EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Area Planning Sub-Committee Date: 14 October 2015

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Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Time: 7.00 - 10.10 pm

High Street, Epping

Members S Jones (Chairman), P Keska (Vice-Chairman), N Avey, N Bedford, A Boyce, **Present:** H Brady, T Church, A Grigg, M McEwen, J Philip, B Rolfe, D Stallan,

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Other

Councillors:

Apologies: W Breare-Hall and R Morgan

Officers J Shingler (Principal Planning Officer), M Jenkins (Democratic Services

Present: Officer) and J Leither (Democratic Services Officer)

28. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

The Chairman made a short address to remind all present that the meeting would be broadcast on the Internet, and that the Council had adopted a protocol for the webcasting of its meetings. The Sub-Committee noted the Council's Protocol for Webcasting of Council and Other Meetings.

29. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and outlined the procedures and arrangements adopted by the Council to enable persons to address the Sub-Committee, in relation to the determination of applications for planning permission. The Sub-Committee noted the advice provided for the public and speakers in attendance at Council Planning Sub-Committee meetings.

30. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2015 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(a) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillor P Keska declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following items of the agenda by virtue of knowing the objectors. The Councillor had determined that his interests were not prejudicial and he would remain in the meeting for the consideration of the applications and voting thereon:

- EPF/1737/15 94-96 High Road, North Weald Bassett; and
- EPF/1790/15 Station Court, Bansons Way, Ongar CM5 9BS
- (b) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillor C Whitbread declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following items of the agenda by virtue of knowing the applicants. The Councillor had determined that his interests were prejudicial and he would leave the meeting for the consideration of the applications and voting thereon:
 - EPF/1629/15 Sixteen String Jack, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois CM16 7DS;
 - EPF/1737/15 94-96 High Road, North Weald Bassett; and
 - EPF/1881/15 Houblons House, Houblons Hill, Coopersale CM16 7QL
- (c) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillor M McEwen declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item of the agenda by virtue of being a friend of the applicant. The Councillor had determined that her interest was prejudicial and she would leave the meeting for the consideration of the application and voting thereon:
 - EPF/1790/15 Station Court, Bansons Way, Ongar CM5 9BS
- (d) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillors N Avey and T Church declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following items of the agenda by virtue of being members of Epping Town Council. The Councillors had determined that their interests were not prejudicial and they would remain in the meeting for the consideration of the applications and voting thereon:
 - EPF/1773/15 3 Maltings Lane, Epping CM16 6SB;
 - EPF/1881/15 Houblons House, Houblons Hill, Coopersale, Epping CM16 7QL; and
 - EPF/1987/15 Treetops Care Home, Station Road, Epping CM16 4HG

32. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there was no other urgent business for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

33. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

RESOLVED:

That the planning applications numbered 1 - 10 be determined as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/0459/15
SITE ADDRESS:	31 Piercing Hill Theydon Bois Epping Essex CM16 7JW
PARISH:	Theydon Bois
WARD:	Theydon Bois
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Raising of height of roof and provision of three dormer windows at front and three to the rear, erection of part one, part two and part three storey rear extensions and conversion of garage into a gym. (Revision of planning permission EPF/2150/11).
DECISION:	Granted Permission (With Conditions)

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case:

http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=574038

CONDITIONS

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this notice.
- 2 Materials to be used for the external finishes of the proposed development shall match those of the existing building, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
- No development, including works of demolition or site clearance, shall take place until a Tree Protection Plan Arboricultural Method Statement and site monitoring schedule in accordance with BS:5837:2012 (Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction recommendations) has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. The development shall be carried out only in accordance with the approved documents unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.
- Prior to first occupation of the development hereby approved, the proposed window openings in the first floor flank elevation facing south towards the neighbouring Coopers Court, shall be entirely fitted with obscured glass and have fixed frames to a height of 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed and shall be permanently retained in that condition.

All construction/demolition works and ancillary operations, including vehicle movement on site which are audible at the boundary of noise sensitive premises, shall only take place between the hours of 07.30 to 18.30 Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 hours on Saturday, and at no time during Sundays and Public/Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1328/15
SITE ADDRESS:	Esperanza Nursery Stapleford Road Stapleford Abbotts Essex RM4 1EJ
PARISH:	Stapleford Abbotts
WARD:	Passingford
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Outline application to demolish all buildings, clear site and erect 3 chalet bungalows. (Access and layout to be determined).
DECISION:	Granted Permission (Subject to Legal Agreement)

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case:

http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=576655

CONDITIONS

The development hereby permitted will be completed strictly in accordance with the recommendations of the approved Phase 1 Habitat Assessment and approved drawings nos:

