

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Planning Control Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council  
Offices, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF  
on Thursday, 17th July, 2025 at 7.00 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Caroline McDonnell and Councillor Val Bryant.

Having given due notice, Councillor Jon Clayden substituted for Councillor McDonnell and Councillor Daniel Allen substituted for Councillor Bryant.

### 2 MINUTES - 19 JUNE 2025

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 19 June 2025, as amended, be approved as a true record of the proceedings and are to be signed by the Chair.

### 3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

### 4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The Chair clarified matters for the registered speakers.
- (4) The Chair advised that Section 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution applied to the meeting.
- (5) The Chair advised that Agenda Item 8 - 25/00309/FP - has been deferred to the meeting of the Planning Control Committee on Thursday 7 August.

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair confirmed that the registered speakers were in attendance.

### 6 23/01552/OP Land South Of, Watton Road, Knebworth, Hertfordshire

**RESOLVED:** That application 23/01552/OP be **DEFERRED**.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISION:**

- (1) To explore potential modifications to the scheme to have further minimal impact to Swangleys Lane Gateway junction.
- (2) To request an amended Transport Assessment with up-to-date traffic surveys to have a true reflection of the current traffic flows as members felt an up to date surveys would assist them in making their decision.

**7      25/00104/FP Land To The Rear Of Banyers Hotel, King James Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7BZ**

The Chair advised that the item was deferred to the Planning Control Committee meeting on Thursday 24 July 2025 as the Members who called-in the application were not present at the meeting (as required under the Members Planning Code of Good Practice), nor provided a written statement, or appointed another member to present the item, as required under 6.1 of the speaking procedure for the Planning Control Committee. This item would be considered as an urgent item of business as the matter cannot wait until the scheduled meeting of the Planning Control Committee in August, given the statutory period for the matter to be determined (26 March 2025) had already been extended (to 30 July 2025), and therefore the Council could be liable to appeal against the failure to determine the application.

**8      25/00309/FP Ivy's Cottage, Smiths End Lane, Barley, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 8LH**

This item was deferred to the meeting of the Planning Control Committee on Thursday 7 August.

**9      Appeals**

The Development and Conservation Manager provided an update on Planning Appeals.