

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER/STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Monday, 19 May 2025

PRESENT: Councillor D L Mickelburgh – Chair.

Councillors R J Brereton, E R Butler, S J Corney, D B Dew, P A Jordan, S R McAdam, S Mokbul, B M Pitt, T D Sanderson, R A Slade and C H Tevlin.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Clarke, K P Gulson, J Neish and S Wakeford.

5 MINUTES

Subject to apologies for absence of Councillor Mickelburgh being recorded, the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 14th April and 15th May were approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

6 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Jordan declared a Non-Registerable Interest in Minute No 8 b) by virtue of the fact that the application related to the Ward she represents.

Councillor Jordan also declared a Non-Registerable Interest in Minute No 8 a) by virtue of the fact that she had been spoken to during a site visit but she did not reply.

7 PLANNING SERVICES PEER REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Planning, Infrastructure and Public Protection (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) on the outcome of the Planning Services Peer Review. The Review had been undertaken in accordance with a recommendation of the Corporate Peer Challenge. Members' attention was drawn to the composition of the Peer Challenge Team, the work that had been completed and recommendations that had been made.

Members were reminded that training had been organised for the Development Management Committee on the findings of the Report. Discussion then took place on potential changes to the type of applications submitted to the Committee for determination based on the Report's recommendations, national best practice and anticipated changes at the national level. Having commented on the importance of communicating with interested parties on the programme of improvement, it was

RESOLVED

- a) that the Planning Advisory Service Peer Challenge report attached as Appendix 1 to the report now submitted be received and the recommendations noted; and
- b) that the intention to bring back an Action Plan to the Development Management Committee within a timescale to be agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, in consultation with the Chair of the Development Management Committee, be noted.

8 APPLICATIONS REQUIRING REFERENCE TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Planning Service Manager (Development Management) submitted reports (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book) on applications for development to be determined by the Committee. Members were advised of further representations, which had been received since the reports had been prepared. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

a) Change of use from field to residential garden (retrospective) -1 Meadow View - Great North Road, Norman Cross - 25/00176/FUL

(Councillor A Wood, Yaxley Parish Council, addressed the Committee on the application).

See Minute No 6 for Members' interests.

that, subject to the resolution of the issue of land ownership, the Planning Service Manager (Development Manager) be authorised to approve the application subject to conditions to include those listed in paragraph 8 of the report now submitted together with the additional condition contained in the Late Representations.

b) Erection of a single chalet style two-bedroom bungalow with associated parking - 8 Pepys Road, Brampton - 24/01968/FUL

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that the application be approved subject to conditions to be determined by the Planning Service Manager (Development Management) to include those listed in paragraph 8 of the report now submitted.

9 APPEAL DECISIONS

The Committee received and noted a report by the Planning Service Manager (Development Management), which contained details of seven recent decisions by the Planning Inspectorate. A copy of the report is appended in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED

that the contents of the report be noted.

Chair