

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Meeting:	Planning and Development Committee	
Date:	Thursday, 7 December 2023	
Place:	Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage	
Members Present:	Councillors:	Michael Downing (Chair), Claire Parris (Vice-Chair), Julie Ashley-Wren, Rob Broom, Forhad Chowdhury, Nazmin Chowdhury, Chris Howells, Graham Lawrence CC, Maureen McKay, Ellie Plater, Graham Snell, Carolina Veres and Anne Wells

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	<p>Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Adam Mitchell CC.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2	MINUTES - 26 AND 31 OCTOBER 2023	
	<p>It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committees held on 26 October 2023 and 31 October 2023 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.</p>	
3	REVISED CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY	
	<p>The Committee received a report relating to the Council's revised Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the publication of the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy be approved for external consultation until 4 February 2024.</p>	

4	NEW PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRIOR APPROVALS	
	<p>The Committee received a verbal update on the new procedures for dealing with Telecommunications Prior Approvals.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the update be noted.</p>	
5	DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) ENFORCEMENT	
	<p>The Committee received a verbal update on a new draft procedure for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) enforcement.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the update be noted.</p>	
6	23/00482/FP - CINNABAR, OLD STEVENAGE	
	<p>It was RESOLVED that application 23/00482/FP – Cinnabar, Old Stevenage, be deferred to allow for further discussions and negotiations with the Applicant and Herts County Council as Highway Authority regarding the area to the front of the premises currently proposed for outdoor seating, remaining as allocated parking spaces.</p>	
7	23/00734/FP - 1-4 AND 5-8 MOUNT PLEASANT FLATS, WESTON ROAD, STEVENAGE	
	<p>It was RESOLVED that application 23/00655/FPM be GRANTED planning permission subject to the conditions and reasons set out in the report.</p>	

8	23/00107/OPM - 18 NORTH ROAD, STEVENAGE	
<p>It was RESOLVED that application 23/00734/FP – 1-4 and 5-8 mount Pleasant Flats, Weston Road, Stevenage, Herts be REFUSED for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="322 501 2040 660">1. The proposed development, by reason of its scale and siting, would unduly deprive the occupants of 4 Daltry Road of natural light, resulting in dark, gloomy, and ultimately intolerable living conditions. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy GD1 of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2019, the Council's Design Guide SPD (2023) and the aims and objectives of chapter 12 of the NPPF 2023.<li data-bbox="322 735 2078 879">2. The proposed development, by reason of its scale and siting, would cause excessive noise throughout the construction and operational phases, resulting in intolerable living conditions for the occupants of 4 Daltry Road. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies GD1 and FP7 of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2019 and the aims and objectives of chapter 12 of the NPPF 2023.<li data-bbox="322 922 2069 1038">3. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the proposed development would adequately deal with surface water runoff, which could result in increased flood risk to the site itself and elsewhere. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies FP11 and SP2 of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2019 and the aims and objectives of chapter 14 of the NPPF 2023.<li data-bbox="322 1114 2078 1273">4. The proposed development, by reason of the layout of the balcony and fenestration, and proximity to the shared boundary, would unduly deprive the occupants of 20 Daltry Road of privacy, resulting in unacceptable living conditions. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy GD1 of the Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2019 and the aims and objectives of Chapter 12 of the NPPF 2023.		

9	INFORMATION REPORT - DELEGATED DECISIONS	
	It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.	
10	INFORMATION REPORT - APPEALS/CALLED IN APPLICATIONS	
	It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.	
11	URGENT PART I BUSINESS	
	None.	
12	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	Not required.	
13	URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
	None.	