

To: Members of the Development
Control Committee

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**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
17 SEPTEMBER 2002
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

G R Churchard, R S Clements, M Green, B N W Hammond (Chairman), S J Mills,
M O'Neill, E N Singam, W A Storey (Vice-Chairman), J W A Usher, G F Wenham.

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

S Giles-Medhurst, R Mills, P A Ruffles.

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Development Control Committee meeting on
17 September 2002, as circulated, copy annexed, action was taken or decisions were
reached on individual items as recorded below.

MEMBERSHIP

It was noted that M O 'Neill had replaced J E Anderson and R S Clements had replaced
R N Copping as members of the Committee for this meeting.

MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 July 2002 were confirmed
as a correct record.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

The County Secretary stated Mr A Grant, due to work commitments was unable to attend the meeting and read points contained in a fax received from Mr Grant highlighting why traffic calming measures were desired for Homefield Road, Bushey. The Committee noted the receipt of a petition from residents of Bushey requesting traffic calming measures for Homefield Road.

Mr G Shapps presented a petition on behalf of residents of Hatfield requesting the removal of the traffic chicane in Dixons Hill Road, Welham Green, Hatfield.

Mrs P Purdey presented a petition on behalf of residents of Oxhey requesting traffic calming measures for Woodway and Green Lane, Oxhey, Watford.

In the absence of S Wharton, Councillor S Giles-Medhurst presented a petition received from residents of Garston requesting road widening / road humps / one way system in High Elms Lane, Garston, Watford.

The Chairman advised that the requests contained in the petitions would be investigated by the Director of Environment with the results of the investigation being notified to the petitioners, the Development Control Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Spokesmen and the local County Councillors.

NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

No other business had been notified.

QUESTIONS

No questions had been submitted.

PART I AGENDA**1. BROXBOURNE BOROUGH - APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AT BURY GREEN, CHESHUNT AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN**

[Officer contact: Rosalinde Shaw Tel: 01992 555232]

RESOLVED

That the application to register land at Bury Green, Cheshunt as a town or village green be rejected for the reasons set out in the Inspector's Report dated 10 June 2002.

2. ST ALBANS DISTRICT - APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AT BERNARDS HEATH, ST ALBANS AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

[Officer contact: Beth Lardeur Tel: 01992 556186]

A copy of a letter received from Bernards Heath Village Green Preservation Society dated 15 September 2002 highlighting the past open space usage of Lower Heath and Bernards Heath was circulated at the meeting.

The Committee in noting the past use of Bernards Heath for recreational purposes, whilst not meeting the legal requirements of a village or town green, felt that there was a local need for open space which this land could usefully provide.

RESOLVED

That (a) the application to register land at Bernards Heath, St Albans as a town or village green be rejected for the reasons set out in the Inspector's Report dated 8 July 2002.

(b) Officers be requested to investigate and report to the Executive on the possible future management of the land for recreational use.

3. WATFORD BOROUGH - RADLETT ROAD, WATFORD - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING - PETITIONS FOR AND AGAINST

[Officer contact: Nick Gough Tel: 01992 556096]

A video prepared by the Waterfields Residents Association showing the current traffic conditions and layout in Radlett Road, Watford was shown prior to the this meeting and was seen by Development Control Committee members.

Mr J Dowdle presented a petition and spoke on behalf of Waterfields Residents Association opposing the proposed traffic calming scheme involving chicanes in Radlett Road.

In the absence of Mr R Martens, Councillor S Giles-Medhurst presented a petition on behalf of Radlett Road Community Association supporting the proposed traffic calming scheme involving chicanes in Radlett Road.

A copy of the Radlett Road Community Association letter dated 10 September 2002 plus Councillor S Giles-Medhurst's summary of key issues were circulated at the meeting.

The Director of Environment's representative, N. Gough advised on the reasons why speed reduction measures were required for Radlett Road, Watford and why traffic chicanes were the preferred measure to be introduced.

RESOLVED

That the Director of Environment be requested to implement the proposed traffic calming scheme in Radlett Road, Watford, using traffic chicanes to reduce vehicle speeds which will enable to pedestrian safety features to be introduced.

A L Laycock
County Secretary