

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held at 7.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 12 NOVEMBER 2008

Present:- Councillor R M Lemon – Chairman.
Councillors E C Abrahams, K R Artus, S Barker, E L Bellingham-Smith, C Cant, J F Cheetham, R Clover, J E N Davey, A Dean, C M Dean, C D Down, K L Eden, M L Foley, E J Godwin, E Gower, E W Hicks, S J Howell, J E Hudson, D M Jones, A J Ketteridge, J I Loughlin, J E Menell, D J Morson, D G Perry, J A Redfern, J Salmon, S V Schneider, C C Smith, A D Walters, A M Wattebot and L A Wells.

Officers in attendance:- J Mitchell (Chief Executive), M Cox (Democratic Services Officer), R Harborough (Acting Director of Development), S Joyce (Chief Finance Officer) J Pine (Senior Planning Officer), C Oliva (Solicitor – Planning and litigation) and A Webb (Director of Central Services).

C54 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman referred to the recent sudden death of Norman Mead, who was the current vice chairman and had been the first chairman of SSE. The Chairman said that his wisdom, advice and calm support would be greatly missed and on behalf of the Council sent his sympathies to his wife and family. The funeral would be held on Friday 14 November at 11.00am at St Giles Church, Great Hallingbury.

All those present then stood in silent tribute to the memory of Norman Mead.

The Chairman mentioned that his Carol service would be held at Hatfield Heath on 10 December and he would be having an open house on 18 December between 10am -2pm where he would be selling calendars and Christmas Cards

C55 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chamberlain, Chambers, Knight, Miller, Sell, Sherer, Rolfe and Wilcock.

Councillors Cheetham, A Dean, C Dean, Foley, Godwin, J Hudson and Ketteridge declared their interest as members of SSE.
Councillors Artus, Bellingham-Smith, Cheetham, Davey, A Dean, C Dean, Hicks, Morson and, Redfern declared personal interests as members of SSE.
Councillors Artus, A Dean and Down declared personal interests as a members of CPRE.

Councillor Cheetham declared a personal interest as a member of NWEPPHA
Councillor A Dean declared a personal interest as a member of the Woodland Trust.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, under Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

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POTENTIAL JUDICIAL REVIEW CHALLENGE

The Committee considered Counsel's full opinion on the potential for a judicial review challenge to the decision of the Secretaries of State for Community and Local Government and Transport dated 8 October 2008 to allow BAA PLC's appeal against refusal of permission for the expansion of Stansted Airport.

RESOLVED that no application under Section 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a judicial review of the Secretaries' of State decision to allow the G1 proposals for the expansion of Stansted Airport be brought but this Council focuses resources on fighting the G2 planning application at the forthcoming public inquiry.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.