

# Development Control Committee



<b>Title</b>	<b>Agenda</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 July 2022</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>10.00am</b>		
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Conference Chamber</b> <b>West Suffolk House</b> Western Way Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU		
<b>Full Members</b>	<b>Chair</b> Andrew Smith <b>Vice Chairs</b> Mike Chester and Jim Thorndyke  <b>Conservative Group (11)</b> Carol Bull Ian Houlder Andy Drummond David Palmer Susan Glossop David Roach Brian Harvey Peter Stevens  <b>The Independent Group (4)</b> John Burns Roger Dicker Jason Crooks Andy Neal  <b>Labour Group (1)</b> David Smith		
<b>Substitutes</b>	<b>Conservative Group (5)</b> Nick Clarke Sara Mildmay-White John Griffiths David Nettleton James Lay  <b>The Independent Group (2)</b> Richard Alecock Trevor Beckwith  <b>Labour Group (1)</b> Diane Hind		
<b>Interests – declaration and restriction on participation</b>	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.		
<b>Quorum</b>	Six Members		
<b>Committee administrator</b>	<b>Helen Hardinge</b> Democratic Services Officer <b>Telephone</b> 01638 719363 <b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:helen.hardinge@westsuffolk.gov.uk">helen.hardinge@westsuffolk.gov.uk</a>		

***Details of Site Visits overleaf...***

**SITE VISITS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2022 AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES**

**The coach for Committee Members will depart West Suffolk House at 9.30am sharp and will travel to the following sites:**

**1. Planning Application DC/22/0364/FUL and Listed Building Consent DC/22/0365/LB - The Deanery, 3 The Great Churchyard, Bury St Edmunds**

Planning application - a. single storey extension to north wing; b. alterations to garage and addition of garden/woodshed; c. provision of bicycle storage (following removal of shed); d. external window and door alterations; e. electric charging points; f. provision of call point on south pedestrian gate; g. gratings over window areas; h. associated landscaping; i. relocation of amenity space for west wing; j. installation of flue liners & cowls

Application for listed building consent - External alterations to include; a. single storey extension to north wing to include partial demolition of rear wall and window; b. external door and window alterations to include replacement and reinstatement of window and doors to rear elevation; c. provision of gratings to basement window areas; Internal alterations involving remodelling of internal layouts to include; demolition of staircase to main entrance hall to allow for large dining area; b. partial relocation of modified staircase from main entrance hall to new stairwell within existing laundry room; c. demolition of internal partition between existing bedroom one and two; d. provision of new attic staircase; e. upgrading of thermal elements to existing attic accommodation together with provision of shower room; f. upgrading of internal doors to half hour fire resistance; g. renewal of services to include electrics, heating and plumbing together with other modifications

**Site visit to be held at 9.40am**

**2. Planning Application DC/20/0614/RM - Land NW of Haverhill, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wrating**

Application for Reserved Matters pursuant to hybrid planning permission SE/09/1283 for Infrastructure comprising of: the internal estate roads, drainage, POS, landscaping, and allotments for Land at North West Haverhill  
**Site visit to be held at 10.45am**

**On conclusion of the above site visits the coach will travel back to West Suffolk House to allow for a short comfort break, before departing again for the following sites:**

**3. Planning Application DC/22/0021/HH - The Croft, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills**

Householder planning application - a. two storey front extension; b. two storey side and rear extension; c. conversion and extension of existing garage to habitable space; d. single storey side extension to existing garage (following demolition of existing flat roofed garage); e. roof alterations to existing link extension; f. two bay cartlodge with room above

**Site visit to be held at 12.40pm**

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**4. Planning Application DC/22/0172/FUL - Land adjacent to 1 and 2,  
Park Garden, West Row**

Planning application - six dwellings with access, parking and associated site work

**Site visit to be held at 1.10pm**

**On conclusion of all the site visits the coach will return to West Suffolk House by the approximate time of 2.00pm.**

**Where otherwise required for this agenda, site visits will be facilitated virtually by way of the inclusion of videos within the Case Officer's presentation of the application to the meeting.**

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## **Development Control Committee**

### **Agenda notes**

Subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, all the files itemised in this Schedule, together with the consultation replies, documents and letters referred to (which form the background papers) are available for public inspection.

All applications and other matters have been considered having regard to the Human Rights Act 1998 and the rights which it guarantees.

