

**PLANNING COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES,
LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN, CB11 4ER, on WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY
2018 at 2.00 pm**

Present: Councillor A Mills (Chair)
Councillors R Chambers, P Fairhurst, T Farthing (In place of L Wells), R Freeman, E Hicks, M Lemon, J Lodge, J Loughlin and H Ryles

Officers in attendance: A Bochel (Democratic Services Officer), N Brown (Development Manager), P McEvoy (Temporary Planning Officer), L Mills (Planning Officer) and E Smith (Solicitor)

Also present: Councillor N Hargreaves, M Belcher, J Emanuel, S Gill, R Moses and A Weaver

PC10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Councillor Wells.

Councillors Freeman and Fairhurst declared non-pecuniary interests as members of Saffron Walden Town Council.

Councillor Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest as he knew the agent in relation to Item 3.

PC11 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PC12 UTT/18/0527/OP - LAND TO THE SOUTH OF SCHOOL LANE, MOLEHILL GREEN, TAKELEY

The proposal was for outline planning permission for a small development of four pairs of semi-detached two storey houses. Only the principle of development, access, layout and scale were to be considered, with all other matters reserved.

Councillor Fairhurst proposed to refuse the application. Councillor Loughlin seconded this motion. The motion was defeated.

The Chairman proposed to approve the application. Councillor Ryles seconded this motion.

RESOLVED to approve the application subject to the conditions in the report.

A Weaver spoke on this item.

PC13 UTT/18/0834/FUL - CHARLOTTE'S MEADOW, LAND TO THE NORTH WEST OF WHITEDITCH LANE, NEWPORT

The application was for planning permission to demolish the existing structure on the site and erect two detached houses, with associated garages, driveways and gardens. The existing field access would be upgraded to serve both dwellings.

Members expressed concern about the proposed development's location in the countryside and its potential effect on air quality.

Councillor Lodge proposed to refuse the application. Councillor Fairhurst seconded this motion.

RESOLVED to refuse the application for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed development would have a harmful effect on the rural character of the area, in conflict with Policy S7 of the Uttlesford Local Plan (adopted 2005) and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2) The proposed development would further reduce air quality in the area, thereby adversely affecting health in conflict with Policy ENV13 of the Uttlesford Local Plan (adopted 2005) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Councillor Hargreaves, J Emanuel and R Moses spoke on this application.

PC14 UTT/18/0741/FUL - JOJACKS FARM, WICKEN ROAD, CLAVERING

The application was for planning permission to demolish two milking parlours and erect a building that would contain an office, store and staff room. The application had been made retrospectively – the existing buildings had been demolished and the proposed building was under construction.

Councillor Chambers proposed to approve this application. Councillor Lemon seconded this motion.

RESOLVED to approve the application subject to the conditions in the report.

S Gill spoke on this item.

PC15 PETITION REGARDING UTT/18/0460/FUL

A petition had been received seeking an extension to the public speaking arrangements for application UTT/18/0460/FUL – Stansted Airport.

Members agreed to defer making a decision on the item, pending further consideration by the Chairman and the Development Manager.

M Belcher spoke on this item.

The meeting ended at 3.20pm.