

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd February 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor Haugh (Chair)
Councillors Adams, Compton, Freeman and Langdon
In attendance: Town Clerk
County Councillor Hill, District Councillor Clifton
3 members of the public

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

The Chair notified everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

285/25 CHAIR:

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Haugh as Chair of the meeting.

286/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Two members of the public spoke to raise their concerns about the application 24/02936/FP, The White House, Valley Rise, Royston SG8 9GH. They lived in the vicinity and were worried about loss of privacy and overlooking from the new development.

287/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Beardwell, Jani, Lockett and Squire-Smith.

288/25 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.

289/25 APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 (minutes 247/25 to 253/25). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

290/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Chair brought forward application 24/02936/FP for discussion next as there were members of the public present with an interest in this matter.

- a) 24/02936/FP – The White House, Valley Rise, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 9GH
Members raised an **OBJECTION** to this application for the following reasons –
- It is an overdevelopment of the site
 - Loss of privacy and overlooking existing neighbouring properties
 - Concerns over access to the site which is close to a major junction
 - Concerns over shadowing to existing properties, a daylight assessment should be carried out
 - Concerns over ecology, bat droppings have been found in the existing property
- b) 24/02848/FPH – 58 Downlands, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 5BY
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- c) 24/02866/FP – 2 Baldock Street, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 5AY
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

- d) 25/00055/FPH – 2 Cedar Crescent, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 5BP
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- e) 25/00095/FPH – 19 Foxglove Bank, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 9GH
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

291/25 UPDATED LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS:

Members noted the updated list of planning decisions.

Date of next meeting: 3rd March 2025.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.58pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____

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