### **Material planning considerations**

- 1. It must be noted that when considering planning applications (and related matters) only relevant planning considerations can be taken into account. Councillors and their officers must adhere to this important principle which is set out in legislation and Central Government guidance.**
- 2. Material planning considerations include:**
  - Statutory provisions contained in planning acts and statutory regulations and planning case law
  - Central Government planning policy and advice as contained in circulars and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
  - Supplementary planning guidance/documents eg. Affordable Housing SPD
  - Master plans, development briefs
  - Site specific issues such as availability of infrastructure, density, car parking
  - Environmental; effects such as effect on light, noise overlooking, effect on street scene
  - The need to preserve or enhance the special character or appearance of designated conservation areas and protect listed buildings
  - Previous planning decisions, including appeal decisions
  - Desire to retain and promote certain uses e.g. stables in Newmarket.
  - The following planning local plan documents covering West Suffolk Council:
    - Joint development management policies document 2015
    - In relation to the Forest Heath area local plan:
      - i. The Forest Heath Core Strategy 2010 as amended by the High Court Order 2011
      - ii. Core strategy single issue review of policy CS7 2019
      - iii. Site allocations local plan 2019
    - In relation to the St Edmundsbury area local plan:
      - i. St Edmundsbury core strategy 2010
      - ii. Vision 2031 as adopted 2014 in relation to:
        - Bury St Edmunds
        - Haverhill
        - Rural

Note: The adopted Local Plans for the former St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath areas (and all related policy documents, including guidance and SPDs) will continue to apply to those parts of West Suffolk Council area until a new Local Plan for West Suffolk is adopted.

3. The following are **not** material planning considerations and such matters must **not** be taken into account when determining planning applications and related matters:
  - Moral and religious issues
  - Competition (unless in relation to adverse effects on a town centre as a whole)
  - Breach of private covenants or other private property or access rights
  - Devaluation of property
  - Protection of a private view
  - Council interests such as land ownership or contractual issues
  - Identity or motives of an applicant or occupier
4. Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that an application for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan (see section 3 above) unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise.
5. A key role of the planning system is to enable the provision of homes, buildings and jobs in a way that is consistent with the principles of sustainable development. It needs to be positive in promoting competition while being protective towards the environment and amenity. The policies that underpin the planning system both nationally and locally seek to balance these aims.

## **Documentation received after the distribution of committee papers**

Any papers, including plans and photographs, received relating to items on this Development Control Committee agenda, but which are received after the agenda has been circulated will be subject to the following arrangements:

- a. Officers will prepare a single committee update report summarising all representations that have been received up to 5pm on the **Thursday** before each committee meeting. This report will identify each application and what representations, if any, have been received in the same way as representations are reported within the Committee report;
- b. the update report will be sent out to Members by first class post and electronically by noon on the **Friday** before the committee meeting and will be placed on the website next to the committee report.

Any late representations received after 5pm on the **Thursday** before the committee meeting will not be distributed but will be reported orally by officers at the meeting.

## **Public speaking**

Members of the public have the right to speak at the Development Control Committee, subject to certain restrictions. Further information is available on the Council's website.

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## **Development Control Committee**

### **Decision making protocol**

The Development Control Committee usually sits once a month. The meeting is open to the general public and there are opportunities for members of the public to speak to the Committee prior to the debate.

#### **Decision making protocol**

This protocol sets out our normal practice for decision making on development control applications at Development Control Committee. It covers those circumstances where the officer recommendation for approval or refusal is to be deferred, altered or overturned. The protocol is based on the desirability of clarity and consistency in decision making and of minimising financial and reputational risk, and requires decisions to be based on material planning considerations and that conditions meet the tests of Circular 11/95: "The Use of Conditions in Planning Permissions." This protocol recognises and accepts that, on occasions, it may be advisable or necessary to defer determination of an application or for a recommendation to be amended and consequently for conditions or refusal reasons to be added, deleted or altered in any one of the circumstances below:

