

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

Committee members present:

Mr N Bennett – in the Chair
Ms E Murphy – Mayor of Sudbury (Ex-Officio)
Ms J Carter
Mr T Cresswell
Mr S Hall
Mr A Osborne
Miss A Owen
Mr T Register

Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd – Deputy Town Clerk
Mr C Poole – Principal Strategic Transport Planner, Suffolk County Council
Ms K Dye – Project Manager, Active Travel, Suffolk County Council

1. **Substitutes and Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Ayres.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors T Cresswell, A Osborne and A Owen 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 Planning Development and Highways Committee meeting held on the 27th March 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Actions from previous minutes**

The Deputy Town Clerk reviewed progress on actions from the previous meetings.

- The modifications to the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local plan would be discussed at the next meeting.
- The future of the Station Road railings was ongoing.

RECOMMENDED

That the update be noted.

7. Planning Applications

DC/22/03902 **Proposal:** Full planning application – Erection of first floor front extension to provide additional accommodation for veterinary surgery and existing residential flat.
Location: Mulberry Court Veterinary Surgery, 171 Melford Road, Sudbury. CO10 1JU.

RECOMMENDED – APPROVE.

DC/23/01215 **Proposal:** Listed Building consent – Works to convert existing store to form habitable ancillary accommodation.
Location: 19 Stour Street, Sudbury. CO10 2AX.

RECOMMENDED – APPROVE.

DC/23/001598 **Proposal:** Householder application – Conversion of existing outbuilding to form habitable ancillary accommodation (part retention of).
Location: 19 Stour Street, Sudbury. CO10 2AX.

RECOMMENDED – Approve.

DC/23/01273 **Proposal:** Planning application – Construction of a double car port and storage area on the ground floor with accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling on the first level accessed by an external staircase.
Location: 5 St Bartholomews Lane, Sudbury. CO10 1LG

RECOMMENDED – Approve.

DC/23/01395 **Proposal:** Application for Listed Building consent – Business premises to be known as ‘Direct Pizza’. Change of colouring of shopfront sign to green background and yellow lettering. Overhead sign lighting. Promotional stickers on the bottom side of shop front window.
Location: 41 North Street, Sudbury. CO10 1RD.

RECOMMENDED – REFUSE – Members still had concerns with the lighting of the lettering on the main sign over the shop front. The image appeared to show the letters ‘DIRECT PIZZA’ illuminated from behind, creating an effect similar to an internally illuminated sign, rather than overhead lighting. As such, this would be out of keeping with the building’s heritage.

8. Melford Road junction

Officers from Suffolk County Council attended the meeting to discuss proposals for the Melford Road/York Road junction. A copy of the proposals is shown at minute page 165a. Members raised many concerns with the proposals including:

- The visibility for vehicles leaving York Road onto Melford Road was currently poor. These proposals would not improve this but could make visibility worse.
- There was no evidence of demand from local cyclists for these changes and it was not clear that they would result in either an increase in cycling into Sudbury or an improved journey time for existing cyclists. Therefore, this scheme could not be shown to represent good value for money.
- The proposed works would cause serious disruption to the traffic flow around the Sudbury one-way system during construction. There was no easy diversion route and this could lead to weeks of gridlock for local people.
- The footpath along Gainsborough Road was narrow, so the proposed changes in this area would not work.
- The proposed cycle route partly along Melford Road would be a joint path shared with pedestrians. This path was currently used by many people, including children, accessing St Joseph’s Primary School. This could be dangerous.
- As an alternative, Members believed that improving the footpath linking the old railway line from Long Melford through Kingfisher/Friars Meadow and on to Great Cornard, so that it was safe and easy for cyclists, would offer much better value.

Suffolk County Council officers advised that:

- Small incremental changes could build to help create a larger cycling scheme in Sudbury.
- The York Road/Melford Road junction was highlighted as a priority in both the County Council’s and District Council’s infrastructure plans.
- To secure external funding, certain criteria had to be met. Works to this junction met the required criteria.

