

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

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall on
THURSDAY 23rd September 2021 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Cllrs Gadd, Hawke-Smith (Chair), Porch, and Roberts

Officers: Georgia Arnold, Office Administrator and Committee Clerk

Members of the public: None

P&T 169-21	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs De Vries, Gregory, Freeman and McLellan
P&T 170-21	Declarations of Interest Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council.
P&T 172-21	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
P&T 173-21	Public speaking time There were no public speakers.
HIGHWAYS	
P&T 174-21	Cllr Gadd updated committee on the following: Debden Road: Has now been resurfaced. However, part of it will not be due to the weak bridge, between the entrance of West Road and Station Road. Also, Essex Highways have confirmed that since resurfacing the traffic lights have reverted back to their default setting and they should return to the original setting within a few weeks. Thaxted Road: Is being resurfaced up to Harris Yard. Audley Road/ East Street: Is also being resurfaced. Cromwell Road: Temporary works on the potholes should be carried out soon and full resurfacing will be carried out in 2022/23 but scheduling is to be confirmed.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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	<p>LHP Cycle Schemes</p> <p>Cllr Gadd explained that he and Georgia Arnold walked through the potential schemes with engineers from Essex Highways. In order for the schemes to be validated and checked via the LHP process applications need to be made now so that they're included in the 2022/23 list.</p> <p>It was noted that some schemes might not be approved but we would apply to find out for certain.</p> <p>Committee agreed that the cycle list should be submitted to the LHP for the preliminary checks. It was noted the highest priority schemes at this stage are the first six on report 5A; (references SWTC 7, SWTC 5/8/10, SWTC 1/2, CAP 8, SWTC 12, SWTC 6).</p> <p>LHP Pedestrian Schemes</p> <p>Committee agreed that Water Tower Place, Borough Lane and London Road schemes should be applied for via the LHP process as detailed in report 5B.</p> <p>The below schemes raised queries:</p> <p>Leverett Way/Radwinter Road Leverett Way is still owned by the developer therefore implementing a crossing at this stage is unlikely.</p> <p>High Street /Desire Line from Swan Meadow to QD Essex Highways have confirmed this scheme is not viable due to the demand traffic lights.</p> <p>South Road Based on previous experience, committee doubted that the road would be wide enough to fit the zebra crossing but the 20mph limits should be implemented soon which would aid pedestrians.</p> <p>Thaxted Road Committee were unsure on how much this would be used and if the road would be wide enough but a site visit would be carried out.</p>
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
<p>P&T 175-21</p>	<p>Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications: All applications were considered against the UDC Local Plan policies dated 2005.</p>
<p>A</p>	<p>UTT/21/2744/HHF Single storey rear extension and internal remodelling 1 The Green Saffron Walden CB10 2DS</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>

B	<p>UTT/21/2429/FUL Proposed erection of 1 no. Dwelling with double garage and associated parking. Vineyard Lodge Windmill Hill Saffron Walden CB10 1RR</p> <p>Resolved: Committee raised concerns regarding access; the site is located on a busy road with one entrance which can be dangerous and should look at being improved. This is to comply with Policy GEN2.</p>
C	<p>UTT/21/2851/HHF Two-storey rear extension with a Dutch barn roof, west facing window and glazed skylight in Living room and alterations to roof on all elevations. Addition of 3no. front facing pitched roof dormers, all new external windows and doors, Bi-folding doors to kitchen area. Internal reconfiguring and alterations. Addition of off-road parking provisions. 4 Pleasant Valley Saffron Walden CB11 4AP</p> <p>Resolved: To object on the grounds of poor neighbourliness and design, failing to meet policies H8, GEN2 and GEN4.</p>
D	<p>UTT/21/2862/HHF Proposed loft conversion, single storey rear extension and internal alterations. 5 Sedop Close Saffron Walden CB11 4DD</p> <p>Resolved: To object on the grounds of poor neighbourliness and design, failing to meet policies GEN2 and GEN4.</p>
	<p>Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan (SWNP)</p> <p>Committee noted the update.</p>
P&T 176-21	<p>Update on ongoing significant applications</p> <p>Cllr Porch informed committee that SWTC are likely to have a meeting with UDC and ECC Highways to discuss application 2509/OP, South Radwinter Road. Our response has been drafted but is being finalised.</p> <p>Following discussions with UDC, an application is likely to be made for the former Friends School site shortly but the developers are amending the application.</p>
P&T 177-21	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>Thanks were passed to Cllr Roberts who has been cutting overhanging hedges and asking residents to as well where they overhang on to the public footpath.</p>
P&T 178-21	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 14th October 2021, in the Town Hall at 7.30pm</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm