

**SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - in the chair.

Ms J Carter  
Mr S Hall  
Mr A Osborne  
Mr A Stohr

Mr C Griffin - Town Clerk  
Mrs J Budd - Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Substitutes and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Owen and J Rawlinson.

Councillor N Younger was absent, but no apologies had been received.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

**Councillors J Carter and A Osborne declared that they were Babergh District Councillors.  
Councillor J Carter declared that she was a Suffolk County Councillor.**

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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

6. **Actions from previous minutes**

The Town Clerk gave the following updates:

- The signs on Ballingdon Hill warning drivers that there could be pedestrians walking in the road were no longer there.
- The overgrown hedge at the bottom of Newmans Road/East Street – SCC have ordered work to be carried out which they hope will resolve the issue. This should be completed within 20 working days (i.e., by 3<sup>rd</sup> November).
- The out-of-date flag marker on SCC's reporting tool had now been removed.

**RESOLVED**

**That the update be noted.**

**7. Planning Applications**

DC/22/05231 Proposal: Application for approval of Reserved Matters (matters relating to appearance, scale, layout and landscaping) for phase III – Construction of 149no dwellings, residential amenities, open space, parking and associated development details pursuant to Outline Planning Permission B/15/01718 dated 29.03/2018

Location: Chilton Woods Mixed Development to north of Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury, Suffolk.

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval, however members were disappointed with the lack of solar panels throughout this development. The holding objection from Suffolk County Council Highways was also noted.**

DC/23/04093 Proposal: Householder application – Replacement of front door on the front elevation, from timber to PVCu.

Location: 2 Acton Place, Croft Road, Sudbury. CO10 1JE.

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval.**

DC/23/04136 Proposal: Householder application – Installation of a Heat Pump.

Location: 14 Weavers Terrace, Weavers Lane, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 2EZ.

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval. Members requested that the Babergh planning officers issue advice to all parish and town councils on what noise levels from air source heat pumps would be considered acceptable.**

DC/23/04249 Proposal: Householder application – Erection of single storey extension with flat roof. New bi-fold doors and window.

Location: 39 Elm Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 2SD.

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval.**

DC/23/04383 Proposal: Application for Consent to Display and Advertisement(s) – Installation of a hanging sign and a fascia sign.

Location: 15 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 2EU.

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval.**

DC/23/04513 Proposal: Householder application – Installation of a MCS Daikin EDLA04EV3 Air Source Heat Pump.

Location: 7 St. Benedicts Close, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 1AF.

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval subject to the Environmental Health Officer being content with the noise level.**

**8. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Local Plan**

Members discussed a letter from Babergh District Council regarding the Inspectors' report on the Examination of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.

The Inspectors' report concluded that the plan was sound and capable of adoption.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Inspectors' report be noted.**

**9. Hatfield Peveral Neighbourhood plan**

Due to Sudbury Town Council being on the mailing list of Braintree District Council, an email had been received from Hatfield Peveral to consider their Neighbourhood plan.

**RESOLVED**

**That this plan be noted.**

**10. Former Uplands Middle School Site**

Councillor Ms Carter updated members on a proposal to build houses on part of the former Uplands Middle School site.

Councillor Carter explained that Babergh District Council were looking into purchasing this site from Suffolk County Council to build up to 14 properties that would all be social, affordable or shared ownership. There had been a brief consultation with some residents around the area, but it appeared that this had not been advertised to all residents.

Members had no immediate issues with the proposal itself, apart from concerns over parking especially during the construction stage. Councillor Carter advised that Babergh were investigating module builds to reduce the amount of construction vehicles. Disruption to existing residents must be kept to a minimum, however there was a pressing need for additional social housing in Sudbury.

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Carter be thanked for the update and she keep members up to date as further information becomes available.**

**11. Highways list**

No new items had been added to the highways list, but members raised the following points;

- Suffolk County Council had not replied to the Town Council's suggestion of making Harp Close Road one-way. Could officers chase?
- There appeared to be a lot of internally illuminated shop signs, including ones that had previously been told to turn their lights off. Members were recommended to take photos of these shops and forward to officers for investigation.

- Unblocking of drains still appears not to have happened. An email should be sent to both Babergh and Suffolk Councils regarding the issue which is linked. If Babergh weren't sweeping the gullies, the leaves would fill the drains. If the drains were not being emptied this could cause serious flooding.
- With regards to weeding, it was clear that Suffolk County Council had not carried out the second spray of the year. Officers were asked to write to Suffolk Highways to ask how they intended to bring the weed levels down to an acceptable level? How would the level remain acceptable? What were County's plans to keep weeds under control in the future?

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

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