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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Tuesday, 5th September 2023**

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

Present: Councillors

P.	Barlow	(Chairman)
E.	Adelaja	
J.M.	Coleman	Arrived 6:35pm
L.	Headley	Arrived 6:35pm
T.	Hewitt	
J.	Martin	
R.	Ramage	
A.	Sloma	
G.	Kennedy	(Planning Officer)
S.	Smith	(PA to the Council)

One member of the public was also present.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.C. Coleman and E. Williams.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and approved.

89. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 21st August 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

90. INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

91. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The member of the public raised concerns over the part 2 application, 23/02095/TPOCON, regarding 9 Old Magistrates Court, Witham. He found it unacceptable that people purchased these properties and expected to be able to remove perfectly healthy trees that were there first.

92. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer explained that they had nothing to update members on.

93. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

There were no Part 1 applications.

94. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

23/01621/FUL

St Georges Nursing Home, 18 -20 Avenue Road, Witham
Proposed link extension

NO OBJECTION

23/01887/HH

9 Home Bridge Court, Hatfield Road, Witham
Change front door to timber door and frame

Councillors Coleman and Headley arrived at the meeting.

NO OBJECTION

23/01888/LBC

9 Home Bridge Court, Hatfield Road, Witham
Change front door to timber door and frame

NO OBJECTION Subject to the Listed Buildings Officer being satisfied with the proposed style and materials.

23/02095/TPOCON

9 Old Magistrates Court, Witham
Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – Removal of tree

Members were advised that later in the Meeting details of a provisional Tree Preservation Order for the trees at the Old Magistrates Court would be received.

The Tree Warden had made a site visit and recommended that this application should be recommended for refusal on the grounds that the tree was subject to a Tree Preservation Order. He advised that the tree could be crown lifted with the lower branches being removed.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL as the tree is now subject to a tree preservation order and could be managed; subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

23/01840/ADV

Land at Conrad Road, Witham

Retention of 18 no. flags on 6m flagpoles, 2 no. stack signs, 1 no. leaderboard sign

NO OBJECTION Subject to these flagpoles and signs being removed once the last property has been sold.

23/02050/HH

36 Avenue Road, Witham

Proposed front porch

NO OBJECTION Subject to the Listed Buildings Officer being satisfied with the design and materials to be used.

95. REVISED PLANS

23/01555/FUL

Phase 4 Land North East of Rectory Lane, Witham

Enabling infrastructure for the NE Witham Phase 4 development (approved under 20/02060/OUT), including: a priority junction and revised site access off Rickstones Road; section of spine road restricted to bus, taxi and motorcycle use only; sustainable drainage system; landscaping; and, all associated development

Members agreed that the original decision to offer no objections subject to major concerns over the proposed design for the junction with Rickstones Road which will have limited access and egress by buses, taxis and motorcycles should stand.

NO OBJECTION Although major concerns were raised regarding the proposed access and egress onto Rickstones Road.

96. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

97. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 07/2023/TPO – OLD MAGISTRATES COURT

A provisional Tree Preservation Order for the Old Magistrates Court was received.

Members were informed that the order would remain in force until six months from 23rd August 2023 or until the date on which it is confirmed.

Members welcomed the preservation order.

RESOLVED That the order be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 6.55p.m.

Councillor P. Barlow
Chairman
GK/SS/6.9.2023