

Minutes

Planning Committee 4th July 2023



Present

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
J Abbott	Apologies	A Hooks	Yes
J Beavis	Apologies	A Munday	Yes
L Bowers-Flint	Yes	I Parker (Chairman)	Yes
T Diamond	Yes	F Ricci	Yes
M Fincken	Apologies	P Schwier	Yes
J Hayes	Apologies	G Spray	Yes
D Holland	Yes		

Substitutes

Councillor K Bowers attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor J Hayes.
Councillor P Thorogood attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor J Abbott.

YouTube Broadcast

At the commencement of the meeting, Councillor I Parker, the Chairman of the Planning Committee, announced that due to a technical problem the meeting would not be streamed as a live broadcast via YouTube. However, a recording of the meeting would be available via YouTube after the meeting.

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: The following interests were declared:-

On behalf of Members of the Committee, Councillor I Parker, the Chairman of the Planning Committee, declared a joint non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 23/00409/FUL – Land South of 39 The Street, White Notley as the agent, who had also registered to participate during Question Time and had submitted a written statement, was related to an Elected Member of Braintree District Council, who was known to them.

Councillor K Bowers declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 23/00956/LBC – Town Hall, 61 Newland Street, Witham in his role as the Council's Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance as Braintree District Council was

the applicant. Councillor Bowers left the meeting when the application was considered and determined and he did not return.

Councillor A Munday declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 23/00409/FUL – Land South of 39 The Street, White Notley as the agent’s father was related to an Elected Member of Braintree District Council, who was known to him.

Councillor F Ricci declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 23/00956/LBC – Town Hall, 61 Newland Street, Witham in his role as the Council’s Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Inward Investment, which had included the assignment of funding to Witham Town Council. Councillor Ricci left the meeting when the application was considered and determined and he did not return.

Councillor P Schwier declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 23/00409/FUL – Land South of 39 The Street, White Notley as the agent’s father was an Elected Member of Braintree District Council, who was known to him socially.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillors remained in the meeting, unless stated otherwise, and took part in the discussion when the applications were considered.

2 **MINUTES**

DECISION: It was reported that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18th April 2023 were not available for approval.

3 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were three statements made about the following applications. The statements were made immediately prior to the Committee’s consideration of each application.

Application No. 22/01217/REM - Land at Haverhill Business Park, Phoenix Road, Helions Bumpstead

Application No. 23/00409/FUL - Land South of 39 The Street, White Notley

Principally, these Minutes record decisions taken only and, where appropriate, the reasons for the decisions.

4 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

DECISION: That the undermentioned planning applications be approved under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including Listed Building Consent where appropriate, subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the Planning Development Manager’s report, as amended below. Details of these planning applications are contained in the Register of Planning Applications.

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Proposed Development</u>
*22/01217/REM (APPROVED)	Helions Bumpstead	McDonald's Restaurants Ltd	Application for the approval of Reserved Matters (in respect of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 15/01477/OUT granted 04.10.2016 for: Construction of access road and the erection of a freestanding drive-thru restaurant with car parking, goal post height restrictor, customer order displays and associated works, land at Haverhill Business Park, Phoenix Road.

The Committee approved this application, subject to an additional Informative as follows:-

Additional Informative

6. The Applicant and/or the Restaurant Manager should ensure regular litter patrols to cover the perimeter of the site in accordance with the submitted Corporate Litter Management Plan and to consider the use of customer/vehicle registration identification technique(s) and other measures to assist with prosecution for littering in the local and wider area.

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Proposed Development</u>
*23/00956/LBC (APPROVED)	Witham	Ms Eve Cleghorn	Internal refurbishments and the demolition of two internal walls to facilitate the installation of a changing places toilet facility, Town Hall, 61 Newland Street.

5 **PLANNING APPLICATION REFUSED**

DECISION: That the undermentioned planning application be refused for the reasons contained in the Planning Development Manager's report. Details of this planning application are contained in the Register of Planning Applications.

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Proposed Development</u>
*23/00409/FUL (REFUSED)	White Notley	Mr Jeremy Fisher, The Faulkbourne Estate	Erection of 2 no. 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings, land South of 39 The Street.

PLEASE NOTE: The full list of standard conditions and reasons can be viewed at the office of the Planning Development Manager, Council Offices, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB.

(Where applications are marked with an * this denotes that representations were received and considered by the Committee).

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Councillor I Parker
(Chairman)