

PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER of the TOWN HALL on **Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present

Councillors: Cllrs Coote, Eastham, K Eden. S Eden, Fairhurst, Freeman and Gadd

Officers: C. Fiddy Saffron Walden Town Council

P & RT 673-19	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Shah
P & RT 674-19	Declarations of Interest Cllrs Fairhurst and Freeman declared generic non-pecuniary interests as UDC Councillors.
P & RT 675-19	Public Speaking Time No members of the public spoke
P & RT 676-19	Minutes of the Planning and Road Traffic meeting on 13th December 2018, at 7.30pm The minutes were agreed and signed.
HIGHWAYS	
P & RT 677-19	Traffic Regulation Orders Committee noted a) the intended closure of King Street, due to commence on 23rd January 2019 for 1 day. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while new water connections works are carried out b) the intended Road Closure of Radwinter Road, due to commence on 17th January 2019 for 2 nights between 1900-0600 hours. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Anglian Water undertakes works to repair manhole cover in carriageway. c) The Essex County Council (B1052, Linton to Saffron Walden) (Temporary Amendment to 18 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2019 Further to a notice: Under section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which commenced on 1 January 2019. Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Effect of the order: To temporarily amend the existing 18 Tonne environmental weight restriction on B1052 Linton to Saffron Walden in the District of Uttlesford as detailed below: To insert the following exemption: 3 (g) vehicles

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	<p>being used to access and egress Carver Barracks. 'The Essex County Council (B1052, Linton to Saffron Walden) (18 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2009' is hereby temporarily amended by inserting the above exemption thereby allowing vehicles of 18 tonnes or over to travel on the B1052 from its junction with Ashdon Road and Church Street, north, to a point approximately 300 metres south of its junction with A1307, a distance of approximately 8050 metres to access and egress Carver Barracks. The temporary amendment is scheduled to commence on 6 January 2019 or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting, and is required to allow abnormal weight vehicles to access and egress Carver Barracks for the delivery of various military equipment. The Order will come into effect on 6 January 2019 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the order is made permanent, whichever is the earlier.</p>
P & RT 678-19	<p>Bus consultation</p> <p>Committee noted the Essex County council bus consultation</p>
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P & RT 679-19	<p>Section 106 Contributions</p> <p>Committee agreed to move this item to the end of the meeting.</p>
P & RT 680-19	<p>Friends School – Heritage England</p> <p>Committee noted that the Town Council has submitted an appeal against the Heritage England decision not to list the buildings on the Friends School site.</p>
P & RT 681-19	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>The following planning applications were considered and responses agreed:</p>
A	<p>UTT/18/2820/FUL Proposed erection of 14 dwellings comprising of 7 no. one bed flats, 3 no. 2 bed flats, 2 no. three bed houses and 2 no. 4 bed houses for market sale including associated external works. Land at Thaxted Road.</p> <p>Cllrs Fairhurst and Freeman left the room. Cllr Gadd took the Chair</p> <p>It was resolved to object to this application as proposed on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Application does not meet UDC's own requirements for affordable housing; (b) The scheme lacks green space; (c) The footpath access track (just outside the development but included in site map) is not suitable for wheelchair users; and (d) Change of use from retail employment land to residential. <p>And that objection would be withdrawn subject to the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provision of 40% or more affordable housing as per UDC obligations;

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	<p>(b) Parking to be located at the front of the building and amenity greenspace (for example a community garden square) to be located at the centre of the development</p> <p>(c) The footpath access track be resurfaced/paved as a planning obligation to ensure that it is accessible to all users.</p> <p>Cllrs Fairhurst and Freeman returned to the room.</p>
B	<p>UTT/18/3182/HHF Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and erection of a single storey side extension. Woodlark House, 1C Birdbush Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Fairhurst declared a pecuniary interest in property near to this item and did not comment during this item.</p> <p>It was Resolved to object on the grounds of overdevelopment and loss of garden.</p>
C	<p>UTT/18/3319/HHF Demolition of existing single storey side and rear extension and construction of new two-storey side and rear extension. 43 Beeches Close.</p> <p>Noted with no objections.</p>
	<p>Cllrs Fairhurst and Freeman left the room for the following two items. Cllr Gadd took the Chair</p>
D	<p>UTT/18/3399/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 7no. residential units – former Walden Dairy, 135 Thaxted Road, CB11 3BJ.</p> <p>Noted with no objections</p>
I	<p>UTT/18/3407/FUL Demolition of one single storey building consisting of seven residential units ‘2-8 Primes Close’. Construction of three new buildings consisting of 15 new residential units in total. Associated landscaping surrounding the new buildings, including: improved public footpath through site; four additional parking spaces; cycle parking for eighteen bicycles. King Edward VI Almshouses, Abbey Lane.</p> <p>Noted with no objections</p>
	<p>Cllrs Fairhurst and Freeman returned to the room.</p>
E & F	<p>UTT/18/3421/LB and UTT/18/3422/FUL Repair and rebuild section of boundary wall. Saffron Walden Museum.</p> <p>Cllr K Eden declared a non-pecuniary interest as a director of the museum.</p> <p>Noted with no objections subject to approval by conservation officer</p>
G	<p>UTT/18/3451/HHF Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion. 3 Little Walden Road.</p> <p>It was resolved to object on grounds of:</p> <p>(a) Loss of off-road parking; and</p>

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	(b) Possible of impact on street scene of velux windows in conservation area.
H	UTT/18/3495/HHF Two storey rear and single storey side extension. 31 Harvey Way. Noted with no objections.
	* application submitted by a member or officer of Saffron Walden Town Council
P & RT 682-19	Urgent Information Items There were no urgent information items.
P & RT 683-19	Section 106 Contributions Cllrs Fairhurst and Freeman left the room. Cllr Gadd took the Chair Committee considered UDC's approach to obtaining section 106 planning obligations which currently do not result in measures which adequately mitigate the impact of development in the town, specifically but not exclusively with regard to community contributions. It was resolved that the Mayor would write a formal letter of complaint to the leader of the district council. Cllrs Fairhurst and Freeman returned to the room.
P & RT 684-19	Date and time of Next Meetings Planning & Road Traffic Committee meeting on Thursday 24 th January 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.