

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Meeting:	Planning and Development Committee	
Date:	Tuesday, 14 March 2023	
Place:	Council Chamber	
Members Present:	Councillors:	Michael Downing (Chair), Adrian Brown (Vice-Chair), Julie Ashley-Wren, Sandra Barr, Teresa Callaghan, Nazmin Chowdhury, Chris Howells, Graham Lawrence CC, Mrs Joan Lloyd, Maureen McKay, Adam Mitchell CC, Claire Parris, Graham Snell and Anne Wells.

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	<p>There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>Councillors Teresa Callaghan and Graham Lawrence CC declared interests in Item 3 and 4 relating to Land North of Stevenage, off North Road and Weston Road, Stevenage, as they were both Members of the Friends of Forster Country. Councillor Lawrence also stated that, along with other Woodfield Ward Members, he had attended a meeting with Friends of Forster Country at which the application had been discussed, but had not participated in any debate and had only listened to what had been said. Both Members remained in the meeting and took part in the deliberation and vote on the item.</p>	
2	MINUTES - 9 FEBRUARY 2023 AND 15 FEBRUARY 2023	
	It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committees held on 9 February 2023 and 15 February 2023 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.	
3	22/00781/RMM - LAND TO THE NORTH OF STEVENAGE, OFF NORTH ROAD AND WESTON ROAD, STEVENAGE	R. Elliot
	The Committee considered an application for Reserved Matters for the construction of a Country Park including access, layout and landscaping pursuant to Outline permission 17/00862/OPM at the land to the North of Stevenage, Off North Road and Weston Road, Stevenage.	

It was **RESOLVED** that application 22/00781/RMM be DEFERRED for the following reasons:

- The provision of a comparison between the baseline assessment for biodiversity net gain for the Country Park and the re-assessment of the baseline assessment by the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust;
- The carrying out of further consultation on the Country Park proposals with other groups/organisations, such as disabled groups, schools and local community groups/residents, and consideration be given to obtaining advice from the National Trust;
- Further discussions with the applicant regarding the “mound” to be created in the Country Park using material displaced as part of the approved residential development under Reserved Matters applications 22/00808/RM and 22/00810/RMM;
- Further discussions with the applicant regarding the a more imaginative design of the car park toilet block;
- Further discussions with the applicant regarding the Highways Safety along Weston Road/Great Ashby;
- Further discussions with the applicant/HCC Highway regarding the width of the footways to be provided across the site.
- Further justification for the size of the car park.

4	INFORMATION REPORT - DELEGATED DECISIONS	
	Noted.	
5	INFORMATION REPORT - APPEALS/CALLED IN APPLICATIONS	
	Noted.	

6	URGENT PART I BUSINESS	
	<p><u>Planning applications 22/00808/RMM and 22/00810/RMM – Land to the North of Stevenage, off North Road and Weston Road, Stevenage</u></p> <p>In relation to the above applications, which had been granted permission by the Committee at its meeting held on 9 February 2023, the Assistant Director (Planning & Regulation) advised that a number of the conditions had been amended by officers to reflect the accurate Plan numbers and to incorporate extra information that had since been provided.</p>	
7	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	Not required.	
8	URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
	None.	