

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON WEDNESDAY
18 SEPTEMBER 2024, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor S Watson (Chair)
Councillors R Buckmaster, M Adams, V Burt,
R Carter, S Copley, I Devonshire, J Dunlop,
Y Estop, A Holt and T Stowe

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors D Andrews, N Clements,
B Crystall, A Daar, T Deffley, V Glover-Ward
and V Smith

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jackie Bruce	- Section 106 Programme Manager
Neil Button	- Team Leader (Strategic Applications - Development Management)
Steve Fraser-Lim	- Principal Planning Officer
Peter Mannings	- Committee Support Officer
James Mead	- Planning Officer
Kay Mead	- Principal Planning Officer
Martin Plummer	- Service Manager (Development Management and Enforcement)

Sara Saunders - Head of Planning
and Building
Control
Victoria Wilders - Legal Services
Manager

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Armstrong - HCC Highways

145 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Hill and Marlow. It was noted that Councillor Adams was substituting for Councillor Marlow.

146 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone present at the meeting and those that there watching online. He introduced the Officers and reminded everyone to use the microphones for the webcast.

147 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

148 MINUTES - 19 JUNE 2024

Councillor Devonshire proposed and Councillor Dunlop seconded, a motion that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2024, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

- 149 3/23/1642/FUL - ERECTION OF 118 DWELLINGS, INCLUDING ACCESS ROADS, CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTES, CYCLE AND CAR PARKING, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING, TREE PROTECTION MEASURES, SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM (SUDS) AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY STRUCTURES AT LAND WEST OF WADESMILL ROAD (HERT4), HERTFORD
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The Head of Planning and Building Control recommended that in respect of application 3/23/1642/FUL, planning permission be granted subject to a Section 106 legal agreement and subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report.

The planning case officer summarised the application and set out in detail the key issues for Members to consider. He referred in particular to the HERT4 policy and commented on the masterplan adoption framework. He detailed the planning history of the site and referred Members to the late representations.

Veronica Fraser and John Howson addressed the Committee in objection to the application. Kim Rickards spoke for the application as the applicant. Councillors Crystall, Daar and Smith addressed the committee as the East Herts local ward Members.

The Committee debated the application and asked questions of the planning officers and the HCC highways officer. The officers responded to the questions raised.

Councillor Watson (Chair) proposed, and Councillor Devonshire seconded, a motion for a 5-minute adjournment from 21:25 to 21:30. After being put to the

meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

The Legal Services Manager reminded Members that they should not discuss the application with anyone during the 5-minute adjournment period.

RESOLVED – that the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes from 21:25 to 21:30.

The Committee continued to debate the application and asked further questions of the planning officers and the HCC highways officer.

At 21:46, Councillor Watson (chair) proposed, and Councillor Copley seconded, a motion that the meeting would continue beyond 10 pm and until the agenda was concluded.

After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that the meeting continue beyond 10 pm and until the agenda was concluded.

Councillor Estop proposed, and Councillor Adams seconded, a motion that application 3/23/1642/FUL be granted planning permission, subject to a section 106 legal agreement and the conditions set out at the end of the report, and also subject to the changes to conditions and the Section 106 agreement that had been raised during the meeting.

After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that application 3/23/1642/FUL be granted planning permission, subject to a section 106 legal agreement and the conditions set out at

the end of the report, and also subject to the changes to conditions and the Section 106 agreement that had been raised during the meeting.

150 ITEMS FOR REPORTING AND NOTING

RESOLVED – that the following reports be noted:

- (A) Appeals against refusal of planning permission / non-determination;
- (B) Planning Appeals lodged;
- (C) Planning Appeals: Inquiry and Informal Hearing Dates; and
- (D) Planning Statistics.

151 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm

Chairman
Date