PDB/15/85/01 PDB/15/85/02

PDB/15/85/023

- The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission or two years from the approval of the last of the reserved matters as defined in condition 3 below, whichever is the later.
- a) Details of the reserved matters set out below ("the reserved matters") shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval within three years from the date of this permission:
 - (i) scale;
 - (ii) appearance;
 - (iii) landscaping.
 - b) The reserved matters shall be carried out as approved.
 - c) Approval of all reserved matters shall be obtained from the Local Planning Authority in writing before any development is commenced.
- 4 No construction works above ground level shall take place until documentary and photographic details of the types and colours of the external finishes have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, in writing. The development shall be implemented in accordance with such approved details.

- 5 No development shall take place, including site clearance or other preparatory work, until full details of both hard and soft landscape works (including the creation of the meadow/paddock area to the rear of plot 3) (including tree planting) and implementation programme (linked to the development schedule) have been submitted to an approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These works shall be carried out as approved. The hard landscaping details shall include, as appropriate, and in addition to details of existing features to be retained: proposed finished levels or contours; means of enclosure; car parking layouts; other minor artefacts and structures, including signs and lighting and functional services above and below ground. The details of soft landscape works shall include plans for planting or establishment by any means and full written specifications and schedules of plants, including species, plant sizes and proposed numbers /densities where appropriate. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting or establishment of any tree, or shrub or plant, that tree, shrub, or plant or any replacement is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies or becomes seriously damaged or defective another tree or shrub, or plant of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.
- A flood risk assessment and management and maintenance plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of development. The assessment shall include calculations of increased run-off and associated volume of storm detention using WinDes or other similar best practice tool. The approved measures shall be carried out prior to the substantial completion of the development and shall be adequately maintained in accordance with the management and maintenance plan.
- 7 No development shall take place until a Phase 1 Land Contamination investigation has been carried out. A protocol for the investigation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before commencement of the Phase 1 investigation. The completed Phase 1 report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of any necessary Phase 2 investigation. The report shall assess potential risks to present and proposed humans, property including buildings, crops, livestock, pets. woodland and service lines and pipes, adjoining land, groundwaters and surface waters, ecological systems, archaeological sites and ancient monuments and the investigation must be conducted in accordance with DEFRA and the Environment Agency's "Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination, CLR 11", or any subsequent version or additional regulatory guidance. Note: This condition must be formally discharged by the Local Planning Authority before the submission of details pursuant to the Phase 2 site investigation condition that follows]
- Should the Phase 1 Land Contamination preliminary risk assessment carried out under the above condition identify the presence of potentially unacceptable risks, no development shall take place until a Phase 2 site investigation has been carried out. A protocol for the investigation shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority before commencement of the Phase 2 investigation. The completed Phase 2 investigation report, together with any necessary outline

remediation options, shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to any redevelopment or remediation works being carried out. The report shall assess potential risks to present and proposed humans, property including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and service lines and pipes, adjoining land, groundwaters and surface waters, ecological systems, archaeological sites and ancient monuments and the investigation must be conducted in accordance with DEFRA and the Environment Agency's "Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination, CLR 11", or any subsequent version or additional regulatory guidance.

[Note: This condition must be formally discharged by the Local Planning Authority before the submission of details pursuant to the remediation scheme condition that follows]

Should Land Contamination Remediation Works be identified as necessary under the above condition, no development shall take place until a detailed remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved remediation scheme unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The remediation scheme must include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria, timetable of works and site management procedures and any necessary long term maintenance and monitoring programme. The scheme must ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any subsequent version, in relation to the intended use of the land after remediation.

[Note: This condition must be formally discharged by the Local Planning Authority before the submission of details pursuant to the verification report condition that follows]

- Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme and prior to the first use or occupation of the development, a verification report that demonstrates the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be produced together with any necessary monitoring and maintenance programme and copies of any waste transfer notes relating to exported and imported soils shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval. The approved monitoring and maintenance programme shall be implemented.
- In the event that any evidence of potential contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified in the approved Phase 2 report, it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with a methodology previously approved by the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme, a verification report must be prepared, which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority in accordance with the immediately above condition.
- No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a Construction Method Statement has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The Statement shall provide for:

