

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL OFFICES
GREAT DUNMOW at 7.30 pm on 14 SEPTEMBER 2000**

Present:- Councillor Mrs J F Cheetham – Chairman.
Councillors Mrs C A Cant, R A E Clifford, R J Copping, Mrs C D Down,
Mrs E J Godwin, P G F Lewis, Mrs C M Little and R C Smith.

Officers in attendance:- J Bosworth and B D Perkins

81 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W F Bowker, R P Chambers, R W L Stone and A R Thawley.

82 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R J Copping declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of his membership of the Great Dunmow Town Council, Dunmow Strategy Group and Dunmow Chamber of Commerce.

83 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2000 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

84 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) Minute 22 – Uttlesford Transport Strategy

In answer to a question from Councillor P G F Lewis the Head of Local Plan and Conservation advised that a meeting was to be held shortly regarding the A120 junction near the Geest banana factory.

(ii) Minute 23 – Master Plans for Development at Takeley/Little Canfield and Takeley

It was confirmed that the revised Master Plan would be reported at the next meeting.

(iii) Minute 26 – Promotion of Local Centres (Grants)

Councillor Copping advised that clarification was required in relation to matched funding arrangements for the grant for Great Dunmow. It was agreed that this would be delegated to the Corporate Director – Development, as appropriate, in conjunction with the Chairman.

**(iv) Minute 27 – Grant Aid to British Trust for Conservation Volunteers –
Takeley Station**

It was confirmed that a revised service level agreement had been signed.

**85 DETR CONSULTATION PAPER ON TELECOMMUNICATION MAST
DEVELOPMENT**

Members received a report on the Consultation Paper, which recognised that the current system of consultation and approval needed to be simplified. Officers advised that legislation should be amended so that the erection of any new mast, or an increase in the height of existing masts would require planning permission. Members also wanted new designs that were becoming available to be considered by Officers and clarification that the permitted size of 90 cubic metres of boxes at the base of masts did not relate to an individual box.

RESOLVED that the comments in the report and those made at the meeting be forwarded to the DETR.

86 BUDGET STRATEGY 2001/02

Members received a report that was being considered by all committees. It identified the current budget situation and the guidance given to Business Centre Managers in formulating budgets for next year and insubsequent years. The Budget Strategy Group recognized that it would not be possible to meet all targets by efficiency savings and that areas for service savings would need to be prioritised.

Councillor R C Smith informed the Committee of the recommendation of the other committees to date. Councillor Copping said the report lacked information on which to form a proper judgement and Councillor R A E Clifford said all activities and staffing should be examined and that there was scope to reduce staffing levels.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 the Budget Strategy Group meet with Business Centre Managers and Committee Chairmen to critically examine all budgets and to examine the impact and collate a corporate approach
- 2 Members endorse that there is a need for expenditure reduction
- 3 Further reports be submitted, as necessary, to the next cycle of committee meetings.

87 EASTERN SECTOR GREAT DUNMOW

Officers reported that the preferred site for a library was within the Eastern Sector development site and that the relevant parties were preparing plans for

comprehensive development. Councillor Copping was concerned at a possible three storey building in such a sensitive location and this view was shared by other Members.

RESOLVED that the principle of a library building within the Eastern Sector development was appropriate and that Officers continue discussions with Essex County Council to promote the provision of a library subject to the size and design of the building being appropriate to its location in a conservation area.

88 15 HIGH STREET GREAT DUNMOW IMPLICATIONS OF UNDERTAKING REPAIRS TO THIS GRADE II LISTED BUILDING

Members were pleased to note that some repairs were being carried out and that relevant applications and a schedule of repairs had now been submitted. The Head of Policy and Conservation confirmed that he was in contact with English Heritage.

RESOLVED that the submitted applications be dealt with in the normal way.

89 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs J F Cheetham and Mr R Harborough, Principal Planning Officer, submitted a written report on 'East of England Sustainable Development Round Table Workshop on Renewable Energy and Land Use Planning in the Eastern Region'. It was agreed that it would be circulated to Members not present at the meeting as well as to Members of the Environmental Services Sub-Committee. The important issue of renewable energy would be considered further as part of the local plan review.

90 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meetings of the Development Control Sub-Committee held on 19 June, 10 July, 31 July and 21 August 2000 were received.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.