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## AGENDA

Meeting of: **Planning & Transport Committee**

Date: **Tuesday, 7th April 2026** Time: **6.00 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: Councillors -

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

Nikki Smith  
Town Clerk  
GK/27.3.2026

**1. APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Transport Committee held 23rd March 2026 (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. BRIDGE OVER THE A12 (SOUTH)**

A representative from National Highways will be attending the Meeting to give an update on the bridge over the A12 which is controlled by traffic lights.

**6. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT**

To receive a verbal report from the Planning Officer on any matters arising from previous Meeting.

**7. 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.*

**8. PART 2 APPLICATIONS**

To consider applications in [Part 2](#).

**9. REVISED PLANS**

To consider any revised plans received by Braintree District Council that have previously been commented upon

**10. DECISIONS**

To receive and note decisions on planning applications pertaining to Witham which have been received from Braintree District Council ([attached](#) at page 9).

**11. TACKLING SPEEDING IN WITHAM/20s PLENTY**

To receive data at the Meeting from the Speed Indicator Device.

**12. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

To further consider a response to the local Plan Review (report previously circulated).

**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](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, representations cannot be treated in confidence. Witham Town Council is not responsible for issuing planning decisions.

APPLICATION_NO	ADDRESS	WARD	PROPOSAL
26/00647/HH	7 Chalks Road, Witham, Essex	North	Part two storey/part single storey rear extension & single storey front extension

## PART 2 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS' DEBATE

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26/00486/FUL	6 Blunts Hall Road, Witham, Essex	West	Proposed self build dwelling
26/00584/FUL	Verge Adjacent 2, Spinks Lane, Witham	Hatfield	Construction of a micro energy storage facility
26/00667/TPO	30 Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex	West	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - 7a/80
26/00671/TPO	13 The Paddocks, Witham, Essex	Central	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - 6/74 - T1

## Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

**Application No:-** 26/00486/FUL

**Address:-** 6 Blunts Hall Road, Witham, Essex

**Ward:-** West

**Proposal:-** Proposed self build dwelling

**Relevant Site History:-**

**Representations:-**

**Summary:-** The proposal is to build a house in the garden of an already extended house. The site is on the high level of Blunts Hall Road and will be a triangular plot. The house will measure 9.1m from front to back and 7.6m across. The downstairs will have an open plan living area and a downstairs cloak room with two bedrooms and bathroom upstairs.

**Recommendation:-** Members will see from the plans that the proposed dwelling would be over-development of the plot and close to boundaries. Would therefore recommend refusal on those grounds.

**Policy References:-** LPP36 a states there should be no over-development of the plot when taking into account the footprint of the existing dwelling and the relationship to plot

## Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

**Application No:-** 26/00584/FUL

**Address:-** Verge Adjacent 2, Spinks Lane, Witham

**Ward:-** Hatfield

**Proposal:-** Construction of a micro energy storage facility

**Relevant Site History:-**

**Representations:-** There has been one comment from the Witham Community Education Centre relating to the Battery Box not obstructing the sight lines for its illuminated sign and asking about its position close to the hedge for maintenance purposes of the verge.

**Summary:-** The proposed 'battery box' will store low carbon, flexible and decentralised electricity. The battery box imports electricity when demand for electricity is low or there is high level of renewable energy available and then exports locally into the grid when required. The battery box will be the size of two parking spaces.

**Recommendation:-** Would suggest, subject to agreement with the Education Centre regarding siting of the box, that no objection be offered.

**Policy References:-**

## Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

**Application No:-** 26/00667/TPO

**Address:-** 30 Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex

**Ward:-** West

**Proposal:-** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - 7a/80

**Relevant Site History:-**

**Representations:-**

**Summary:-** T1 - Beech - Sectional dismantle to leave a standing stem at approximately 3-4m from ground level for habitat purposes. It has numerous fungal fruiting bodies located on its stem and branch frame work, indicating compromise to structural integrity. As the tree is in close proximity to the adjacent main road, it poses a safety concern for the public. The tree has previously dropped a significant sized limb due to internal decay. T2 - Horse chestnut - Sectional dismantle to leave a high stump at approximately 1.5-2.5m from ground level for habitat purposes. Appears to be almost completely dead. Located next to the overhead power line and road, dismantling the stem to a high stump would prevent future risk of failure while still retaining valuable habitat.

**Recommendation:-** These trees are diseased and in the case of the horse chestnut apparently dying. The Tree Warden has been asked to comment but would suspect no objection subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer.

**Policy References:-**

## Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

**Application No:-** 26/00671/TPO

**Address:-** 13 The Paddocks, Witham, Essex

**Ward:-** Central

**Proposal:-** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - 6/74 - T1

**Relevant Site History:-**

**Representations:-**

**Summary:-** Horse Chestnut -Removal of tree. Reason-It has developed bleeding canker disease, multiple cavities varying in size from approx 6 inches to 2ft in width, some cavities are incredibly deep (over a metre in depth) . The applicant states that it poses a hazard to infrastructure (houses and an adjacent bowls club) and to life as it is situated between 2 gardens and a bowls club which is frequently used.

**Recommendation:-** This tree is diseased. I have asked the Tree Warden for confirmation that we would offer no objections subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer and a suitable replacement tree being planted.

**Policy References:-**

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Application & Address	Proposal	BDC Decision	WTC Decision
26/00231/TPO - 3 Hollybank Witham Essex	Application to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 6/76 - A1- Fell T1 conifer.	Application Permitted	No Objection
26/00217/TPO - 10 Hollybank Witham Essex CM8 1UX	Application to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order: 2 No. Yew trees - reduce by 1.4 metres Reason: to tidy 2 No. Lime trees - to fell and replace with smaller ornamental cherry/pear or similar, Reason: there is a lot of epicormic growth and quite large next to the bungalow	Application Permitted	No Objection to the reduction on the Yew Trees but recommended refusal on the felling of the limes, but agreed to the removal of the epicormic growth around the base of the trees along with trimming of the top back to the previous points.
26/00220/TPO - Stepstart Nursery 59 Newland Street Witham Essex CM8 2AJ	Application to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order: 56/2000- T1 1 No. Yew Tree - lateral reduction of 2.5 metres, a height reduction of 1.5 metres, reducing both areas to suitable growth points	Application Permitted	No Objection
26/00021/FUL - Waste Transfer Depot Bellcroft Witham Essex	Retention of 1No. warehouse for storage and weighing of recyclable materials. Ancillary works include amended site drainage.	Application Permitted	No Objection

Application & Address	Proposal	BDC Decision	WTC Decision
26/00133/HH - 16 Gimson Close Witham Essex CM8 2ER	Single storey rear and side extension, removal of chimney and alterations to front garden to create off street car parking	Application Permitted	No Objection
26/00184/HH - 39 Pennyroyal Crescent Witham Essex CM8 2YN	Two storey rear extension.	Application Permitted	No Objection
26/00111/HH - 43 Collingwood Road Witham Essex CM8 2DZ	Proposed single-storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration.	Application Permitted	No Objection

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