

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Heritage Hall at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd August 2021.

PRESENT: Councillor Davison (Chair)
Councillors Beardwell, Coll, FJ Smith and P Smith.

In attendance: Town Councillor Bylett
County Councillor Hill and District Councillor Hunter
3 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.

107/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A member of the public spoke about the application at 72 Green Drift and asked the Council to support her objection to the overdevelopment of the site. She pointed out that the extension was two storeys, extended 4m beyond her house and was 1m from the boundary. It included a balcony with a glass wall which would mean they would lose all privacy in their back garden as well as lose their light. She added that there were no other examples of two storey extensions in Green Drift and that this was the narrowest plot. She thought the planned parking was insufficient and cars would be backing onto the street which was in close proximity to the school and therefore a safety risk.

A member of the public spoke about the application for an 18m high Telecommunications Monopole at York Way. He stated that he was opposed to the siting of the pole so close to a residential area. He commented that the proposed structure is much taller than lampposts. He argued that Government guidelines state masts could not be within 60m of a school but this one would be within that distance from homes with children in them and therefore was no different. He felt that there were other more suitable sites e.g. Royston Gateway in the town.

108/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Inwood, Leggett, Perry, Phillips and Squire-Smith.

109/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Members were advised to declare any interests at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. No requests for dispensations were received.

110/22 APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021 (minutes 83/22 to 88/22).

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

111/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a) 21/01985/FPH - 72 Green Drift, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BT
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application on the grounds of over- development of the plot.

- b) 21/02179/TD – Land at Evangelistic Church, York Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5HJ
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application on the grounds that it would cause demonstrable harm to the character of the area. They further requested that sites to the west of the Great North Road be investigated.
- c) 21/01973/FPH – 18 Hawthorn Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7JS
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

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

- d) 21/01983/FPH – 101 Melbourn Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7DG
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- e) 21/01982/FPH – 11 Mill Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7AE
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- f) 21/01993/FPH – 104 Redwing Rise, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7XE
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- g) 21/02065/FPH – 9 Orchard Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5EY
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- h) 21/02081/FPH – 5 Rock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5EU
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- i) 21/02084/FPH – 108 Mill Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7AJ
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- j) 21/02077/FP – Costa Coffee, Darlington Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5PF
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- k) 21/02083/FP – 8 Masefield Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5UU
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application on the grounds that the wall would have a detrimental effect on the area and it was not clear if the applicant owned the amenity land.
- l) 21/02137/FPH – 17 Green Drift, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5DA
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- m) 21/02185/FP – Goodman House, 2 Upper King Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG9 9FS
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- n) 21/02186/LBC – Goodman House, 2 Upper King Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9FS
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

112/22 UPDATED LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS:

Members noted the updated list of planning decisions.

Date of next meeting: 6th September 2021.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.04pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____