

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett – the chair
Ms J Carter
Ms E Murphy
Mr A Osborne
Miss A Owen
Mr T Register
Mr A Stohr
Mr N Younger

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Mr S Hall and Ms E Murphy attended as his substitute.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ms J Carter, Mr A Osborne, Miss A Owen and Mr T Register declared they were Babergh District Councillors. Councillor Ms J Carter declared that she was a Suffolk County Councillor.

All members declared that they knew the applicant for householder planning application DC/26/00180 as he was a member of the town council.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality.

4. **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th January 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk updated members on the actions from previous meetings.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

DC/26/00074 **Proposal:** Full Planning Application - Change of use of existing store building to retail sales at existing garden centre site, with replacement of roller shutter door with glazed auto door.
Location: Perrywood Garden Centre, Newton Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0PZ

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/26/00180 **Proposal:** Householder Application - Erection of annex to rear garden along with upgrade of rear property area for use by elderly family
Location: 16 Girling Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1LZ

RESOLVED – To recommend approval

DC/25/05426 **Proposal:** Application for Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline Planning Permission B/15/01718, Dated 29th March 2018 for phase IV - Town and Country Planning (Development Planning Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)- details for matters relating to Appearance, Scale, Layout and Landscaping for 269 no. residential dwellings, amenities, open space, parking and associated development details
Location: Chilton Woods, Mixed Development, Land North of Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury, Suffolk

RESOLVED – To recommend approval, subject to the following points being addressed.

- **The Town Council do not agree with the environmental assessment that the LEAP is too close to some residential buildings. This important play area should be retained.**
- **The cycle paths in Chilton Woods are welcomed, but they do not connect to a safe, traffic free cycle route into the centre of Sudbury. Until this is provided, they will not be fit for purpose.**
- **Some uplift in visitor parking is desirable to allow for visiting trades.**

DEVELOPMENT

8. **TO DISCUSS THE INVESTMENT IN THE BUS SERVICES**

Members discussed the potential areas for investment in the bus services and agreed to take forward the following.

- Improved toilets in the Sudbury bus station. These should be of a modular design to allow them to be moved if there was a major redesign of the whole bus station.
- Improved bus timetables with greater visibility for passengers. This could be achieved through digital displays.
- Improved CCTV coverage of Sudbury bus station to help reduce vandalism.
- Fix all potholes in the bus station and then maintain the surface in good condition.

- Ensure that there was sufficient future growth space in the surrounding area to allow for a major redesign of the whole bus station.
- Provision of more cycle racks in Sudbury bus station.
- Provision of secure cycle hangers in Sudbury bus station.
- Additional bus stops serving Banham Drive and Chaucer Road.
- Additional bus services up the Waldingfield Road to the health centre and the new Aldi.
- Additional bus services up the Newton Road.
- Additional bus services linking Great Cornard to the health centre.
- Additional bus services to Stowmarket, Lavenham and Cockfield Green.

RESOLVED

To support investment in these improvements to the bus services.

HIGHWAYS

9. TO DISCUSS THE HIGHWAYS LIST

Members discussed the following points;

- SID pole in Bulmer Road – The Town Clerk briefed that the application process had started for a SID pole in Bulmer Road. This would require the local residents to be consulted.
- Plug in Suffolk – Members noted the email from Suffolk County Council with details of the first of two on-street electric vehicle (EV) plug in locations Melford Road.

The meeting closed at 7:35 pm.

Signed

Chairman