DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 2.00 pm on 13 AUGUST 2008

Present:- Councillor J F Cheetham – Chairman

Councillors E C Abrahams, R Clover, C M Dean, C D Down, K L Eden, R Glover, J E Menell, D G Perry and J Salmon,

Officers in attendance: - K Benjafield (Senior Planning Officer), M Cox

(Democratic Services Officer), N Ford (Senior Planning Officer) T Morton (Principal Planning Officer), M Ovenden (Interim Head of Development Control) and M Perry (Assistant

Chief Executive).

DC39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C A Cant, E J Godwin, J I Loughlin, M Miller and L A Wells.

Councillor Salmon declared a prejudicial interest in application 0976/08/FUL Stansted as the applicant was a personal friend.

Councillor C Dean declared a personal interest in application 0976/08/FUL Stansted as the applicant was a member of Stansted Parish Council

Councillor Abrahams declared a prejudicial interest in application 0994/08/FUL Clavering as members of his family lived near to the site.

Councillor Clover declared a personal interest as a member of Great Dunmow Town Council.

Councillors Eden and Perry declared a personal interest in application 1089/08/FUL Saffron Walden as members of Saffron Walden Town Council.

The Interim Head of Development Control stated that he had relatives that lived close to the site of application 0601/08/FUL Great Dunmow. He had not been involved with the scheme and would leave the room whilst the application was being considered.

DC40 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2008 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the amendment of the minute numbers which were incorrect and the inclusion of Councillor Cheetham's personal interests as a member of NWEEPA, SSE and the National Trust.

DC41 BUSINESS ARISING

i) Minute DC34 – Stansted G2 Application

Members asked if there had been any further progress in arranging a member workshop on the G2 application.

ii) Minute DC38 – Workshop and Members tour of the District

Councillor Dean said that at the last meeting Members had asked for the tour to include a visit to a sustainable development. Members' said that they like to have the tour during the day preferably on a Wednesday. The Interim Head of Development Control said that he would investigate costings and report back to the next meeting.

DC42 APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

It was noted that application 1011/08/FUL & 1012/08/LB Wicken Bonhunt had been withdrawn.

DC43 SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Approvals

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

0994/08/FUL Clavering – 6 dwellings and garages, new pedestrian and vehicular access and erection of garage – Barleee Close for BF Contracts Ltd.

Councillor Abrahams left the room for the consideration of this item.

0644/08/FUL Stansted – Change of use from dental surgery to residential, conversion into 3 flats, single story rear porch – 11 Chapel Hill for Mr K Mark.

Councillor C Dean declared a personal interest in the above application as she knew the applicant.

1089/08/FUL Saffron Walden – 8m pole and relay booster for WIFI CCTV for Saffron Walden Town Council.

(b) District Council Application

RESOLVED that pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (General) Regulations 1992, permission be granted for the following development proposed subject to conditions recorded in the officers report.

1117/08/DC Wimbish – provision of vehicular crossovers and hard standing – 5,6,7,8,10,18 Tye Green for Littlesford District Council

It was agreed that a note should go to applicant requesting a sustainable/permeable surface for the hardstanding

(c) Site Visits

The Committee agreed to visit the sites of the following applications on Wednesday 3 September 2008.

1) 0601/08/FUL & 2) 0608/08/CA Great Dunmow - 1) demolition of 39 the Causeway and erection of 1 2-bedroom and 6 3-bedroom houses, 2) demolition of 39 the Causeway - 39 the Causeway and land rear of 37 & 41-49 the Causeway for Niro Developments Ltd

Reason: to assess the impact of the development on surrounding properties and on the conservation area.

Mr Biswell spoke in support of the application.

1) 1105/08/FUL & 2) 1106/08/CA Great Dunmow – demolition of darn and erection of building with undercroft Parking – Land rear of 11 Market place for Mr M Miller

Reason: to assess the suitability of the access.

0976/08/FUL Stansted – Front, side and rear extension and demolition of existing garage – 27 Brewery Lane for Mr J Rich

Reason: to assess the scale of the proposed development on the existing property and the impact on the street scene.

The Chairman declared a personal interest as she knew the applicant as a fellow candidate at the last district council election.

Councillor Salmon left the room for the consideration of this item.

Mr Rich spoke in support of the application.

The meeting ended at 3.38 pm