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MINUTES

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Date: **Monday, 2nd October 2023**

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

Present: Councillors

P.	Barlow	(Chairman)
E.	Adelaja	
J.M.	Coleman	
L.	Headley	
T.	Hewitt	
J.	Martin	
R.	Ramage	
A.	Sloma	
E.	Williams	
N.	Smith	(Town Clerk)
S.	Smith	(PA to the Council)

And one member of the public.

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J.C. Coleman. Councillor E. Williams was absent.

RESOLVED That the apologies be received and approved.

110. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee held 18th September 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

111. INTERESTS

Councillor J. Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications 23/02237/TPO, as she knew the applicant, and 23/02349/HH, as she knew the neighbouring property owner.

112. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public present wished to speak.

113. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Officer explained that she had by chance met the Essex County Council Officers responsible for the Bus Consultation considered at Minute 102 at the last Meeting. They had assured her that there would be a full merger of the two services so that no bus stops would be affected.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

114. PART 1 APPLICATIONS

23/02197/HH

59 Flemming Way, Witham

Proposed single storey rear extension.

NO OBJECTION

115. PART 2 APPLICATIONS

23/02102/HH

Barnardistan House, 35 Chipping Hill, Witham

Proposed detached garage. Installation of new fireplace within drawing room. Alterations to landscaping to include the removal of decking, extension to existing terrace and pergola.

NO OBJECTION

23/02103/LBC

Barnardistan House, 35 Chipping Hill, Witham

Proposed detached garage. Installation of new fireplace within drawing room. Alterations to landscaping to include the removal of decking, extension to existing terrace and pergola.

NO OBJECTION Subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer.

23/02289/T56

Verge at Spa Road, Witham

The proposed installation of a 15m 5G street pole and additional equipment cabinets.

NO OBJECTION Subject to the design being sympathetic to the area.

23/02237/TPO

Tudor Close, Witham

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO – 1/2018. Ash tree overhanging the property of 4 Tudor Close – 1 metre cut back from the boundary line to appropriate growth points.

Councillor J. Martin declared an interest at this application, as she knew the applicant.

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

23/02249/HDG

Colemans Farm Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End

Notice of intent to remove a hedgerow – remove 10m of hedgerow to establish a new road.

Members commented that the removal of additional hedgerow would result in the further destruction of habitats for local wildlife.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL in line with Local Plan Policy LPP71.

23/02212/FUL

1 Freebournes Road, Witham

Erection of first floor external mezzanine on eastern side elevation, adjacent to first floor staff room.

NO OBJECTION In line with policies, Policy SP1 Presumption in favour of sustainable development, Policy SP 5 Employment, and Policy SP7 Place Shaping Principles.

23/02349/HH

38 Claudius Way, Witham

Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor side extension.

Councillor J. Martin declared an interest at this application, as she knew the neighbouring property owner.

Members commented that this would be a large extension in relation to the original property and therefore, would be an over development of the site.

The Essex Design Guide recommends a garden size of 100sqm for a three-bedroom property, and this proposal would reduce the garden size to 30 sqm.

RECOMMEND REFUSAL In line with Local Plan Policy LPP36 and the Essex Design Guide.

116. REVISED PLANS

There were no revised plans.

117. DECISIONS

The decisions on Planning Applications pertaining to Witham were received.

RESOLVED That the decisions be received and noted.

118. CYCLING DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

The Minutes from the Cycling Development Working Group were received.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Cycling Development Working Group be received.

119. HATFIELD PEVEREL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION

An email was received explaining that Hatfield Peverel had submitted an updated plan to the District Council.

RESOLVED That the information be received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:03p.m.

Councillor P. Barlow
Chairman

SS/3.10.2023