

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Planning Control Committee held in the This will be a Virtual Meeting  
on Thursday, 17th December, 2020 at 7.30 pm

### 1 WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY

The Chair welcomed everyone to this virtual Planning Control Committee meeting that was being conducted with Members and Officers at various locations, communicating via audio/video and online. There was also the opportunity for the public and press to listen to and view proceedings.

The Chair invited the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer to explain how proceedings would work and to confirm that Members and Officers were in attendance.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer undertook a roll call to ensure that all Members, Officers and registered speakers could hear and be heard and gave advice regarding the following:

The meeting was being streamed live onto YouTube and recorded via Zoom.

Extracts from the Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol were included with the agenda and the full version was available on the Council's website which included information regarding:

- Live Streaming;
- Noise Interference;
- Rules of Debate;
- Voting and;
- Part 2 Items.

Members were requested to ensure that they were familiar with the Protocol.

The Chair of the Planning Control Committee, Councillor Ruth Brown started the meeting proper.

### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Moody, Councillor Michael Muir as a substitute and Councillor Lisa Nash as a Member Advocate.

### 3 MINUTES - 13 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 19 NOVEMBER 2020

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Control Committee held on 13 February 2020, 28 May 2020, 18 June 2020, 16 July 2020, 20 August 2020, 17 September 2020, 15 October 2020 and 19 November 2020 be approved as a true record of the proceedings;
- (2) That, with the authorisation of the Chair, her electronic signature and initials be attached to the Minutes approved in (1) above.

### 4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

## 5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question;
- (4) To clarify matters for the registered speakers the Chair advised that members of the public had 5 minutes for each group of speakers i.e. 5 minutes for objectors and 5 minutes for supporters. This 5 minute time limit also applied to Member Advocates.

A warning would be given at 4 ½ minutes and speakers would be asked to cease at 5 minutes.

## 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair confirmed that the registered speakers and Member Advocate were in attendance.

## 7 20/01564/FP LAND ADJACENT TO DUNGARVAN, BACK LANE, PRESTON, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG4 7UJ

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

## 8 20/02371/LBC HITCHIN TOWN HALL, BRAND STREET, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG5 1HX

**RESOLVED:** That application 20/02371/LBC be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the conditions and reasons in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager and the following additional condition and reason:

Condition 3 to be added to read:

"Notwithstanding the Method Statement dated 13/10/2020 prepared by Floorteq Limited and in which it states that 'Timber waste and general building debris to be transferred to waste skips via side entrance in Grammar School Walk', details regarding off-site disposal of the existing Kapur timber floor together with details of the source of the oak for the new floor, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the works hereby granted consent. Thereafter, the works shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that special regard is paid to protecting the special architectural and historic interest and integrity of this grade II listed building under Section 16(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and to comply with the 'NHDC Climate Change Strategy 2020-2025' where at 'Appendix B - Proposed actions' it states that, NHDC will continue to work with its suppliers and contractors to minimise the environmental impact of their products and services across NHDC sites and to work with and where possible require its suppliers and contractors to reduce the impact of goods and services by considering whole life costs."

**9 20/01638/FP LAND TO THE REAR OF NOS 61 AND 61A RADCLIFFE ROAD, HITCHIN, SG5 1QG**

**RESOLVED:** That application 20/01638/FP be **DEFERRED** for the following reason:

Pending further information on all matters relating to the issues discussed by the Planning Control Committee.

**10 20/02474/FP ASHCROFT, SLIP LANE, OLD KNEBWORTH, KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG3 6QG**

**RESOLVED:** That application 20/02474/FP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager.

*NB: The Committee took a comfort break at 21.01*

*The meeting resumed at 21.16 at which time the Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager undertook a roll call.*

**11 20/01017/FP LAND SOUTH OF DURHAM WAY, ROYSTON GATEWAY, ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG8 5GX**

**RESOLVED:** That application 20/01017/FP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager.

**12 PLANNING APPEALS**

The Development and Conservation Manager updated the Committee on application 20/00507/FP Oughton Head Pumping Station, Hitchin Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. He advised the Committee that the applicant had withdrawn the application after hearing the Committee's concerns on water extraction from the chalk stream.