

**SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett – the chair  
Ms J Carter  
Mr S Hall  
Mr A Osborne  
Miss A Owen  
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 T Regester.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ms J Carter, Mr A Osborne and Miss A Owen declared they were Babergh District Councillors. Councillor Ms 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

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

There were no actions from previous meetings to review.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

DC/26/00516                    **Proposal:** Householder Application. Re-roof of existing lean-to roof, removal of existing pre-fab garage and insertion of new timber gates.  
**Location:** 23 Station Road Sudbury CO10 2SS

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval, subject to the work being conducted in a safe manner that did not expose neighbours to any risk from asbestos.**

DC/26/00361                    **Proposal:** Full Planning Application - Installation of Electrical Vehicular Charging Points and New Access.  
**Location:** 1 Addison Road Chilton Industrial Estate Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2XQ

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval**

DC/26/00590                    **Proposal:** Application for Works to Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order WS236/T5 - Remove 3 lower limbs from 1 No. Sycamore (T1), and the reduction of smaller branches.  
**Location:** 93 Ballingdon Street Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2DA

**RESOLVED – To recommend that the tree be inspected by the Babergh Tree Officer to confirm which lower limbs were to be removed and how much reduction of other branches, as this is not clear from the application.**

DC/26/00547                    **Proposal:** Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1No. Silver Birch located in front garden.  
**Location:** 2 Beaconsfield Close Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1JR

**RESOLVED – To recommend refusal to fell the tree but instead allow it to be cut back to the previous pruning points.**

**DEVELOPMENT**

8. **TO DISCUSS THE CONSULTATION ON THE SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

Members had read the consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and were concerned about the following areas.

- That there were no questions in chapter 11 of the sustainability appraisal to assess whether future developments leading to a larger population were sustainable, given the level of provision of general practice (GP) doctors and school places in Sudbury.

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- That there were no questions in chapter 11 of the sustainability appraisal to assess whether future developments leading to more vehicles were sustainable, given the capacity of the road network and key road junctions in Sudbury.
- That the report did not address the impact on Sudbury and Babergh from significant housing growth at Halstead in the Braintree District of Essex, whose new residents would come to Sudbury as their nearest town.

**RESOLVED**

**To note the report and to raise the three points of concern above.**

**HIGHWAYS**

**9. TO DISCUSS THE HIGHWAYS LIST**

Members discussed the following points;

- Proposed SID pole Gainsborough Street – Suffolk Highways had confirmed to County Councillor Jessie Carter that Gainsborough Street was not suitable for a SID post to be installed as the pavements were narrow and it would obstruct pedestrians.
- Proposed SID pole in Bulmer Road – Discussion would continue with Suffolk Highways to determine whether a suitable site could be identified for a SID pole.
- Request for SID in Springlands Way – There was uncertainty over whether a SID would be allowed on a 40mph road, but this would be investigated.
- Changes to the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool – Members noted that the reporting tool had changed and it was now difficult to upload reports from Android devices.
- Sink Holes – Sink holes had appeared in Melford Road opposite Mulberry Vets and in Girling Street near Wetherspoons.
- Blocked Drains – There were reports of blocked drains at.
  - 14 Girling Street, this had been cleared the previous year, but was blocked again.
  - Two blocked drains either side of the traffic lights by the Weavers Tap.
- Ballingdon Hill Pothole – The road at the bottom of Ballingdon Hill was breaking up again, just inside the 30mph limit and this was becoming a large pothole.
- Gainsborough Road – There were so many large potholes in Gainsborough Road that it needed to be resurfaced, not just have some individual potholes filled.
- Market Hill – The York stone pavement near the bottom of Market Hill, outside the Imari shop was broken up and dangerous.
- Drop-off outside Woodhall School – The headteacher had responded to County Councillor Jessie Carter to say that there was a lack of parental willingness to engage in a walking bus initiative.

The meeting closed at 7:08 pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman



