

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Monday 17th April, 2023 at 10am held in the Council Chambers, London Rd, Halesworth

Present: Councillors: P Dutton (Chair), D Wollweber, R Lewis.

In Attendance: P Welby (Assistant Town Clerk)

Minutes

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Lewis and Took.
2. **Declarations of Interests** - None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – The minutes of the last meeting on the 22nd February 2023 were improved.
4. **Matters arising:** None
5. **Planning Applications:** To consider the following:

[DC/22/3267/FUL](#) Conversion of the existing Patrick Stead Hospital into 6 townhouses, development of 1 detached new build and 2 semi-detached new builds. | Patrick Stead Hospital Bungay Road – The Committee acknowledge that the applicants have addressed some the Committee's concerns and welcome this. The Committee would like to acknowledge the effort made to design the new dwellings in the style of the original building.

Would it be possible for an S106 payment to be made to improve the roadway to widen and resurface it?

The Committee suggests the original double yellow lines be reinstated at the entrance to the site to make exiting safer. If possible, it would be preferable that the advisory length of 10m (Highway Code r243) are painted on both sides to ensure the safety of motorists exiting the site and those using Bungay Road.

[DC/23/0162/LBC](#) Listed Building Consent - Demolish unused bedroom chimney on third floor | Brook House 7 Quay Street – No objections

[DC/23/1229/TPO](#) ESC TPO/066/2021 Front garden T1 Yew - Crown reduce by up to 30% to keep in shape. Reason: to maintain suitable size for location | The Brambles London Road – No objections

[DC/23/0929/FUL](#) To install flood lighting to football pitch. | Dairy Hill Recreation Ground Dairy Hill – No objections subject to the subject to the guidelines of the Lighting Engineer (especially those regarding shielding the lights from the neighbouring properties) be taken into consideration.

[DC/23/1271/FUL](#) Proposed external works including: Car park resurfacing, reconfiguration and inclusion of 4no EV spaces. Formation of new external

seating area for Cafe Use only. Landscape tidying along Swan Lane. 2 new windows introduced into side elevation. | The Co-Operative Saxons Way - no objections to this application but would ask that with the resurfacing of the car park the applicants use the opportunity to look at the layout and space size. Modern cars are on the whole wider than when the original carpark was laid out and it would an improvement if the spaces when redrawn could be made wider. If there was also a possibility to include a pedestrian walkway through the middle bank of spaces to access the spaces further away from the store so pedestrians do not have to walk in the roadway with trolleys, this would be a safety improvement and also stop shoppers squeezing past cars with trolleys.

[DC/23/1325/FUL](#) Erection of 4 no. Class E commercial units with associated external works, access road and the upgrading of an existing vehicular access from the A144 Norwich Road. | A W And D Hammond Ltd Norwich Road - no objections to this application on the proviso that the units are made as soundproof as possible to ensure neighbouring homes are not disturbed by whatever businesses rent them.

6. **Thoroughfare Working Group** – The Committee approved the letter to businesses regarding the bollard project and the article to go on Facebook.
The Committee also approved the wording on the information leaflet for the Traffic Regulation Order in the Thoroughfare. The Police logo needs to be corrected.
The Committee also agreed to the identification card for residents/businesses to help parking enforcers identify their cars when in the Thoroughfare.
7. **Terms of Reference** – The Committee approved the Terms of Reference with the suggested amendments regarding Cllrs and social media.
8. **SALC/ESC** – The statement from SALC/ESC Planning department regarding working together was acknowledged by the Committee.
9. **ESPA** – The Committee agreed that HTC become members of the East Suffolk Planning Alliance and that the Clerks' email becomes the contact point until a Cllr takes it on in May.
10. **Harrisons Lane Development** – Cllr Dutton asked that his statement on the play space at the Harrison's Lane development be sent to ESC planning and CEO Chris Bally at ESC.
11. **Correspondence** - None
12. **News Items:** The Clerk will put the Bollards article on Facebook etc.