RECOMMENDED

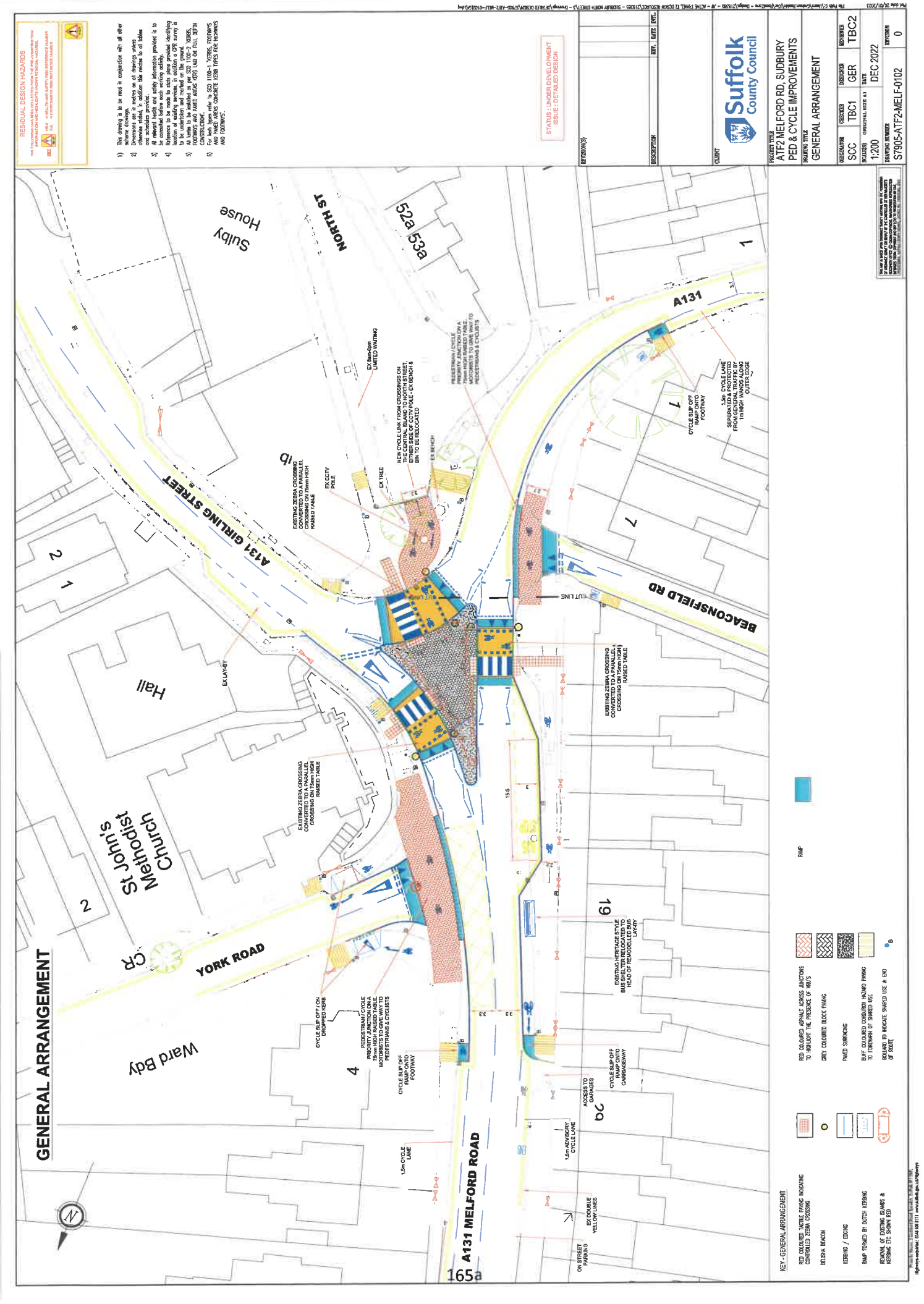
That the Officers from Suffolk County Council be thanked for attending the meeting and discussing this matter with members.

9. **Highways List**

Concerns were raised over the potholes in Landsdown Road and Highfield Road.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm

Signed



GENERAL ARRANGEMENT



- RESIDUAL DESIGN HAZARDS**
- 1) This strategy is to be read in conjunction with all other advice given.
 - 2) Drawings are to be read on all drawings unless otherwise stated, in addition the notes to all tables.
 - 3) At all times the safety of all road users is to be maintained.
 - 4) At all times the safety of all road users is to be maintained, in addition to the safety of all road users, the safety of the general public is to be maintained.
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STATUS: UNDER DEVELOPMENT
ISSUE: DETAILED DESIGN

EXTENSION	DATE	DETAIL

Suffolk County Council

PROJECT TITLE
ATF2 MELFORD RD, SUBBURY PED & CYCLE IMPROVEMENTS

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

REGULATOR	SCC	TBC1	GER	TBC2
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DRAWN				
DATE	1:200	ORIGINAL DATE	AT	DEC 2022
DRAWING NUMBER	S7905-ATF2-MELF-0102	EXTENSION		

KEY - GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

	RED COLOURED TACTILE PAVING INDICATING CONTROLLED ZEBRA CROSSING		RED COLOURED ASPHALT ACROSS JUNCTIONS TO HIGHLIGHT THE PRESENCE OF WHEELS
	BLUE BRICKWORK		GREY COLOURED BLOCK PAVING
	KERBING / EDGING		PAVED SURFACING
	RAMP FORMED BY DITCH KERBING		BUFF COLOURED COBBLESTONE HAZARD PAVING TO FOREWARN OF SHARED USE
	REMARK OF EXISTING DRAINS & KERBING ETC SHOWN 850		YELLOW/WHITE MARKINGS TO INDICATE SHARED USE & DVO OF ROUTE

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