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## MINUTES

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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

Present: Councillors

P.	Barlow	(Chairman)
J.C.	Coleman	(Vice Chairman)
E.	Adelaja	
L.	Headley	Arrived 18:35pm
T.	Hewitt	
J.	Martin	
R.	Ramage	
H.	Andrews	(Deputy Town Clerk)
S.	Smith	(PA to the Council)

And one member of the public.

#### **120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.M. Coleman, A. Sloma and E. Williams.

**RESOLVED** That the apologies be received and approved.

#### **121. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 of the Planning and Transport Committee held be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **122. INTERESTS**

Councillor J. Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in regards to application 23/02346/HH, 2 The Paddocks, as she knew the applicant's neighbour.

**123. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The member of the public present spoke in regards to the planning appeal for 17 Joslin Avenue, Witham, to request the Planning Committee withdraw the refusal recommendation previously made on the application, as this was their application.

He informed members that he believed the decision was in contradiction to previous decisions made on other applications. He explained that the extension was needed to enable their dining room to be ‘fit for purpose’ for changes in their personal circumstances.

He explained that any requests for withdrawal would need to be made to the Planning Inspectorate by 3 November 2023.

**124. PLANNING OFFICER’S REPORT**

The Planning Officer informed Members that they had received two series of email correspondence from members of the public. One that was discussed by the member of the public in the previous item.

It was noted that this decision was made by Members in the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023, regarding the erection of a single storey rear/side extension at 17 Joslin Avenue, Witham, CM8 1YU.

Members discussed this matter extensively; they sympathised with the residents’ circumstances, however recognised that the decision was made on appropriate planning grounds in the first instance.

Members reviewed the application and agreed the original decision made by the committee was correct, and there were no apparent planning grounds on which this could be overturned. However, the Planning Officer would undertake some further research but she did note that a rescission motion would first require 8 signatures and would then need to be agreed by a meeting of the full Council if there were appropriate grounds. It was therefore probable that this process couldn't be completed by 3rd November.

The second series of emails received disputed the decision that was made by Members in the Planning and Transport Committee meeting held 2nd October 2023, regarding the proposed 5G pole on the Verge at Spa Road. The Planning Officer referred the resident to the Planning Chair who had already exchanged further emails with the resident.

**125. PART 1 APPLICATIONS**

**22/02450/HH**

**31 Juniper Crescent, Witham, Essex**

Single storey rear extension.

**NO OBJECTION**

**126. PART 2 APPLICATIONS**

**23/02346/HH**

**2 The Paddocks, Witham, Essex**

Proposed part two storey, part single storey rear extension.

Councillor J. Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest as she knew the applicant’s neighbour.

**NO OBJECTION**

**23/02468/TPOCON**

**26 Collingwood Road, Witham, Essex**

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area.

**NO OBJECTION** Subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

**127. REVISED PLANS**

There were no revised plans.

**128. DECISIONS**

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

**RESOLVED** That the decisions be received and noted.

**129. NOISE ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION – STANSTED AIRPORT**

An email was received regarding the noise action plan consultation.

**RESOLVED** That the information be received and noted.

**130. RE-CONSULTATION ON APPLICATION 23/00707/FUL – LAND NORTH OF CONRAD ROAD**

Details regarding the re-consultation on application 23/00707/FUL were received.

**RESOLVED** That the information be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:20p.m.

Councillor P. Barlow  
Chairman

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