
Development Management Panel

**Report of the meetings held on 20th July, 17th August
and 14th September 2009**

Matters for Information

8. HARTFORD MARINA

In Item No. 21 of the Report of its meeting to the Council held on 18th February 2009, the former Development Control Panel reported that it had agreed to establish a Member Working Group to consider existing relevant policies, the preparation of supplementary planning guidance on marinas and a way to resolve the question of possible unauthorised occupation of the various types of accommodation at Hartford Marina.

Having received the detailed report from the Working Group and been apprised of various representations made by the owner/manager of the marina, the Hartford Marina Community Association, Residential Boat Owners Association and Marina Residents and to ensure consistency with action taken previously at Buckden Marina, the Panel has -

- ◆ requested that a policy on the permanent occupation of marinas and river frontages be prepared as part of the forthcoming Development Management DPD on the basis that this would be subject to public consultation and scrutiny and form part of the Local Development Framework;
- ◆ invited the owner/manager and/or occupiers of the floating lodges, house boats and boats at Hartford Marina to apply for planning permission as soon as sufficient weight can be given to an emerging planning policy on marinas and river frontages to rationalise the current situation at Hartford;
- ◆ decided that no action should be taken against current residents living in the floating lodges, house boats and boats in the interim on the understanding that they provide reasonable information on the status of their occupancy in the period prior to formalisation of the policy sufficient to enable council tax to be recovered from those who form part of the settled community;
- ◆ decided that there should be no further expansion of the marina without planning consent;
- ◆ requested the Head of Planning Services to develop an action plan for progressing the Working Group's recommendations to

- include an appropriate timescale for action and the designation of Officers to be responsible for progressing such action; and
- ◆ authorised the Heads of Law, Property and Governance and Planning Services to take appropriate enforcement action, as sensitively as possible, to secure the cessation of any unauthorised permanent occupation of the flats at Hartford Marina.

**9. PERFORMANCE MONITORING:
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT - 1ST APRIL - 30TH JUNE 2009**

The Panel has received a statistical report on the performance of the Development Management Section of the Planning Division over the period 1st April - 30th June 2009 and noted an increase of approximately £91,000 in fee income in comparison with that anticipated in the revised budget due principally to the receipt of applications for a major strategic site in the District.

10. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Over three meetings, the Panel has considered a total of thirty one applications of which seventeen were approved, eight refused, four deferred and one delegated to the Head of Planning Services for determination.

As a consultee, the Panel has advised Cambridgeshire County Council that they strongly object to an application to undertake engineering operations to extend the landfill void for various purposes at Warboys Landfill Site, Puddock Hill, Warboys but that they remain committed to supporting appropriate proposals for the finite restoration of the site.

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Vice-Chairman