

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Monday 26th July, 2023 at 10am held in the Council Chambers, London Rd, Halesworth

Present: Councillors: P Hedges (Chair), M Took, D Fosdike.

In Attendance: P Welby (Assistant Town Clerk) and two members of the public.

Minutes

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Cackett.
2. **Declarations of Interests** – Cllr Took for planning application DC/23/2029/ADI
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – The minutes of the last meeting on the 21st June 2023 were agreed.
4. **Matters arising:** The Clerk was still waiting for the suggested road names for the Chediston Street development to be accepted by Hopkins Homes and East Suffolk Council.
5. **Planning Applications:** To consider the following:

[DC/23/1556/FUL](#) - Development of four bungalows and alterations to existing vehicular access. 1 Mill Hill Drive Wissett Road – The members of the public that had attended the meeting reported ecological concerns on the site since the developers had taken the land on, including the clearance of the site and the removal of the hedge. The application states that a biodiversity net gain will be made when the development is complete but as the baseline was taken when the site was cleared this claim is based on incorrect information.

The changes in layout of the site including the loss of a garage and one of the dwellings being made smaller was agreeable to the committee.

The response to the Planning Application will be as follows: HTC note the changes in the application in the layout and size of dwellings and are content with these. However, we question the claim of a net gain in biodiversity on the site after the development has been completed. The ecology surveys were completed after the site had been cleared including the removal of a 3m hedge along one of the boundaries of the site. Therefore, the statement of a net gain in biodiversity is untrue if the baseline was inaccurate to start with.

[DC/23/2029/ADI](#) - Illuminated Advertisement Consent - Various signage. Filling Station Central England Co-op Saxons Way – No objections to this application.

[DC/23/2283/FUL](#) - Additional static caravan to the caravan park. The Triple Plea Broadway - No objections to this application.

[DC/23/2305/FUL](#) - Installation of enlarged replacement PVCU replica tiled roof to existing conservatory. 57 Bedingfield Crescent - No objections to this application.

6. **Thoroughfare Working Group** – No reports from this group for this meeting.
7. **Wayfinding Project** – the invitation to tender for the wayfinding project is going live on the Government Portal on Friday 28th July.
8. **Correspondence** – An email received from PJA introducing solutions for traffic in towns. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
9. **News Items:** The Clerk will publish the new street names when the development commences.