

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Area Planning Sub-Committee **Date:** 16 November 2016
West

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 7.30 - 9.26 pm
High Street, Epping

Members Present: A Mitchell (Chairman), G Shiell (Vice-Chairman), R Bassett, R Butler, D Dorrell, R Gadsby, L Hughes, H Kane, S Kane, Y Knight, J Lea, M Sartin, S Stavrou and E Webster

Other Councillors:

Apologies:

Officers Present: J Godden (Principal Planning Officer (Heritage, Enforcement & Landscaping)), M Jenkins (Democratic Services Officer) and G J Woodhall (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

31. 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.

32. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and outlined the procedures and arrangements agreed by the Council, to enable persons to address the Sub-Committee in relation to the determination of applications for planning permission.

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 19 October 2016 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(1) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillor S Stavrou declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in the following item of the agenda by virtue of being the Housing Portfolio Holder and Chairman of the Council

Housebuilding Committee. The Councillor advised that she would be leaving the Chamber for the duration of the discussion and voting thereon:

- EPF/1829/16 Land and garages adjacent 14A Pound Close, Nazeing EN9 2HR

(2) Pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct, Councillor R Bassett declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in the following item of the agenda by virtue of knowing the owner of a local garage concerned. The Councillor advised that he would remain in the Chamber for the duration of the discussion and voting thereon:

- EPF/0881/16 Springfield Cottage, Hamlet Hill, Roydon CM19 5LD

35. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that there was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

36. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

The Sub-Committee considered a schedule of applications for planning permission.

RESOLVED:

That, Planning applications numbered 1 – 6 be determined as set out in the annex to these minutes.

37. PROBITY IN PLANNING - APRIL 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 2016

The Sub-Committee received a report regarding Probity in Planning – Appeal Decisions 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016.

The report advised the decision making committees of the results of all successful allowed appeals, particularly those refused by committee to officer recommendation. The purpose was to inform Members of the consequences of their decisions in this respect and, in cases where the refusal was found unsupportable on planning grounds, an award of costs could be made against the Council.

Since 2011/12 there were two local indicators, one measured all planning application type appeals as a result of committee reversals of officer recommendations (GOV08) and the other measured the performance of officer recommendations and delegated decisions (GOV07).

Over the six month period between 1 March 2016 and 30 September 2016, the Council received 49 decisions on appeals (48 of which were planning related appeals, the other 1 was enforcement related).

GOV07 and 08 measured planning application decisions and out of a total of 48, 18 were allowed (37.5%). Broken down further, GOV07 performance was 8 out of 32 allowed (25%) and GOV08 performance was 10 out of 16 (62.5%).

For the Area Plans West Sub-Committee, there were no appeals allowed against decisions made.

RESOLVED:

That the Probity in Planning report covering the period April 2016 to September 2016 be noted.

CHAIRMAN