

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** held at the **Shire Hall** on **Wednesday 6th September 2023** at **5.30pm**

Councillors:

Present: D Adelson, S Bale, G Holdcroft, R Leach , N Phipps and R Sanders.

Apologies: P Gillard, M Kneebone and E O’Nolan.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and District Councillor Yule.

257. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gillard, Kneebone, and O’Nolan.

258. To receive Declarations of Interest

No members made any declarations of interests in relation to items on the agenda.

259. Public Question Time.

There were no members of the public present.

260. To agree and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2023

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 23rd August 2023 were approved.

261. To note intentions to undertake works to trees in the conservation area (TCA)

The Committee noted the following applications:

DC/23/3288/TCA - 9 Chapel Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4NF

The Committee agreed that it was regrettable that no information was provided with this application – such an application should not have been validated without at least site diagrams and an arboricultural impact assessment.

262. To comment on applications to trees with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

The Council agreed their comment as set out below:-

No applications to report.

263. To comment on applications for planning permission

The Council agreed their comment as set out below:-

<p>DC/23/2786/FUL - Units 4 And 5, East Bank House, 9 Tide Mill Way, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1BY</p>	<p>Further to the submission of a holding objection which asked for additional information to be provided to alleviate the Committee's concerns, we were disappointed to note that no such information had been forthcoming.</p> <p>WTC therefore recommend refusal of this application due to the insufficient information provided regarding the impact on the Highway. WTC are the owners of Tide Mill Way and are already concerned about the increase in vehicular movements in the area following the re-development of Deben Wharf. There is also a significant increase in pedestrian movements in the area, with a noticeable increase in informal pedestrian crossing at the junction of Tide Mill Way and the B1438 Quayside, which is situated on a blind corner.</p> <p>WTC re-state its opinion that the statement by the applicant that the impact of incoming traffic from the development will be negligible is purposely misleading - there will be a significant increase in vehicular movements into and out of the site.</p>
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	WTC strongly recommends that the Planning Authority seek the opinion of the Highways Authority regarding the impact of this development on the junction of Tide Mill Way and B1438 before making its decision.
DC/23/3311/FUL - Westerley Prentices Lane Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4LF	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/3351/FUL - 32 Catherine Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4JP	WTC recommend approval. The Committee noted the absence of a site plan and that this be raised as another example of validation failing to pick up fundamental requirements for applications before acceptance for publication.

264. To note East Suffolk Council decisions on Planning Applications where those decision are contrary to this Council’s recommendations and not previously reported.

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265. To discuss with District Councillor Yule the Planning Referral Panel process

The Committee received a verbal update from District Councillor Yule, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management at East Suffolk Council, regarding a wide range of planning matters.

266. To consider how the Committee can assist the Deben Estuary Partnership regarding the planned re-development of the Deben Estuary plan

The Committee noted the decision of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee regarding the Council’s relationship with the Deben Estuary Partnership.

267. To consider a Temporary Pavement Licence renewal application - Caffe Nero, Woodbridge

The Committee agreed it had no concerns regarding the Temporary Pavement Licence renewal application for Caffe Nero.

268. Closure

The meeting was closed at 6.47pm.

Councillor Sanders
Chair