

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Phillips (Chair)  
Councillors Inwood, Perry, P Smith and Squire-Smith.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
County Councillor Hill  
District Councillors Green and Hunter

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and informed those present that it was being recorded. The Chair reported that it would be her last meeting as chairman of the planning committee and thanked everyone for making it an enjoyable experience.

**333/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was none.

**334/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Beardwell, Davison and Leggett.

**335/22 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.

**336/22 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> March (minutes 292/22 to 301/22).

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**337/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

a) 22/00634/FP – Land at London Road, Royston, Hertfordshire.

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

- It is an overdevelopment of the site and seven houses is excessive for such a small piece of land
- No car parking is provided and this raises concerns about the impact on parking amenities nearby
- The development will have a detrimental effect on the appearance coming into Royston from the South and for the existing nearby houses
- There will be a loss of trees at the site and this is not acceptable

b) 22/00681/HYA – 46 Kneesworth Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AQ.

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

c) 22/00612/FP – 55 Layston Park, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9DS.

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

- It is an overdevelopment of the site and is too large for the space available
- It is too close to the woodland and there are concerns over potential damage to the trees
- It is out of character with the street scene

- d) 22/00639/FP – 3A Angel Pavement, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9AS.  
Members noted that the reference for this planning application was stated incorrectly on the agenda. Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- e) 22/00646/FPH – 70 Mill Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7AJ.  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- f) 22/00667/FPH – 16 Mortimer Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7HS.  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- g) 22/00429/FP – 45 Barkway Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9EB  
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application as HCC Highways recommended that the application be refused because there is insufficient information showing correct visibility splays and details of cycle parking.
- h) 22/00672/FP – Unit 1 Durham Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5GX  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- i) 22/00717/AD – 1 Market Hill, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9JL  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- j) 22/00724/FP – Public Conveniences, Lower King Street, Royston, Hertfordshire.  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- k) 22/00731/FP – Johnson Matthey, Orchard Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5HE  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- l) 22/00757/FPH – 16 Ermine Close, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5EE  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- m) 22/00776/FPH – 95 Green Drift, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BT  
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

### **338/22 PLANNING S106 CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM:**

Members agreed on the following projects to be considered for s106 contributions for planning application 22/00681/HYA – 46 Kneesworth Street, Royston, SG8 5AQ:

- Refurbishment of Market Hill Rooms
- An upgrade to the local skate park

Councillor Hill reported that Andrew Mills from North Herts District Council was working on the project to develop the skate park. Councillor Inwood agreed to contact Andrew Mills regarding the costings for the project.

### **339/22 UPDATED LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS:**

Members noted the updated list of planning decisions.

Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_