

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Meeting:	Planning and Development Committee	
Date:	Tuesday, 5 March 2024	
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, Conor McGrath (substitute), Maureen McKay, Adam Mitchell CC, 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 Ellie Plater. Councillor Conor McGrath was substituting for Councillor Plater.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2	MINUTES - 8 FEBRUARY 2024	
	<p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 8 February 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
3	23/00890/RMM - LAND TO THE NORTH OF STEVENAGE, OFF NORTH ROAD AND WESTON ROAD	R. Elliott
	<p>The Committee considered a report on planning application 23/00890/RMM seeking permission for the approval of reserved matters (layout, landscaping, scale, and appearance) for residential development of 442 no. residential units comprising Phase 2 of the land to the North of Stevenage development, pursuant to Outline permission 17/00862/OPM.</p>	

	<p>It was RESOLVED that application 23/00890/RMM be granted planning permission, subject to the conditions set out in the report, and that authority be given to the Assistant Director (Planning and Regulation), in consultation with the Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, to amend or add to those conditions prior to the decision notice being issued, where such amendments or additions would be legally sound and most effectively deliver the development that the Planning and Development Committee has resolved to approve.</p>	
4	INFORMATION REPORT - DELEGATED DECISIONS	
	<p>It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.</p>	
5	INFORMATION REPORT - APPEALS/CALLED IN APPLICATIONS	
	<p>It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.</p>	
6	URGENT PART I BUSINESS	J. Chettleburgh
	<p><u>Planning application 21/00256/FPM - Land to the West of Stevenage</u></p> <p>The Chair announced that he had accepted as an urgent item of business an information update that had been circulated to Members of the Committee in respect of the Land to the West of Stevenage planning application, which had been approved by the Committee in December 2021, subject to the completion of a Section 106 Agreement.</p> <p>For the benefit of newer Members and as a reminder to longer-standing Members of the Committee, the Development Manager reprised the presentation he had given to the December 2021 meeting. He advised that the development would comprise</p>	

1,500 new homes in two phases (390 units in Phase 1 (Detailed) and 1,110 units in Phases 2 – 4 (Outline)), as well as a Neighbourhood Centre, Primary School, Cricket pavilion/pitch, employment units and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), together with a variety of green and open spaces throughout the site. He described the access and egress arrangements for the site and explained that a new bus route through the development would be funded by the developer.

The Development Manager advised that, since 2021, there had been significant changes in the National Planning Policy Framework and the Housing Deliver Test. Application 21/00256/FPM, together with the associated Section 106 Agreement, had been tested against these changes, and legal advice had been sought.

The Development Manager reported that it had been concluded that the application was still acceptable when measured against current policies and therefore did not need to be re-determined by the Committee. In view of the scale of the application, the Chair and Vice-Chair had agreed that the matter be placed before the Committee for information.

Following a period of questions and answers, it was **RESOLVED** that the update on application 21/00256/FPM be noted, and that the approach outlined by the Development Manager be supported.

7	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	Not required.	
8	URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
	None.	