- 1. The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors
- 2. Loading and unloading of plant and materials
- 3. Storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- 4. The erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate
- 5. Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction, including wheel washing.
- 6. A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works.
- All construction/demolition works and ancillary operations, including vehicle movement on site which are audible at the boundary of noise sensitive premises, shall only take place between the hours of 07.30 to 18.30 Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 hours on Saturday, and at no time during Sundays and Public/Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
- No development shall take place until details of levels have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority showing cross-sections and elevations of the levels of the site prior to development and the proposed levels of all ground floor slabs of buildings, roadways and accessways and landscaped areas. The development shall be carried out in accordance with those approved details.
- Prior to the commencement of works, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for the storage and collection arrangements for refuse and recycling. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
- Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended (or any other Order revoking, further amending or re-enacting that Order) no development generally permitted by virtue of Class E (Outbuildings) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Order shall be undertaken on plot 3 without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.
- The proposed private drive shall be constructed to a width of 5 metres for at least the first 6 metres from the back of carriageway and provided with an appropriate dropped kerb crossing of the footway/verge.
- Prior to first occupation of the proposed development, the Developer shall be responsible for the provision and implementation of a Residential Travel Information Pack for sustainable transport, approved by Essex County Council.
- Prior to commencement of the development details shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority showing the means to prevent the discharge of surface water from the development onto the highway. The approved scheme shall be carried out in its entirety before the access is first used and shall be retained at all times.

- No unbound material shall be used in the surface finish of the driveway within 6 metres of the highway boundary of the site.
- Any gates provided at the vehicular access shall be inward opening only and shall be set back a minimum of 6 metres from the back edge of the carriageway.

Subject to the applicant entering into a Section 106 Legal Agreement within 6 months for the developer contributing in respect of the following:

1. Provision of on site affordable housing a single three bedroom social rent property.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1629/15
SITE ADDRESS:	Sixteen String Jack Coppice Row Theydon Bois Epping Essex CM16 7DS
PARISH:	Theydon Bois
WARD:	Theydon Bois
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing public house and associated buildings and the erection of eleven residential apartments with parking and communal garden.
DECISION:	Deferred to District Development Management Committee

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case:

http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=577522

Following discussion, members voted to refuse the application for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposed development whilst within walking distance of facilities in the centre of Theydon Bois is not in a main urban area where a high level of accessibility may lead to a demonstrably lower level of average car ownership among the occupants of the proposed flats and therefore there is no justification for a significant reduction in the number of parking spaces required by the adopted parking standards, in addition the proposed spaces are below the standard size required and there are no exceptional circumstances to warrant such a reduction. The development is therefore likely to increase on street parking in the area to the detriment of highway safety, contrary to policy ST6 of the adopted Local Plan and Alterations.
- 2. The proposed intensive flatted development, due to the scale and design and level of site coverage is completely out of character with the nature of the surrounding residential area and the street scene, which is characterised by detached properties on large garden plots set back from the highway frontage. In addition it provides an inappropriately hard edge to the boundary of the Green Belt and the edge of the settlement and is contrary to policies CP3, CP7, H3A, GB7A, and LL3 of the adopted Local Plan and Alterations.

Following this decision 5 members of the Sub Committee stood to exercise their right under require that no action be taken on the matter until it has been considered by the District Development Management Committee.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1737/15
SITE ADDRESS:	94 - 96 High Road North Weald Bassett Epping Essex
PARISH:	North Weald Bassett
WARD:	North Weald Bassett
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Proposed 1 no. 2 bed flat and 1 no. 1 bed flat in existing roof of the property and front, rear and side dormer and raised ridge height level to rear roof.
DECISION:	Refused Permission

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case: http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=577768

Reasons for Refusal

- 1. The design, bulk and massing of the proposed extension and roof alterations proposed, fail to complement or enhance either the existing building or the street scene and are therefore contrary to policy DBE10 of the adopted Local plan and Alterations in addition the proposed addition of two flats together with further parking spaces, within this small site results in overdevelopment and an unsympathetic change and loss of amenity, undermining the quality of the urban area contrary to policy CP7 of the adopted Local Plan and Alterations.
- 2. The proposed front extension will result in an unacceptable overbearing impact and loss of light to the kitchen area of one of the existing ground floor flats and the bedroom of one of the existing first floor flats causing an excessive harm to residential amenity contrary to policy DBE9 and CP7 of the adopted Local Plan and alterations.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1744/15
SITE ADDRESS:	Land at the Maltings Waterside Place Sheering Lower Road Sheering Harlow Essex CM21 9JX
PARISH:	Sheering
WARD:	Lower Sheering
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	A revised scheme pursuant to extant planning permission EPF/0360/12 for the construction of a new building providing thirteen flats with external parking and amenity areas.
DECISION:	Refused Permission

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case: http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=577779

The presenting officer read the comments of the Parish Council which were not reported in the agenda.

