

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett – the chair
Mr S Hall
Mr A Osborne
Mr T Regester

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Ms J Carter, A Owen, A Stohr and N Younger.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mr A Osborne, and Mr T Regester declared they were Babergh District Councillors.

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 17th November 2025 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. The issue of speeding on Melford Road would be discussed under item 9.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

DC/25/04629 **Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent - Change of use of first and second floors from commercial storage to residential use as 1no two-storey flat

Location: Lipsticks & Locks, 3 North Street, Sudbury, CO10 1RB

RESOLVED – To recommend approval, subject to the satisfactory resolution of the same points raised for the main planning application.

DC/25/04659 **Proposal:** Full Planning Application – Change of use of annex to holiday let.

Location: 98 Melford Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1JY

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/25/04736 **Proposal:** Planning Application – Erection of a timber storage shed.

Location: 143 First Avenue, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2YU

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/25/05086 **Proposal:** Householder Application – Replacement of windows and doors

Location: 32 Banham Drive, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2GN.

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DEVELOPMENT

8. There were no development items.

HIGHWAYS

9. **TO DISCUSS THE HIGHWAYS LIST**

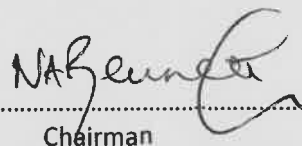
Members discussed the following points;

- Melford Road Speeding – Members reviewed the data from the speed indication device (SID) that had been monitoring the traffic coming into Sudbury on the Melford Road between September and November. The raw data could not identify individual vehicles or types of vehicles, but it did show how many vehicles passed in each hour and their average and maximum speeds. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate how the software could be used to display the data in different ways to help the police target speeding motorists. The Town Clerk would also share the data with Suffolk Highways and the police. Members agreed to review the SID data of other locations monitored during 2026.

- Update on resurfacing – Cllr Ms J Carter had forwarded an email from Suffolk Highways with the details of their plans for carriageway resurfacing schemes for this financial year and for FY2026/27 in Sudbury.
 - Machine Surfacing:
 - C755 Newton Road, Sudbury from Newton Road junction (include roundabout) to Station Road (25/26).
 - A131 Ballingdon Street, Sudbury from Ballingdon Bridge to surface joint near Bulmer Road (26/27)
 - A131 Cross Street, Sudbury from Gregory Street to Ballingdon Bridge (26/27)
 - U8703 Priory Road, Sudbury from the A131 junction to Tudor Road (26/27).
 - Surface Dressing:
 - A134 Springlands Way, Sudbury from Tesco roundabout to Melford Road roundabout (26/27).
 - C743 Middleton Road, Sudbury from surface joint near the A131 junction to the county boundary (26/27).
- The junction of Croft Road and Gainsborough Road had flooded during the recent heavy rain. This appeared to be caused by blocked drains as had often happened at this point in previous wet weather. The Town Clerk would report this on the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.
- The bollard outside Toast on East Street had been knock over and was at a very low angle. The Town Clerk would report this on the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.
- There was a dangerous pothole on Ballingdon Hill about 50m beyond the 30mph signs. The Community Wardens would be asked to take photos so that the Town Clerk could report this on the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.

The meeting closed at 7:28pm.

Signed


Chairman