- Where an application is to be deferred, to facilitate further information or negotiation or at an applicant's request.
- Where a recommendation is to be altered as the result of consultation or negotiation:
  - The presenting officer will clearly state the condition and its reason or the refusal reason to be added/deleted/changed, together with the material planning basis for that change.
  - In making any proposal to accept the officer recommendation, a Member will clearly state whether the amended recommendation is proposed as stated, or whether the original recommendation in the agenda papers is proposed.
- Where a member wishes to alter a recommendation:
  - In making a proposal, the member will clearly state the condition and its reason or the refusal reason to be added/deleted/changed, together with the material planning basis for that change.
  - In the interest of clarity and accuracy and for the minutes, the presenting officer will restate the amendment before the final vote is taken.
  - Members can choose to:
    - delegate the detailed wording and reason to the Assistant Director (Planning and Regulatory);
    - delegate the detailed wording and reason to the Assistant Director (Planning and Regulatory) following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair(s) of Development Control Committee.
- Where Development Control Committee wishes to overturn a recommendation and the decision is considered to be significant in terms of overall impact; harm to the planning policy framework, having sought advice from the Assistant Director (Planning and Regulatory) and the Assistant Director (Human

Resources, Legal and Democratic) (or officers attending Committee on their behalf);

- A final decision on the application will be deferred to allow associated risks to be clarified and conditions/refusal reasons to be properly drafted.
- An additional officer report will be prepared and presented to the next Development Control Committee detailing the likely policy, financial and reputational etc risks resultant from overturning a recommendation, and also setting out the likely conditions (with reasons) or refusal reasons. This report should follow the Council's standard risk assessment practice and content.
- In making a decision to overturn a recommendation, members will clearly state the material planning reason(s) why an alternative decision is being made, and which will be minuted for clarity.
- In all other cases, where Development Control Committee wishes to overturn a recommendation:
  - Members will clearly state the material planning reason(s) why an alternative decision is being made, and which will be minuted for clarity.
  - In making a proposal, the member will clearly state the condition and its reason or the refusal reason to be added, deleted or altered, together with the material planning basis for that change.
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- Member Training
  - In order to ensure robust decision-making all members of Development Control Committee are required to attend Development control training.

## Notes

Planning Services (Development Control) maintains a catalogue of 'standard conditions' for use in determining applications and seeks to comply with Circular 11/95 "The Use of Conditions in Planning Permissions."

Members and officers should have proper regard to probity considerations and relevant codes of conduct and best practice when considering and determining applications.

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## **Procedural matters**

### **Part 1 – public**

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Substitutes**

Any member who is substituting for another member should so indicate, together with the name of the relevant absent member.

**3. Minutes**

**1 - 14**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2022 (copy attached).

**4. Declarations of interest**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, **no later than when that item is reached** and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

**5. Planning Application DC/20/0614/RM - Land NW of Haverhill, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wrating**

**15 - 58**

Report No: **DEV/WS/22/022**

Application for Reserved Matters pursuant to hybrid planning permission SE/09/1283 for Infrastructure comprising of: the internal estate roads, drainage, POS, landscaping, and allotments for Land at North West Haverhill

**6. Planning Application DC/19/2347/FUL - Land East of Russet Drive Bilberry Close and Parsley Close, Manor Wood, Red Lodge**

**59 - 120**

Report No: **DEV/WS/22/023**

Planning Application - 141 no. dwellings and associated infrastructure including roads, parking, sustainable drainage, pumping station and public open space, as amended

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- 7. Planning Application DC/22/0364/FUL and Listed Building Consent DC/22/0365/LB - The Deanery, 3 The Great Churchyard, Bury St Edmunds** **121 - 144**

Report No: **DEV/WS/22/024**

Planning application - a. single storey extension to north wing; b. alterations to garage and addition of garden/woodshed; c. provision of bicycle storage (following removal of shed); d. external window and door alterations; e. electric charging points; f. provision of call point on south pedestrian gate; g. gratings over window areas; h. associated landscaping; i. relocation of amenity space for west wing; j. installation of flue liners & cowls

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- 8. Planning Application DC/22/0172/FUL - Land adjacent to 1 and 2, Park Garden, West Row** **145 - 180**

Report No: **DEV/WS/22/025**

Planning application - six dwellings with access, parking and associated site work

- 9. Planning Application DC/22/0021/HH - The Croft, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills** **181 - 192**

Report No: **DEV/WS/22/026**

Householder planning application - a. two storey front extension; b. two storey side and rear extension; c. conversion and extension of existing garage to habitable space; d. single storey side extension to existing garage (following demolition of existing flat roofed garage); e. roof alterations to existing link extension; f. two bay cartlodge with room above

- 10. Planning Application DC/21/1780/HH - Place Farm, Clay Cottage, Ipswich Road, Rougham** **193 - 204**

Report No: **DEV/WS/22/027**

Householder planning application - two storey side extension with repositioning of existing solar panels