

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL OFFICES GREAT  
DUNMOW at 7.30 pm on 3 FEBRUARY 2000**

Present:- Councillor Mrs J F Cheetham - Chairman.  
Councillors W F Bowker, Mrs C A Cant, R P Chambers, R A E Clifford, R J Copping, Mrs C D Down, Mrs D M Haggerwood, R C Smith, R W L Stone and A R Thawley.

Also present at the Chairman's invitation:- Councillor A Dean.

Officers in attendance:- Mrs L J Crowe, Mrs A Dellow, M Dellow,  
Harborough, Mrs J Postings and B D Perkins.

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**I. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D M Jones.

**I. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R J Copping declared non-pecuniary interests in respect of his membership of the Great Dunmow Town Council, The Great Dunmow Maltings Preservation Trust Limited, the Town Strategy Group and Business Link North West Essex.

**I. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 1999 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**I. BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) Minute 185(ii) - Stansted Airport Public Safety Zone Review**

In answer to a question from Councillor Clifford Officers confirmed that DETR had still not sent the maps.

**(ii) Minute 250 - Industrial Development at Elsenham Jam Factory Site, Gaunts End, Elsenham for Elsenham Quality Foods Limited (UTT/0627/99/FUL)**

The Head of Development Control reported that the applicants were unhappy to accept two of the conditions they had been asked to comply with. They were particularly concerned about the withdrawal of permitted development rights for internal works and the restrictions on the Hytek building but were happy to accept the other proposed conditions. It was suggested that alternative conditions could limit the number of firms on the site to four, prevent B8 Storage uses and withdraw permitted development rights for external extensions. It was

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted subject to the amended conditions recorded in the Town Planning Register.

*Councillors Clifford, Smith and Thawley wished their abstentions from voting on the above application to be noted.*

**I. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SUB-COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of meetings of the Development Control Sub-Committee held on 13 December 1999 and 17 January 2000 be approved and adopted.

**I. NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor A Dean had been referred from the Council meeting on 18 January 2000 under Standing Order 7(5):-

"The Council is concerned about the tragic air accident near Stansted Airport on 22 December 1999. In response, the Council:

- 1 Calls on the Civil Aviation Authority to review the operating standards practised by the airlines using Stansted Airport with a view to withdrawing the licence from any which fall short of requirements.
- 2 Calls on the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr John Prescott, to reject proposals for major industrial and housing developments in the vicinity of the airport to avoid increasing the risk from future such accidents of people on the ground being killed.
- 3 Invites BAA/Stansted Airport Limited to work with the Council to achieve objectives 1 and 2, and to maintain Stansted as an airport in the countryside as an important part of these objectives."

The motion was seconded by Councillor R J Copping.

Councillor Dean said that although local residents had not been physically injured many had been traumatised. He realised that BAA Plc could not make decisions as to which airlines used the airport but pressure should be put on the CAA to withdraw the Korean Airways' licence. There should also be pressure on DETR to limit development around the airport.

It was agreed that the second paragraph of the Notice of Motion be amended to read:-

Calls on Deputy Prime Minister, Mr John Prescott, to reject proposals, as suggested in the context of the Crow Report, for major industrial and housing developments in the vicinity of Stansted Airport and any other airports, to avoid increasing the risk from future such accidents of people on the ground being killed.

The Motion as amended was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

I. **MATTER REFERRED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SUB-COMMITTEE - SIDE EXTENSION TO B8 STORAGE BUILDING AND CHANGE OF USE OF GARDEN LAND TO B8 AT PERRY DIRECT REMOVALS, CHAPEL END, BROXTED (UTT/1078/99/FUL)**

A report was received setting out details of the planning application which had been referred from the Development Control Sub-Committee recommending that planning permission be granted as a departure from the District Plan subject to the imposition of certain conditions.

Members of the Sub-Committee had visited the site on 13 December 1999 and had requested three extra conditions. The applicant had agreed to two of the conditions but had said that a reduction in the size of the extension would render the proposal unviable. The applicants had then agreed to a condition which included occupancy of the whole site by only one firm and only long term storage occurring within the extension.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted subject to the amended conditions recorded in the Town Planning Register.

