

**SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - in the chair

Ms J Carter  
Mr S Hall  
Mr A Osborne  
Mrs J Osborne (Ex-officio as the Mayor)  
Miss A Owen (arrived at 6:36pm)

Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk

1. **Substitutes and Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mr P Beer, Mr A Stohr and Mr N Younger.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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

**Ms Carter and Mr Hall declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9 in that they attended the meeting with Suffolk County Council which generated the HGV signage report.**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> May be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

6. **Actions from previous minutes**

The Town Clerk advised members on actions from the previous meeting:

- Item 10 – An email had been sent to Babergh District Council supporting the proposed name for the new development off Melford Road as ‘Mill House View’.
- Item 12 – An email had been sent to Suffolk County Council regarding the council’s comments on the proposals for the parking restrictions on Churchfield Road.
- Item 13 – Councillor Ms Carter had yet to reply on the provision of evidence and reasons why the top half of Suffolk Road should be made one-way.

**RESOLVED - That the report be noted.**

7. **Planning Applications**

DC/23/02333 **Proposal:** Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1no Cherry (T1)

**Location:** 7 School Street, Sudbury. CO10 2HA.

**RECOMMENDED – That the Babergh District Council tree officer inspect the tree to see if the damage to the wall is being caused by the roots. If this is the case, Sudbury Town Council would support felling the tree.**

DC/23/02339 **Proposal:** Full Planning Application – Change of use of rear of the building from offices to form 2no residential flats (C3); Erection of external staircase and alterations to windows.

**Location:** 6 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury. CO10 2ET.

**RECOMMENDED – Sudbury Town Council support the holding objection from Suffolk Highways on car parking spaces and cycle storage. If these issues are satisfactorily resolved they would recommend approval, if not, refusal.**

DC/23/02340 **Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent – Internal and external works in conjunction with change of use of rear of the building to form 2no residential flats as per schedule of works.

**Location:** 6 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury. CO10 2ET.

**RECOMMENDED – Sudbury Town Council have no objection on listed building grounds but see comments above on Highways issues.**

DC/23/02371 **Proposal:** Application for works to trees subject to tree preservation order BT265 – Reduce crown of 1no Yew (T1) by to 30%, reduce crown of 1no Sycamore (T2) by up to 30%.

**Location:** 2 and 3 St Leonards Drive, Sudbury. CO10 2RQ.

**RECOMMENDED – Approval.**

DC/23/02381 **Proposal:** Householder Application – Erection of front conservatory.

**Location:** 5 Queens Court, Queens Close, Sudbury. CO10 1US.

**RECOMMENDED – Approval.**

DC/23/02432 **Proposal:** Full planning application – Conversion of part of the existing retail building to create 5no residential flats, together with the erection of a two-

storey detached building comprising of a residential apartment and sheltered parking. The existing ground floor unit will be retained (currently 'Love Toast' coffee shop).

**Location:** 10 Old Market Place, Sudbury. CO10 1TL

**RECOMMENDED – Sudbury Town Council recommend refusal on 3 grounds;**

- **Concern over whether fire appliances could safely access the rear of the property.**
- **Concern that 6 parking spaces is not sufficient for 5 flats with a total of 9 bedrooms.**
- **Concern that the vehicles exiting on to East Street would endanger pedestrians walking by due to poor visibility.**

DC/23/02447 **Proposal:** Listed Building Consent – Installation of new gas service to front of building.

**Location:** 28 Market Hill, Sudbury. CO10 2EN.

**RECOMMENDED – Sudbury Town Council recommend refusal due to the negative impact of an unsightly gas pipe on front of this heritage asset on Market Hill.**

DC/23/02496 **Proposal:** Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1no Leyland Cypress (T1), fell 2no Sycamore (T2 and T3), reduce and shape 1no Cherry by 15ft.

**Location:** 85 Ballingdon Street, Sudbury. CO10 2DA.

**RECOMMENDED – Sudbury Town Council recommend refusal due to lack of evidence to show the need for this work. The Babergh District Council tree officer should inspect these trees.**

DC/23/02499 **Proposal:** Notification of works to tree in a Conservation Area – Fell 6no Ash (T1 – T6).

**Location:** 89 Ballingdon Street, Sudbury. CO10 2DA.

**RECOMMENDED – Sudbury Town Council recommend refusal due to lack of evidence to show the need for this work. The Babergh District Council tree officer should inspect these trees.**

DC/23/02533 **Proposal:** Application for approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline Planning Permission DC/22/02879 – Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for erection of 1no dwelling and creation of new vehicular access (following demolition of existing buildings). Discharge of Condition 6 (Surface Water Discharge), condition 7 (manoeuvring and parking), Condition 8 (Cycle Storage), Condition 9 (EV Charging) and Condition 10 (Refuse/Recycling Bins).

**Location:** The Leys, Melford Road, Sudbury. CO10 1XT.

**RECOMMENDED – Approval.**

8. **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – Further Hearings**

Members were advised of further hearing sessions following the main modifications to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.

**RESOLVED**

**Members agreed to note this but did not wish to attend the hearing sessions.**

9. **HGV Signage in and around Sudbury**

Members were requested to consider a letter from Suffolk County Council regarding a signage review for routing HGVs in and around Sudbury.

**RESOLVED**

**Members thanked Suffolk County Council for the report. They welcomed the changes recommended for HGV signage but still believed that the official lorry route should be changed from the A131 to the A134. In the meantime, members were keen to know how soon Suffolk Highways would be able to make the changes to HGV signage.**

10. **Highways list**

No new items had been added to the highways list before the meeting.

Councillor Mr A Osborne raised his concern that hedges were growing across the pathways on Gainsborough Street opposite St Gregory’s Church and on Newmans Road over the grit bins.

Councillor Mrs J Osborne raised her concern that a ‘NO HGV’ sign was required to stop HGVs driving west on Station Road as further damage to the ‘Javelin’ shop on the corner with Friars Street could result in its closure.

**RESOLVED**

**That these issues be noted and added onto the list.**

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm

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