Reason for Refusal

 Due to the excessive bulk and height of the proposed building and the lack of meaningful amenity space and landscaping, the proposal will amount to overdevelopment of the site and have an adverse impact on the character and visual amenity of the conservation area, the setting of the adjacent Listed Building, and the street scene, contrary to policies CP2, CP7HC7, HC12, DBE1, DBE3, and DBE8 of the adopted Local Plan and Alterations.

Members considered whether there was a way forward, but felt that the previously approved scheme for 9 flats was likely to be the maximum level of development that would be appropriate for the site.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1773/15
SITE ADDRESS:	3 Maltings Lane Epping Essex CM16 6SB
PARISH:	Epping
WARD:	Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	First floor side and rear extension, two storey side extension, single storey rear extension. Front porch extension
DECISION:	Refused Permission

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case:

Reasons for Refusal

- 1. The proposed single storey rear element of the proposal is of excessive depth and height and will be overbearing in relation to the adjacent property at number 5 Maltings Lane, and cause excessive harm to residential amenity contrary to policy DBE9
- 2. The use of a concrete finish to part of the development fails to complement or enhance the appearance of the existing building contrary to policy DBE10 of the Adopted Local Plan.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1790/15
SITE ADDRESS:	Station Court Bansons Way Ongar Essex CM5 9BS
PARISH:	Ongar
WARD:	Chipping Ongar, Greensted and Marden Ash
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Proposed refurbishment, rearrangement of parking layout, and two storey addition to form a 2 bedroom maisonette.
DECISION:	Deferred

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case: http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=577880

Members decided to defer making a decision on this application in order for a site visit to take place.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1850/15
SITE ADDRESS:	Lampetts Moreton Road Fyfield Essex CM5 0HT
PARISH:	Fyfield
WARD:	Moreton and Fyfield
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Installation of a 30 metre high shared telecommunications base station tower with six antennas and associated ground-based equipment cabinets.
DECISION:	Granted Permission (With Conditions)

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case: http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=578002

CONDITIONS

- The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this notice.
- The telecommunications installation hereby approved shall be removed after it is no longer needed for telecommunication purposes.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1881/15
SITE ADDRESS:	Houblons House Houblons Hill Coopersale Epping Essex CM16 7QL
PARISH:	Epping
WARD:	Epping Hemnall
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Conversion of existing two storey detached domestic annexe building to separate independent 2 bedroom house, and new access to serve the existing house.
DECISION:	Refused Permission

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case:

http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=578074

Reasons for Refusal

- The site is not well related to facilities, such as shops schools and employment and does
 not have good public transport links. Any persons occupying the dwelling would be likely to
 be reliant on the private car for everyday trips. As such the proposal is considered to be an
 unsustainable form of development, contrary to the principles of policies CP1, CP3, CP6
 and ST1 of the adopted Local Plan and alterations.
- The proposed development including the creation of an additional access will result in an
 intensification of use of this rural site with additional traffic movements and car parking and
 additional residential paraphernalia, which will be harmful to the rural character of the area
 and openness of the Green Belt, contrary to policies GB8A and GB13 of the adopted Local
 Plan and Alterations.

APPLICATION No:	EPF/1987/15
SITE ADDRESS:	Treetops Care Home Station Road Epping Essex CM16 4HG
PARISH:	Epping
WARD:	Epping Hemnall
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing garage and store shed, construction of a four storey extension to provide additional bed space to the existing care home.
DECISION:	Granted Permission (With Conditions)

Click on the link below to view related plans and documents for this case: http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=578315

CONDITIONS

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this notice.
- The development hereby permitted will be completed strictly in accordance with the approved drawings nos: 09-3319-05, 09-3319-06 A, 09-3319-09 C, 09-3319-10 B.
- Prior to first occupation of the development hereby approved all window openings in the flank elevation shall be entirely fitted with obscured glass and have fixed frames to a height of 1.7 metres above the floor of the room in which the window is installed and shall be permanently retained in that condition.
- 4 No development, including works of demolition or site clearance, shall take place until a Tree Protection Plan Arboricultural Method Statement and site monitoring schedule in accordance with BS:5837:2012 (Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction recommendations) has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. The development shall be carried out only in accordance with the approved documents unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.
- All construction/demolition works and ancillary operations, including vehicle movement on site which are audible at the boundary of noise sensitive premises, shall only take place between the hours of 08.00 to 18.30 Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 hours on Saturday, and at no time during Sundays and Public/Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

No development shall take place until wheel washing or other cleaning facilities for vehicles leaving the site during construction works have been installed in accordance with details which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved installed cleaning facilities shall be used to clean vehicles immediately before leaving the site.