

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 5th September 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor Beardwell (Chair)
Councillors Antony, Inwood, Langdon, Jani and Lockett
In attendance: Assistant Town Clerk
County Councillor Hill
District Councillor Green

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and reminded those present to be mindful of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency declared by the Royston Town Council when making decisions on behalf of the council. The Chair notified everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

130/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

131/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Adams, Rees and Squire-Smith

132/23 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.

133/23 APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 1st August (minutes 124/23 to 129/23).

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

134/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a) 22/01957/FPH – 33 London Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9EJ
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- b) 22/01958/LBC – 33 London, Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9EJ
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- c) 22/01859/FPH – 8 Newmarket Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7DY
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- d) 22/01963/FPH – 29 Queens Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7AN
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- e) 22/01856/LBC – 7 Melbourn Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7BP
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- f) 22/02071/AD – 7 Melbourn Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7BP
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- g) 22/02019/FPH – 15 The Brambles, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9NQ
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

- h) 22/02024/FPH – 14 Cydesdale Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9JA
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- i) 22/02037/FP – 10 Melbourn Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7BZ
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- j) 22/01998/FPH – Clavering, 20 Ivy Lane, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9DQ
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- k) 22/02021/FPH – 1 Houseman Avenue, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5DN
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to North Herts Council checking that the building regulations have been complied with.
- l) 22/02104/AD – Tesco Stores Ltd, Old North Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5UA
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- m) 22/01752/AD – Coach and Horses, Kneesworth Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AA
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- n) 22/01778/LBC – Coach and Horses, Kneesworth Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AA
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- o) 22/02161/FP – 7A Lower King Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AL
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- p) 22/02160/FPH – 11 Morton Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7AZ
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- q) 22/02129/FPH – 11 Woodcock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7XT
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application as it is detrimental to the street scene.
- r) 22/02183/FPH – 5 Siskin Close, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7XX
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- s) 22/02038/FP – Upton House, Baldock Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AY
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- t) 22/02039/LBC – Upton House, Baldock Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5AY
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- u) 22/02236/S73 – 1 Kipling Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7DT
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- v) 22/02212/FP – 2 Priory Close, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 7DU
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- w) 22/02269/FPH – The Cottage, 40A Heathfield, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BN
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

135/23 REPORT TO MEMBERS THE DECISION MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN ON BEHALF OF ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL, ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION:

22/01883/TD – Land Adjacent to 1 The Copperfields, Baldock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BH

Members of Royston Town Council raise a **STRONG OBJECTION** as it would cause demonstrable harm to the character of the area. The proposed monopole is not in keeping with the area. The proposed site is next to and overlooking Therfield Heath which is designated a Site of Specific Interest and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

NPPF section 10 paragraph 115 states that “Where new sites are required (such as for new 5G networks, or for connected transport and smart city applications), equipment should be sympathetically designed and camouflaged where appropriate.”

The proposed 15m monopole and cabinets on a grass verge overlooking Royston Heath will clearly not be camouflaged. Located in a residential area, this does not constitute a sympathetic visual amenity. The installation will result in a visually intrusive feature on the landscape. The installation will impair the vision of motorists and cyclists exiting Copperfields. This is an area that is well known for speeding traffic. The installation will increase the probability of more accidents happening at this location. Royston Town Council requests that this application is refused by North Herts Council.

136/23 COMMONS ACT 2006, S38: THERFIELD HEATH: APPLICATION BY AFFINITY WATER:

Members noted the Planning Inspectorate’s decision to refuse consent to raise the head-works of two existing boreholes located within the vicinity of the pumping station located on the eastern most boundary of Therfield Heath.

137/23 UPDATED LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS:

Members noted the updated list of planning decisions.

Date of next meeting: 3rd October 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____