

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, Royston at 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor Phillips (Chair)  
Councillors Beardwell, Inwood, Leggett and P Smith

In attendance: Town Clerk  
County Councillor Hill  
District Councillor Green  
2 Members of the Public

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

**292/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was none.

**293/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davison, Perry and Squire-Smith.

**294/22 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.

**295/22 APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (minutes 271/22 to 278/22).  
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**296/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- a) 22/00029/FP – Flint Hall Farm, London Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9LX  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- b) 22/00189/FP – Royston Business Park, Greenfield, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5HN  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- c) 22/00433/FP - 1 Royse Grove, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9EP  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- d) 22/00323/FP – 14 Ostler Court, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5FH  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- e) 22/00479/FPH – The Cottage, 40A Heathfield, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BN  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- f) 22/00487/FPH – 49 Redwing Rise, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7XU  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- g) 21/02432/FP – 5 Kneesworth Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AA  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application on the basis that a shadow report would be carried out on the proposed development.

- h) 22/00530/FPH – 17 Green Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7BB  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- i) 22/00574/FP – Upton House, Baldock Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AY  
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application as there are concerns over the design and layout of the proposed residential areas, particularly in respect of the basement where accommodation is located next to a plant room and the potential noise emission.
- j) 22/00575/LBC – Upton House, Baldock Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AY  
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application as there are concerns over the design and layout of the proposed residential areas, particularly in respect of the basement where accommodation is located next to a plant room and the potential noise emission.
- k) 22/00582/FPH – 20 Hollies Close, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7DZ  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- l) 22/00576/FPH – 6 Middle Drift, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BU  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- m) 22/00559/FPH – 2 Windsor Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9JF  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- n) 22/00580/FPH – 23 Masefield Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5UU  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

**297/22 REPORT TO MEMBERS THE DECISION MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN ON BEHALF OF ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL, ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION:**

21/02298/FPH - 15 Old North Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5DT  
**OBJECTION** as the height is excessive at 2.7 metres and the plans are still unclear as to exactly what type of fencing is being installed and what colour it is.  
Members would suggest that a compromise is made and perhaps fencing that is a maximum of 2.5 metres is installed, the top part being at least 0.5m of a close woven trellis as shown in photo image number 16 in the associated documents on the website.

**298/22 APPEALS:**

Members noted the following appeal:  
APP/X1925/W/21/3283346: 8 Masefield Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5UU.

**299/22 STREET NAMING: FORMER LAND AT BURLOES, ROYSTON**

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the proposed name 'Francis John Smith Drive' for the spine road of the Land at Burloes development.

**300/22 UPDATED LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS:**

Members noted the updated list of planning decisions.

**301/22 HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATION:**

PL/0254/22: Land to the south of Royston Sewage Treatment Works, Royston - Proposed application for the establishment of a waste transfer and recycling facility including ancillary facilities and associated landscaping and drainage provisions.  
Members of Royston Town Council **ROBUSTLY OBJECT** to this proposal on the following grounds:

1. The access is quite inadequate for the amount of proposed HGV traffic that will be arriving and leaving via the fast carriageway at slow speeds.
2. The excess noise will be unacceptable for nearby properties within the boundary of Royston, especially in view of the processing and crushing of aggregates and hardcore.
3. Odour would no doubt be generated from this site that would affect the quality of life for nearby residents.
4. The proposed hours, which include weekends and bank holidays, are totally unreasonable and would have a detrimental impact to local residents.
5. It would also have a detrimental impact on the landscape, for example the Waste Transfer Station Building will be 14 metres high and far higher than the Screening mound and planting.
6. Dust emissions from the site.
7. Mud and debris on the A505, causing a hazard on the busy dual carriageway.
8. Concern about the processing of hazardous waste, eg asbestos, close to residential areas.

It will be Royston residents who will be affected by the proposal, Royston Town Council requests that it be refused and a more suitable site be found.

Date of next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_