

AGENDA for a meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford on Tuesday 24 February 2004 at 10.00 am.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (10) - QUORUM - 3

N K Brook, G R Churchard, R S Clements, R N Copping, P V Goggins, B N W Hammond (Chairman), D McManus, S J Mills, E N Singam, W A Storey (Vice –Chairman).

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AUDIO SYSTEM

The County Council has an audio loop system to assist those with hearing impairment. This can be used by anyone who has an compatible hearing aid.

PART I (PUBLIC) AGENDA

Meetings of the Committee are open to the public (this includes the press) and attendance is welcomed. However, there may be occasions when the public are excluded from the meeting - for particular items of business. Any such items are taken at the end of the public part of the meeting and are listed below under "Part II ('closed') agenda".

MINUTES

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 11 November 2003 (previously circulated).

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Any member of the public (who is a resident in Hertfordshire or is on the electoral register for Hertfordshire) may present a petition to the Committee. An authorised representative of any Hertfordshire parish or town council subscribing to a parish charter approved by the County Council may also present a petition to the Committee in relation to matters within that parish.

The subject of the petition must be appropriate for the Committee and must be signed by at least 100 residents or business ratepayers of Hertfordshire.

Notification of intent to present a petition must be given in writing to the County Secretary, (County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8DE) at least fourteen clear days before the meeting where an item relating to the subject matter of the petition does not appear on the agenda for the meeting and at least three clear days before where the item is the subject of a report.

If you have any queries about the procedure please contact Adrian Service on telephone no. (01992) 555564.

The following requests to present petitions have been received: -

1. Petition from residents of Hemel Hempstead requesting speed reduction measures in Cambrian Way and surrounding roads in Hemel Hempstead.

Presenter of petition : Mrs S Reading *

* Mrs Reading has notified that she is unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments and has asked that the contents of her letter be read to the Committee at the meeting.

The contents of her letter are as follows : -

“To the Chairman and Committee Members I would like to thank you for letting me speak regarding the campaign to try and get speed cameras or traffic humps put down Cambrian Way and if possible the surrounding roads.

In Cambrian Way there are elderly persons dwellings, a primary school and also two nurseries.

I have lived in Cambrian Way since the houses were built and have seen the road get busier and busier and also faster.

Since I have lived here I have seen numerous accidents and its only the hand of God no one has been killed.

We have seen a lamp post knocked down on the corner of Wensleydale narrowly missing the house owner being killed in her front garden.

The school has a lollipop lady but there has been accidents against. The children and the lollypop lady being injured.

The traffic comes so fast from Grove Hill straight up Cambrian Way or turns into Malvern Way or down the turn at Wensleydale - it's a wonder they do not turn over - some of them go over 75 to 80 mph!

I will say you cannot always blame the young - I have seen mothers or fathers driving with young children still driving at speed. They are putting their selves and family at risk as well as any pedestrians about.

There is a accident waiting to happen the way people drive from Grove Hill and past the schools I can see them losing control and run straight into the bus stop on the corner by the 'Keep Left' bollards – which has been knocked down on numerous times – and several persons will be killed or injured not just one or two.

You put your life on the line when you queue there.

What chance does a elderly person who has to walk with sticks or a mother with two or three children - one in a push chair has to avoid this traffic especially if they fail to indicate where they are going.

I have witnessed vehicles racing aganst each other where they go both sides of the 'Keep Left' bollards."

2. Petition from residents of Welwyn Garden City requesting zig zag chicanes in Peartree Lane, Welwyn Garden City

Presenter of petition : Mr G Shapps

NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Members are invited to notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed by the Committee at the end of either Part I business (open to the public) or Part II business (closed to the public). In so doing the member(s) must state the special circumstances which they consider justify the matter being considered as a matter of urgency.

The Chairman will decide whether the item(s) shall be considered under "Other Business".

QUESTIONS (Standing Order C8)

Any member of the Committee may ask one question within the terms of reference of the Committee (other than questions relating to a matter on the agenda, which shall be asked when that matter is discussed). Questions may also be asked by the authorised representative of any Hertfordshire parish or town council subscribing to a parish charter approved by the County Council.

Questions must have been notified in writing to the County Secretary at least three clear working days before the meeting and will be dealt with in order of receipt.

No further questions may be asked after ten minutes from the beginning of question time. Any questions remaining thereafter shall be dealt with in writing.

No questions had been submitted at the time of agenda dispatch.

The following reports of the Director of Environment are attached to this agenda: -

1. EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT – PROPOSED RETENTION OF A DOUBLE MOBILE CLASSROOM UNIT, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TARMAC PLAY AREA AND PATH REALIGNMENT AT THUNDRIDGE C OF E SCHOOL, ERMINE STREET, THUNDRIDGE

[Local Member : D Beatty]

2. HERTSMERE BOROUGH – PROPOSED RETENTION OF SINGLE MOBILE CLASSROOM AT SUMMERSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, FURZEHILL ROAD, BOREHAMWOOD

[Local Member : B A York]

3. EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT –APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PLANNING PERMISSION TO ALLOW THE RETENTION AND SCREENING OF COMPOSTING MATERIAL AND SCREENING OF IMPORTED MATERIAL FOR TOPSOIL, BOTH IN ASSOCIATION WITH RESTORATION OF LAND AT BEDWELL PARK QUARRY, BEDWELL AVENUE, ESSENDON / LITTLE BERKHAMSTED

[Local Member : B N W Hammond adj local Member : W A Storey]

4. THREE RIVERS DISTRICT – APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF CONDITION 3 (TIME LIMIT) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 8 / 0735 –96 - LAND SOUTH OF FIR TREE HILL, CHANDLERS CROSS, SARRATT

[Local Member : E M Clarke]

OTHER PART I BUSINESS

Such other Part I (public) business which, the Chairman agrees, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

PART II ('CLOSED') AGENDA

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There are no items of Part II business on this agenda but if an item is notified the Chairman will move:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph ** of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act."

If you require a copy of any of the reports mentioned above or require further information about this agenda please contact Adrian Service, Committee Services, County Secretary's Department, on telephone no. 01992 555564 or fax. 01992 555518.

Please note that full papers have been dispatched to Committee members only. All other members have been sent the front sheets of each report.