

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Planning Control Committee held as a Virtual Meeting
on Wednesday, 24th March, 2021 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;
- 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 Councillors Ian Moody and Sean Prendergast.

Having given due notice, Councillor Sam Collins advised that he would be substituting for Councillor Sean Prendergast.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 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.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

6 20/01714/FP FOUNDATION HOUSE, ICKNIELD WAY, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG6 1GD

Councillor Sue Ngwala declared that this application was within her ward. However, she had not predetermined it and would therefore take part in the debate and vote.

RESOLVED: That application 20/01714/FP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager, and that the S106 in respect of County Council Youth contributions be amended to contribute towards Youth Services in Letchworth.

7 18/02913/OP FORMER NORTON SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS TO THE NORTH OF, PRINCIPAL COURT, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, HERTFORDSHIRE

Councillor Sue Ngwala declared that this application was within her ward. However, she had not predetermined it and would therefore take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Morgan Derbyshire declared that he was speaking as Member Advocate on this item and therefore he would not take part in the debate and vote.

RESOLVED: That application 18/02913/OP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager, and the variation of condition 15 and additional informatives.

'Condition 15 as amended:

Prior to occupation of any of the dwellings hereby approved, a scheme identifying a significant number, as well as distribution, of EV charging points shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The EV charging points agreed by way of this condition shall be implemented prior to the occupation of any dwelling hereby approved.

Reason: To contribute to the objective of providing a sustainable transport network and to provide the necessary infrastructure to help off-set the adverse impact of the operational phase of the development on local air quality.'

Additional informatives:

2. It is expected that the scheme to be submitted in line with condition 15 of this permission will provide a significant number of EV charging points. The Council will consider any details submitted on its merits, however, are of the mind that at least one EV charging point should be provided for each dwelling.

10. The applicant, and future developers, are recommended to review the committee footage which raised some concerns in respect to the ability of the site to accommodate the maximum number of units permissible pursuant to this outline application for UP TO 45 dwellings. Furthermore, concerns were raised as to the date of the Transport Assessment evidence supporting the outline application, and any subsequent reserved matters applications for access should be supplemented by up-to-date transport evidence.

8 PLANNING APPEALS

There were no Planning Appeals.