

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston at 7.30pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Phillips (Chair)  
Councillors Davison, Inwood, Leggett, Perry, F Smith, P Smith, Squire-Smith and Stanier

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Town and District Councillor Brown  
District Councillors Davidson, Green and Hunter  
County Councillor Hill  
2 members of the public

The Chairman reminded members that the meeting was being recorded.

**135/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was none.

**136/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Coll.

**137/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

There were none.

**138/20 APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 (minutes 107/20 to 114/20).

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**139/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

a) 19/01582/FP – Land South of Recreation Ground, Newmarket Road, Royston

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application, providing that there is adequate lighting that will not impose on local residents.

b) 19/01699/FP – 1A, 1B and 1C Melbourn Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7DB

Councillor F Smith declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application for the following reasons:

- It is a gross overdevelopment of the site.
- It will tower over properties in Hollies Close.
- Many mature trees will be removed.
- Access would be on to a busy road.
- There is inadequate parking.
- It is not on the local plan or the emerging local plan.
- The affordable housing percentage is not met within this property.
- The building is too high and overbearing.
- There is lack of amenity space and green space.
- The building is too close to the road.

- The footprint is too large for the site.
- There is no crossing on Melbourn Road and one would be needed if the development proceeded.
- It is not in keeping with other properties in the area.

c) 19/01422/FP – Land off, Titchmarsh Close, Royston, Hertfordshire

Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application for the following reasons:

- It is an overdevelopment of the site.
- Access is not wide enough.
- It will impact on the character in the area.
- There is inadequate parking in the area.
- It removes amenity space for existing properties.
- It is too close to the railway.

d) 19/01501/FPH – 51 Kneesworth Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AQ

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

e) 19/01506/FPH – 23 Green Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7BB

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

f) 19/01661/FPH – 33 Beldam Avenue, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9UH

Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application. It is not in keeping with the area, it is too large and it protrudes too far forward, out of line with other properties.

g) 19/01660/FPH – 50 Newmarket Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7HA

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

h) 19/01629/FPH – 24 Betony Vale, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9TS

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

i) 19/01709/FPH – 17 Garden Walk, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7HP

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

j) 19/01704/FP – 7-9 High Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9YY

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application, providing that adequate bin storage is provided.

k) 19/01770/FPH – 56 Heathfield, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BN

Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

#### 140/20 APPEALS:

Members noted the appeal in respect of Land at Green Drift, Royston, Hertfordshire.

Members noted the appeal in respect of Land at 11 to 17 Mill Road, Royston, Hertfordshire.

**141/20 PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE TEMPLATE:**

Members **AGREED** that a response would be sent for three projects; bike racks in the town centre, a pavilion in Priory Memorial Gardens and drinking water fountains in the town. Forms would be completed by Councillors Perry, Leggett and Squire-Smith and sent to the Town Clerk for forwarding to the planning officers. Costings should be included for the projects.

Members noted the updated list of planning decisions.

Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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