

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – 20 JULY 2011

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

8b PROPOSED RELOCATED SCHOOLS AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT, BISHOP'S STORTFORD: PLANNING APPEALS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All Bishop's Stortford wards

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**Purpose/Summary of Report:**

- To seek a minor change to the delegation granted to officers to assist with the efficient preparation of the Council's case in relation to the above appeals.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:** that

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<b>(A)</b>	In an amendment of the previously delegation, authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Building Control to make any further changes to the case submitted by the Council as necessary and appropriate, subject to the agreement of the Chairman of the Committee and two other Committee Members representing Bishop's Stortford wards.

1.0 Report

- 1.1 Members will be aware that appeals in relation to the decision by the Council to refuse planning permission for the above development are to be dealt with by means of a public inquiry commencing on 20 September 2011.
- 1.2 Members will also recall that, at the 25 May 2011 meeting of the Committee, authority was delegated to officers, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Burlton and Councillor Jones, to make changes to the case advanced by the Council at the inquiry, if appropriate.
- 1.3 The appellants are now formulating their case in detail and are addressing a number of the more peripheral matters identified by the Council. Given the now limited time prior to the submission of cases in detail (deadline 23 August 2011) and the approaching

holiday season, officers are now seeking a minor change to the authority set out above, to ensure that matters can proceed if the Members identified above are not available for any reason.

- 1.4 Officers ask that the Committee agrees to amend the delegation such that minor changes can be made to the case submitted by the Council, subject to consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and two other Bishop's Stortford Ward Members on the Committee. This gives a slightly greater flexibility in the circumstances that Members may not be available.

### 3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within Essential Reference Paper 'A'.

### Background Papers

Planning application and appeal papers.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	<p><b>Shaping now, shaping the future</b> <i>Safeguard and enhance our unique mix of rural and urban communities, ensuring sustainable, economic and social opportunities including the continuation of effective development control and other measures.</i></p> <p><b>Leading the way, working together</b> <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
Consultation:	Chairman of the Committee.
Legal:	None
Financial:	None
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	To ensure timely amendment to the Council's case as necessary to best respond to evolving cases on behalf of the appellant.