I. **REVIEW OF LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF ISSUES REPORT**

Members had received a report which included a draft copy of the issues report which was to be used for a six week consultation period to commence at the beginning of April. Certain minor amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED that the issues report be approved to go out for public consultation for a six week period.

I. **RE-EXAMINATION OF DRAFT REVENUE ESTIMATES 2000/01**

The Chief Accountant presented a report explaining the request of the Policy and Resources Committee to rank growth items and to re-examine the estimates to identify efficiency savings.

Members considered a supplementary report from Officers identifying possible budget reductions of £5,000. Members were advised of a future reduction of £8,020 from 2001/02 onwards.

Councillor Chambers suggested provision for and payment of £20,000 to North West Essex Business Development Services (NWEBDS). A detailed range of services would have to be provided and performance criteria would have to be met. He also referred to the recommendation of the District Promotion Working Party that £20,000 be allocated to the promotion of local centres in 2000/01, in addition to the proposed extra provision in the Planning and Development Committee budget. Councillor Copping expressed concern that any payment to NWEBDS would be premature. He was opposed to the District Promotion budget being used to promote local centres. He proposed that provision should be made in the Planning and Development Committee budget for £20,000 accordingly. He also proposed £8,000 provision for the Village Shop Development Scheme.

Future Environmental Task Force arrangements at Bridge End Gardens were discussed but it was felt that there was insufficient information available at this time to make a decision on supporting this project. Officers were asked to carry out further research as a matter of urgency. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED that the draft Revenue Estimates for 2000/01 be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee and Council for approval subject to the following amendments:-

- 1 that the draft estimates for Enforcement be reduced by £3,000 as outlined in the supplementary report;
- 2 that the draft estimates for the Industrial Estates be reduced by £2,000 as outlined in the supplementary report;

It was further

RESOLVED that a sum of £34,000 (£29,500 plus £4,500 growth) be included in the draft revenue estimates allocated as follows:-

	North West Essex Business Development Services	£5,000
	Village Shop Development Scheme	£3,000
	Prince's Youth Business Trust	£1,000
	Local Centres Partnership	£20,000
	(subject to matched funding)	
	Environmental Task Force	£5,000
	(subject to further information on 10 February 2000)	
	Total	£34,000

#### I. **RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION ON ECONOMIC STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2000/01**

Members considered the draft economic strategy action plan and budget provision for 2000/01 in the light of responses to the consultation. Responses had been received from:-

The Dunmow Town Strategy Group  
 The Saffron Walden Town Council  
 Thaxted Traders Guild  
 Thaxted Parish Council  
 Essex Cooperative Development Agency  
 Prince's Trust  
 Essex Training and Enterprise Council

The Principal Planning Officer reported a further response from the Local Strategies Manager, Essex Economic Partnership.

RESOLVED that the economic strategy action plan 2000/01 be approved subject to the modifications which had been identified.

#### I. **BUILDINGS AT RISK**

Members received the annual report on buildings at risk.

I. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONITORING REPORT**

Members received a report advising them that the annual telecommunications monitoring report had now been prepared.

I. **INDUSTRIAL LAND MONITORING REPORT**

Members received a report which summarised the annual monitoring of industrial land within the District.

I. **URGENT ITEM**

The Corporate Director - Development referred to the letter that Members had received from BAA Stansted requesting an open dialogue with the local community on further development at Stansted Airport. He said that it was very important that all authorities expressed a view on this matter.

Members considered that although they welcomed open dialogue with Stansted Airport Limited (STAL) the Council would need to be very cautious in these discussions.

RESOLVED that Stansted Airport Limited be informed that the Council:-

- 1 welcomes STAL's commitment to an open and public discussion about the airport's future.
- 2 will work with STAL, and others, to consider the impacts of possible further development at the airport on a scale similar to phases 1 or 2.
- 3 confirms that its involvement will be without prejudice to the consideration of any subsequent planning application.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.