

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Meeting:	Planning and Development Committee	
Date:	Wednesday, 4 November 2020	
Place:	Virtual (via Zoom)	
Members Present:	Councillors:	Simon Speller (Chair), Maureen McKay (Vice-Chair), Doug Bainbridge, Sandra Barr, Laurie Chester, Michael Downing, Michelle Gardner, Jody Hanafin, Graham Lawrence, Graham Snell and Tom Wren.

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lizzy Kelly and John Lloyd. There were no declarations of interest.	
2	MINUTES - 7 OCTOBER 2020	
	It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 7 October 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
3	FORMER BHS STORE, 7 THE FORUM, STEVENAGE	R. Elliott x2836
	It was RESOLVED that planning permission be granted, subject to the Section 106 Agreement and conditions as per the recommendations set out in the report.	
4	FORMER CHELLS PLAY AREA, ELIOT ROAD, STEVENAGE	R. Elliott x2836
	It was RESOLVED that planning permission be granted, subject to the Section 106 Agreement and conditions as per the recommendations set out in the report, together with a revision to condition 9 and an additional condition (No. 22) regarding replacement tree planting as follows:	

	<p>9. Before any development commences, including any site clearance or demolition works, any retained trees on the site or in close proximity of the boundary edge in Six Acre Wood shall be protected in accordance with the details contained within the Arboricultural Method Statement by PJC Consultancy dated 18 June 2020, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>22. Prior to occupation of the development a scheme of replanting of trees felled since the planning application was submitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall detail a replanting schedule to include UK produced trees, their size and proposed replanting location. The tree planting shall be carried out in the first available planting season.</p> <p>REASON: In the interests of Biodiversity and Wildlife.</p>	
5	THE IET, MICHAEL FARADAY HOUSE, SIX HILLS WAY, STEVENAGE	R. Elliott x2836
	It was RESOLVED that planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions as per the recommendations set out in the report.	
6	THE ABBINGTON HOTEL, 23 HITCHIN ROAD AND 28 ESSEX ROAD, STEVENAGE	R. Elliott x2836
	<p>It was RESOLVED that planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions as per the recommendations set out in the report, together with the following amended condition 8 in relation to hard landscaping:</p> <p>8. All hard surfacing comprised in the approved details of landscaping, including the provision of the benches in the amenity area, shall be completed and be ready for use prior to the first operation of 23 Hitchin Road and the 'bungalow' as a Rehabilitation Centre.</p>	

7	SYMONDS GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, FILEY CLOSE, STEVENAGE	J. Chettleburgh x2266
	It was RESOLVED that planning permission be granted, subject to the deed of variation to the existing Section 106 Agreement and conditions as per the recommendations set out in the report, and subject also to trigger points in the Section 106 Agreement regarding Affordable Housing contributions being amended, as set out in the addendum report, with this being delegated to the Assistant Director (Planning & Regulation), in conjunction with the Council's appointed Solicitor.	
8	DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS - SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT	D. Hodbod x2579
	It was RESOLVED that consideration of the Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document be deferred to a later date, with the method by which the Committee could best consider the document being investigated by officers.	
9	THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT ON BIODIVERSITY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)	D. Hodbod x2579
	It was RESOLVED that consideration of the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document be deferred to a later date, with the method by which the Committee could best consider the document being investigated by officers.	
10	INFORMATION REPORT - DELEGATED DECISIONS	
	Noted.	

11	INFORMATION REPORT - APPEALS/CALLED IN APPLICATIONS	
	Noted.	
12	URGENT PART I BUSINESS	Z. Al-Jawad x2257
	<p><u>North of Stevenage application</u></p> <p>The Assistant Director (Planning & Regulation) advised that there had been recent re-consultation regarding this application due to a proposed adjustment to the siting of the southern access point to the site. He asked Members to contact the Planning Team should they require any clarification on this matter.</p> <p>The Chair commented that he was proposing that a Zoom meeting be arranged for those Members of the Committee (such as himself) who were not involved in the original decision on this application when it was determined on 4 February 2020, to meet with leading objectors to allow them the opportunity to explain their position/views on the application.</p>	
13	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	Not required.	
14	URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
	None.	