

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 2.00 PM on 26 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Present:- Councillor E J Godwin – Vice-Chairman in the Chair.
Councillors E C Abrahams, C A Cant, R Clover, C M Dean,
K L Eden, J I Loughlin, J E Menell, D J Perry and C C Smith.

Officers in attendance:- K Benjafield, M Cox, N Ford, K Hollitt, H Lock,
C Oliva, T Morton and J Mitchell.

DC53 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C D Down, M Miller,
J Salmon and L A Wells.

DC54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J E Menell declared a prejudicial interest in application
1272/07/FUL Littlebury as she had worked with the applicant for many years
at Parish Council meetings and she was still a member of the Parish Council.

Councillor Abrahams declared a personal interest in application 1272/07/FUL
Littlebury as he knew the applicant. He also declared a prejudicial interest in
application 1247/07 Langley as the applicant used his daughter's public house
and he met him there regularly.

Councillors Eden and Perry declared personal interests in the Saffron Walden
applications as members of Saffron Walden Town Council.

DC55 APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

It was noted that application 1310/07/OP Little Canfield had been withdrawn.

DC56 SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Approvals

RESOLVED that planning permission and listed building consent,
where applicable, be granted for the following developments subject to
the conditions, if any, recorded in the officer's report.

1272/07/FUL Littlebury – Remove outhouse and erect dwelling, new
vehicular access and alteration to pedestrian access – Site adjacent to 1 & 2
The Common for Mr Appleby and Mrs Balaam.

Subject to an additional condition requiring building materials to be stored on
the site.

*Bob Rust and Mr Farnsworth (Parish Council) spoke against the proposal.
Peter Purkiss spoke in support of the application.*

Councillor Menell left the meeting for the consideration of this item.

1249/07/FUL Saffron Walden – Demolition of industrial building and erection of 18 units, 12 units with B2 use and six units with B8 use – Unit 9 Shire Hill Industrial Estate – Square Deal Units (Argyle) Ltd.

1312/07/FUL Saffron Walden – Change of use from industrial/warehouse to children’s soft play centre – 15A Shire Hill Industrial Estate for Tumble Downs Ltd.

Subject to additional conditions for the provision of recycling bins and access and equipment for children with disabilities.

Mrs Jennings spoke in support of the application.

(b) **Refusals**

RESOLVED that the following applications be refused for the reasons stated in the officer’s report.

0536/07/FUL Saffron Walden – Residential development of nine flats and retail units – Land at Emson Close for Rowe Build and Developments Ltd.

Philip Kratz spoke in support of the application.

1127/07/FUL Leaden Roding – Six dwellings with associated garages and cart lodge – Windmill Café, Stortford Road for Devere Homes Ltd.

1049/07/FUL Hatfield Heath – Replacement chalet bungalow – 5 Lea Hall Bungalows, Dunmow Road, Hatfield Heath for Northdale Services Ltd.

Tony Davis spoke in support of the application.

1247/07/FUL Langley – Change of use of redundant barns to manufacturing of timber framed buildings and joinery with storage and offices including cladding to buildings and provision of car parking and landscaping, new vehicular access and closure of existing access – Grange Farm for Pelham Structures Ltd.

Councillor Abrahams, having declared a prejudicial interest in this application, made a statement to the Committee and left the room for the discussion and voting on the item.

Bill Brampton spoke in support of the application.

(c) **Planning Agreements**

1419/07/OP Little Canfield – Four dwellings and demolition of existing dwelling – 5 Hamilton Road for Mr D Cambell.

RESOLVED that the Director of Development in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to approve the above application subject to the completion of an agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requiring contributions in accordance with the Takeley/Little Canfield SPG and to ensure contributions to social, amenity and infrastructure requirements as set out above and to link this site with the larger development, preventing its development in isolation.

DC57 APPEAL DECISIONS

The Committee noted the appeal decisions which had been received since the last meeting. Members were pleased to note that all of the appeals had been dismissed.

DC58 ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING CONTROL PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee was given details of the outstanding enforcement cases.

The meeting ended at 4.15 pm.