

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett – the chair.
Mr S Hall
Mr A Osborne
Mr T Regester
Mr N Younger (from 5:38pm)

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Miss A Owen and Mr A Stohr.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mr A Osborne and Mr T Regester declared that they were also 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 the 22nd April 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Members noted that Councillor Ms J Carter had circulated an email from Suffolk Highways explaining the situation with two areas where there were problems with the road surface in Sudbury.

Station Road and Great Eastern Road, Sudbury are on the carriageway machine surfacing programme, with work due to take place within the 2025/26 financial year.

Hamilton Road (bus station), Sudbury is positioned at 968 on the county wide priority list and also on the carriageway potential future works list for consideration by the asset manager for delivery as part of a future year's programme of works.

It was noted that the carriageway leading towards the station is only maintained by Suffolk Highways for a very short distance, the remainder of this is not considered maintainable highway. It is likely that this falls under district council ownership. The carriageway leading to Waitrose is privately owned from the junction.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/01817 **Proposal:** Full Planning Application - Erection and siting of fibre exchange telecommunications infrastructure to provide a full fibre (gigabit) to the premises service.

Location: Land at Sudbury Football Club, Brnadon Lane, Sudbury, CO10 7HN

RESOLVED – To recommend approval

DC/25/01822 **Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent - Refurbishment works to an existing Greggs' shop including repainting the shopfront.

Location: 5 Market Hill, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2EA

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/25/01905 **Proposal:** Full Planning Application - Extension of playgroup patio and boundary fencing.

Location: St Johns Methodist Church Hall, York Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1ND

RESOLVED – To recommend approval

DC/25/01533 **Proposal:** Householder Application – Construction of rear dormer.

Location: 31 Melford Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1JS

RESOLVED – To recommend approval

DEVELOPMENT

8. TO CONFIRM THE TOP 10 PROPOSED ROAD NAMES FOR CHILTON WOODS MIXED DEVELOPMENT TO NORTH OF WOODHALL BUSINESS PARK.

Members considered the request from Babergh District Council to suggest 10 new road names for the new Chilton Woods development. Members agreed that the theme of names connected with the second world war airfield operated by the American United States Army Air Force (USAAF) should continue and that the first two names should be those of the American airmen proposed before, but not yet used. A further 8 names were selected to bring the total to 10.

RESOLVED

To recommend the names below for the new roads in the Chilton Woods development.

	Proposed Street Name	Origin	Reason
1	Hermann Lane	USAAF pilot	2nd Lt. Clarence B. Hermann - was commanding the B17 when it crashed into Woodhall Farmhouse (now Tesco), he was the only survivor
2	Kite Way	USAAF pilot	2nd Lt. Albert Kite was the pilot of one of the first B17 bombers to land in Sudbury.
3	Simmons Way	USAAF pilot	1st Lt Clyde R. Simmons who was a pilot in 486th Bomb Group based in Sudbury killed when his B17 crashed in Lincolnshire
4	Liberator Way	USAAF aircraft B24 Liberator	These were the first aircraft based in Sudbury
5	Fortress Road	USAAF aircraft B17 Flying Fortress	These aircraft replaced the Liberators in Sudbury
6	Dispersal Way	Part of the old airfield site	The dispersal was the hardstanding area around the airfield where the aircraft were parked
7	Jessie Home Way	Goin Jessie' was the name of a Flying Fortress	Seeing Jessie Home is the name of the large painting in the Town Hall of a Flying Fortress returning to Sudbury
8	Roley Road	Roley Andrews was a local Sudbury boy	Aged 17 when he witnessed the arrival of the first bomber to be stationed in Sudbury. He was heavily involved with installation of the american war memorial in 1987 and the 486th Bomb Group until his death in 2009.
9	Raymonds Way	Raymond Smith was a local Sudbury boy	Aged 15 when he was killed when a Flying Fortress crashed into his bedroom near the Sudbury airfield in October 1944
10	Brinkman Road	USAAF ground crew	Philip Brinkman was one of the best 'nose art' artists in the USAAF based at Sudbury and painted many of the 'galamour girls' on the B17s of 486th Bomb Group
11	Arizona Avenue	Home of the American squadrons	The 486th Bombardment Group (Heavy) arrived from Davis-Monthan AAF, Arizona during March 1944

HIGHWAYS**9. TO DISCUSS THE HIGHWAYS LIST**

Members discussed the following points;

- Concerns were raised about the proliferation of A boards in Sudbury. The current A board policy, agreed jointly by Sudbury Town Council, Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council in 2014, set general conditions under which A boards would normally be tolerated. The A boards must;

- Be kept clean and tidy;
- Be temporary in their nature. This means that no excavation to install or remove is required.
- Be stable, kept in a safe condition and not represent a potential danger to any highway users;
- Have the permission of the owner of the site on which they are displayed (including the Highway Authority if displayed on highway land);
- Maintain an unobstructed footpath of at least 1.8 metres at all times.
- Not obscure or hinder the interpretation of official road, rail, or other signs, and not make use of these types of transport hazardous,
- Take into account the other reasonable needs of the area e.g. bus stops, pedestrian crossings, in relation to their positioning. They must also be at least 5 metres from any controlled pedestrian crossing point and 2 metres away from tactile paving areas,
- Remain the owner's responsibility when placed in the public highway and the Highway Authority will not be liable for any injury or damage caused to highway users and;
- Be removed carefully when required to do so by the Local Planning Authority.
- Concerns had been raised with the A boards at the following locations, and it was agreed that photographs and notes would be taken to confirm whether they were being placed in accordance with the policy.;
- Horse and Groom.
- Brewery Tap.
- Weavers Tap.
- There was a pothole at the junction of Stour Street and School Street.
- Some of the wooden boards at Ballingdon Bridge were rotten and temporary yellow barriers had been placed over them for safety. Some of the bridge lights were also not working and the whole bridge was in need of cleaning and refurbishment.
- Some vehicles were turning right out of Walnut Tree Lane and driving the wrong way on the A134 one-way system. Members suggested that an island be placed at the junction with a 'no right turn' sign.
- There was a broken drain cover on the A134 roundabout, near McDonalds, that had been covered by a cone for some time.

The meeting closed at 6:35 pm.

Signed
Chairman