

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 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present

Councillors: Cllrs Gadd, Hawke-Smith, Porch and Roberts

Officers: Chloë Fiddy

P & RT 073-19	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Coote, Freeman, and McLellan.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd took the chair.</p>
P & RT 074-19	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllrs Gadd declared the following interests: Non-pecuniary in items 7b and 7h (the applicants are known to him and he is a member of the Fry Art Gallery) Pecuniary in item 7i (is the applicant)</p> <p>Cllr Hawke-Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7h as a member of the Fry Art Gallery.</p>
P & RT 075-19	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.</p>
P & RT 076-19	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>No members of the public attended.</p>
P & RT 077-19	<p>Cycle Parking at Audley End Station</p> <p>Cllr Gadd gave Committee the background information on the correspondence that he has had with Abellio over the previous three years regarding the insufficient cycle parking facilities at Audley End Station.</p> <p>Abellio have acknowledged that at peak periods there are now more cycles at the station than racks. Signage around the station states that bicycles chained up at the station that are not in racks will be removed, so either more racks are needed or as a minimum interim measure the signage needs to change.</p> <p>In correspondence with Cllr Gadd, Abellio has stated that bicycles chained up elsewhere around the station grounds would not in practice be removed, however Cllr Gadd pointed out that until the signage is removed, law abiding citizens would not have</p>

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	<p>the confidence to store them elsewhere. Abellio have said that they would look at removing the signs or modifying them but have consistently failed to do so.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd explained that under the terms of their franchise agreement, Abellio is obliged to install an additional 100 racks by 31/12/2020. The additional provision has been confused by Abellio linking the installation of cycle racks with installing additional car parking. A recent planning application to extend the car park for both cars and bicycles was refused. Cllr Gadd has consistently argued with Abellio that the additional cycle parking is completely separate from car-parking and should be treated by Abellio as a separate planning matter, as it is not linked to vehicular parking under the franchise agreement. He is concerned that Abellio might use it as a reason not to install the additional cycle racks in accordance with their franchise obligations.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd proposed to the committee, and it was Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Clerk would write an official letter on behalf of the Town council to the Abellio head office on this matter; and, if necessary • The Town Council would refer the matter to the Office of Rail and Road. • <u>It was further Resolved</u> that the Town Council should issue a press release so that the public are aware of the situation, and the fact that bikes can be parked at the station even if the racks are full.
HIGHWAYS	
P & RT 078-19	<p>Temporary Traffic Regulation Order</p> <p>Committee noted the closure of Thaxted Road on 9th September for 2 days.</p>
PLANNING	
P & RT 079-19	<p>Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:</p>
A	<p>UTT/19/1975/HHF Erection of single storey rear extension with mono pitched roof and 3 no. Velux skylights. Please note: This Planning Application is superseding the previous planning application which was for a side extension. 12 Usterdale Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2DF</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
B	<p>UTT/19/1948/FUL Remove existing single storey recent extension and replace with new two storey extension to provide additional B1(a) office space. 2 Church Street Saffron Walden CB10 1JW</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
C	<p>UTT/19/1885/FUL Change of use of premises from a gym (D2) to a dental/orthodontic surgery (D1) with small extension to ground floor 48A High Street Saffron Walden CB10 1EE</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>

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D	<p>UTT/19/1880/HHF Rebuild of single storey rear extension 5 Eastby Close Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3BT</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
E	<p>UTT/19/2085/FUL Application to vary condition 3 on UTT/19/1122/HHF all external joinery must be painted timber varied to painted softwood with steel casements. 5 Audley Road Saffron Walden CB11 3HW</p> <p>This application was decided before the committee meeting so was not considered.</p>
F	<p>UTT/19/2075/HHF Single story side extension. 4 Westfields Saffron Walden CB11 3DZ</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
G	<p>UTT/19/2077/NMA Non Material Amendment to UTT/16/2701/DFO - removal of render to Plots 40 and 41 Commercial Centre Ashdon Road Saffron Walden CB10 2NQ</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
H	<p>UTT/19/1995/FUL Improvements to the Fry Art Gallery involving demolition of non-historic elements and erection of single storey extensions Fry Art Gallery 19A Castle Street Saffron Walden CB10 1BD</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
	<p>Cllr Gadd left the room and Cllr Porch took the Chair.</p>
I	<p>UTT/19/1935/FUL Erection of 1 no. dwelling (revised scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/15/3388/FUL in order to add solar panels to the western elevation) Land Adjacent To Linden Lodge London Road Saffron Walden Essex</p> <p>Noted no objections.</p>
	<p>Cllr Gadd was recalled to the room and took the Chair.</p>
J	<p>UTT/19/2162/HHF Erection of first floor rear extension 26 De Vigier Avenue Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2BN</p> <p>Committee noted the possibility that this extension may have an overbearing aspect on neighbouring properties.</p>
L	<p>UTT/19/2139/FUL Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling (Revised scheme to that approved under UTT/18/2354/FUL) The Vines Windmill Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1RR</p>

	Noted no objections
M	UTT/19/2113/FUL Change of use from A1 (hairdressing salon) to D2 (personal training gym). 22 South Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3DL Noted no objections
N	UTT/19/2068/FUL Erection of steel canopy to part front elevation of main warehouse. St Andrews House Shire Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3AQ Noted no objections
O	UTT/19/1564/FUL Section 73A Retrospective application for the installation of a television aerial Hill House 75 High Street Saffron Walden CB10 1AA Noted no objections
8	Urgent Information Items Committee received a verbal update on the Saffron Walden planning applications that are scheduled for consideration at the UDC planning committee on Wednesday 18 th September
9	Date and time of Next Meeting Thursday 26 th September 2019, 7.30pm Council Chamber, Town Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.