22/02491/LBC - Application permitted. WTC raised no objections subject to the Listed Buildings Officer being satisfied and materials to match existing.

Representations:-

Summary:- This is the corner house in Church Street and Chalks Road. It is a Grade II Listed Building in a Conservation Area. The proposal is to 'square-off' the existing utility and WC to create a wider utility and a bathroom. The application is similar to a previous one two years ago but now permission is sought to reconstruct an existing brick wall.

Recommendation:- Would recommend no objection

Policy References:-

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Recommendation:- Would recommend no objection subject to the Listed Building Officer being satisfied with the design and materials.

Policy References:-

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Application & Address	Proposal	BDC Decision	WTC Decision	Agenda Item 9
24/00044/HH 36 Avenue Road Witham Essex CM8 2DP	Proposed front porch	Application Refused	Raised no objection subject to the Listed Buildings Officer being satisfied with the design and materials to be used	
23/02368/FUL Land Between Eustace Court And 34 Blunts Hall Road Witham Essex	Proposed infill development to provide 1 No. detached and 2 No. semi-detached properties.	Application Permitted	Raised no objection	

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ITEM NO: 10

Officer Report: Essex County Council: On Street Electrical Charging Points

Issue:

This matter was discussed at the last Meeting on 5th March 2024 at Minute 231 and deferred to allow for a more detailed response.

Councillor J.C. Coleman has been carrying out a lot of investigation into this matter and created a map showing charging points both in public car parks and at supermarkets as well as opportunities for on street charging points using lamp columns.

Witham has an eclectic mix of housing and different solutions will be required to install on street electrical charging points.

Terraced housing with no off street parking –

This would be areas such as Newland Street in the town centre. Where would residents park overnight? Permit parking at Mill Lane or Newlands Drive? Braintree District Council charge for parking even when charging electric vehicles which does not encourage use of the charging points. A suggestion has been made that fast charging using the lamp columns in Newland Street could be an option whilst motorists use the one hour free parking bays. But how could you solve the issue of on-street parking for the terraced cottages opposite Avenue Road with double yellow lines in front of them?

Another area to consider would be Braintree Road. Some houses do have the opportunity to park in their front gardens but others do not. One side of the road is residents' parking permit. There are lamp columns but they are set well back from the kerb. This could be an ideal place to have 'hub' charging (see below for details).

Other terraced housing is built in a court system such as Calamint Road. There is no designated parking for each property in the parking courts. Perhaps a solution to this would be to use lamp columns in Calamint Road itself. This is away from the housing and would therefore avoid any territorial conflict with neighbours who would wish to park in a particular bay near their home.

Templars Estate, such as Conrad Road has housing well set back from the kerb. There could be an opportunity here to use lamp columns as charging points. Housing leads off from Conrad Road via pedestrian footpaths. Roads leading off have garages and small parking courts but in addition there is a lot of on-street parking. The garages appear not to have electricity and there are few lamp columns. Electricity supply could be a problem but either bollards or hub charging could be an option.

Walnut Drive has grass verges and few lamp columns so bollards on the road rather than directly outside houses might be a good option.

Homefield Road, at Crossing Road end, has only on-street parking and complicated with commuter parking restrictions.

The Allectus Way estate, in Godric Road has court parking at the back of housing. Allectus Way has both parking and garages behind housing but there could be an opportunity for electric charging in the road itself. In parts, lamp columns appear to be on the opposite side of the road to the houses so it might be necessary to have bollard charging installed.

Edinburgh Close, off Elizabeth Avenue, has wide grass verges and only one lamp column at the far end where there is some off-street parking. Bollard parking would be necessary. Elizabeth Avenue by the flats has parking bays and provision of bollard parking could be applied.

Maltings Lane estate was cited as a problem because of the narrow roads. Malting Lane itself has a lot of off-street parking. Bungalows have lay bays but one without a near-by lamp column but another with.

Solutions

There is a system called Trojan Hub. Photos will be included in the presentation. This is a flat and flush charger which sits level with the pavement so as not to cause a hazard. Customers have a portable lance which connects the hub to their car. The hub is installed as close as possible to the roadside edge so as not to cause obstruction during charging.

Existing lamp columns can also be used for charging. Where there are no columns, bollards could be installed.

There is a government scheme to encourage companies to install charging points - Work Place Charging Scheme.

Residents will often come to an agreement to allow a neighbour without charging facilities to charge their vehicle. This has now become subject to an App whereby you can rent a charging point on someone's drive. The money for charging goes directly to the owner. Perhaps something for residents by the station to consider?

This report should be read in conjunction with Minute 231 of Planning and Transport Committee Meeting held 5th March 2024.

Advice:

To consider the report and decide whether any other examples of roads/areas could be included.

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Agenda Item 11

1. Do we know our neighbouring parish council views? Dengie Hundred [about half of Maldon PCs] already work together. We could also extend to BALC!
2. Publicise our intentions
3. Tom Cunningham and Peter Schweir [DCllrs] are also influential at ECC [Highways and Climate Change] and should be supportive of 20mph Zones
4. Engagement with schools - not just speed reductions but air quality improvements! Apparently significant vehicle emissions reductions at 20mph vs. 30mph.
5. They will circulate 10 top FAQs
6. PFC Commissioner is v supportive - mention was made of his and Chief Con's speech at EALC AGM

Mention was also made that Kevin Bentley's county division had substantial mileage of 20mph limits in Rowhedge!!

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Our ref: 24/00018/NONDET
Your Ref:
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Ask for: ADMIN
Date: 08.03.2024



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Essex CM7 9HB

Tel: 01376 552525
Email: appeals@braintree.gov.uk

Witham Town Council
Town Clerk's Office
61 Newland Street
Witham
Essex
CM8 2FE

Dear Sir/Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address: Land Rear Of 95 Newland Street Newland Street
Witham Essex
Description of Development: Erection of 6no. 1-bedroom flats in a two-storey
building, with associated parking (8no. parking spaces),
amenity areas, and landscaping.
Planning Application Ref: 23/00995/FUL
Appellant's Name: Mr Mackay
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/Z1510/W/23/3334698
Appeal Start Date: 1 March 2024

I refer to the above details. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State following Braintree District Council's refusal of the above application/s.

The appeal will be determined at **written representations**. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009, as amended.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Team East 3
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
BS1 6PN

All representations must be received by 5 April 2024 and sent directly to the Planning Inspectorate. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered

and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. **All representations must quote the appeal reference, APP/Z1510/W/23/3334698.**

Please note that any representations you submit to the Planning Inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and this local planning authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The appeal documents are available for inspection online at www.braintree.gov.uk/pa. Once online, click the **Appeals** button and then search for the reference number at the very top of this letter. If you do not have access to the internet you can visit the Council's office at Causeway House, Braintree or libraries at Halstead or Witham to view the details online. Please note, no paper copies of the application are available to view at the Council's office or libraries.

For further information on the appeals process, you can get a copy of one of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" booklets free of charge from GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-or-enforcement-appeal>.

When made, the decision will be published online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.

Yours faithfully

ADMIN
For Planning Development Manager

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