

To: Members of the Development  
Control Committee

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**SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE  
19 DECEMBER 2002  
MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

N K Brook, G R Churchard, R N Copping, K Crout, B N W Hammond (Chairman), S J Mills, E N Singam, W A Storey (Vice-Chairman), J W A Usher, G F Wenham.

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

K F Emsall, L R Kercher, A Oaton.

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Development Control Committee special meeting on 19 December 2002, as circulated, copy annexed, action was taken or decisions were reached on individual items as recorded below.

**MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 November 2002 were confirmed as a correct record.

**PUBLIC PETITIONS**

It was noted that Ms D Milne was not present and hence unable to present a petition on behalf of residents of Stevenage requesting traffic calming measures for Raleigh Crescent, Stevenage.

Mrs P Sperry presented a petition on behalf of residents of Watford requesting traffic calming measures for Meridan Way / York Way, Watford.

Mr N T Patterson presented a petition on behalf of residents of Stevenage opposing the permanent closure of a length of Rectory Lane, Stevenage currently closed on an experimental basis.

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.

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**NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business had been notified.

**QUESTIONS**

No questions had been submitted.

**PART I AGENDA****1. NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT - PROPOSED TWO - STOREY CLASSROOM BLOCK, ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING AND SITE WORKS, THE HIGHFIELD SCHOOL, HIGHFIELD, LETCHWORTH**

[Officer contact: Dewi Griffiths Tel: 01992 556249]

Marlene Gray made a presentation on behalf of residents expressing concerns to the planning application.

The Team Leader of the County Development Unit, Environment Department, advised that North Hertfordshire District Council at its Planning Committee meeting on 11 December 2002 had considered this planning application and in supporting the amended scheme, welcomed the car parking provision now being made but regretted the loss of hardcourt play area.

**RESOLVED**

- That (a) subject to the Secretary of State not wishing to intervene, the Director of the Environment be authorised to grant planning permission for the proposed development, subject to conditions to include prior provision of the proposed waiting restrictions, provision for car parking, continued site monitoring, contractors working arrangements, implementation of a landscaping scheme, the preparation and implementation of a School Travel Plan that is acceptable to the Highways Authority and submission of a review of parking provisions and restrictions that is acceptable to the Highways Authority within one year of the implementation of the planning permission.
- (b) residents of Highfield, Letchworth be consulted concerning proposed parking restrictions in Highfield, Letchworth referred to in (a) above.

**2. NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT - PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY CLASSROOM BLOCK, ENCLOSURE OF CANOPY, ADDITIONAL HARDPLAY AND CAR PARKING AT FEARNHILL SCHOOL, ICKNIELD WAY, LETCHWORTH**

[Officer contact: Dewi Griffiths Tel: 01992 556249]

**RESOLVED**

That, subject to the Secretary of State not wishing to intervene, the Director of Environment be authorised to grant planning permission for the proposed development, subject to conditions to include provision of car parking spaces, contractors working arrangements, implementation of landscaping scheme, and the preparation and implementation of a School Travel Plan that is acceptable to the Highways Authority.

**3. NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT – PROPOSED TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY TEACHING BLOCKS, THREE TENNIS/NETBALL COURTS WITH FENCING AT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOOL, PARK STREET, BALDOCK**

[Officer contact: Dewi Griffiths Tel: 01992 556249]

Richard Harbour made a presentation on behalf of residents expressing concerns to the planning application.

**RESOLVED**

That (a) the Director of Environment be authorised to grant planning permission for the proposed development subject to conditions to include implementation of landscape scheme, provision and marking out of all car park spaces, contractors working arrangements, and the approval and implementation of a School Travel Plan that is acceptable to the Highways Authority.

(b) the Director of Environment be requested to look at traffic issues in Park Street, Baldock and report back to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

**4. DACORUM BOROUGH - APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING FACILITY AT 82 MAXTED CLOSE, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD**

[Officer contact: Tim Williams Tel: 01992 556254]

The Head of the County Development Unit, Environment Department, advised that following the dispatch of the agenda a further letter of objection dated 16 December 2002 had been received from Dixons and circulated to all members of the Committee.

In response to a question, the Head of the County Development Unit stated the site had been visited by a Hertfordshire Highways engineer and quoted the main extracts of the engineer's report of his site visit, from which the Highways Authority response on this application had been based.

**RESOLVED**

That the Director of Environment be authorised to grant planning permission for planning application reference number 4/2186-02, subject to conditions to include the following matters:

- i) a pre-development contamination survey and remedial action plan;
- ii) prior approval of all construction materials for the building, site fencing and landscaping;
- iii) prior approval of acoustic enclosure measures for the proposed building and noise limits from operations at the site;
- iv) prior approval of details for the construction of a surface water drainage system;
- v) prior approval of dust suppression measures and dust control limits;
- vi) hours of working to be restricted to between 07.00 – 19.00 hours (Monday to Friday) and 07.00 – 14.00 hours (Saturday) and at no time on Sundays and public holidays;
- vii) use of the tromell machinery to be prohibited between 07.00 and 08.00 hours; and
- viii) a restriction on waste types and vehicle numbers to that stipulated in the application.

**5. HERTSMERE BOROUGH - APPLICATION FOR A HIGHWAYS DEPOT INCLUDING SALT BARN AT LAND OPPOSITE CHARLESTON PADDOCKS, ST. ALBANS ROAD, SOUTH MIMMS**

[Officer contact: Clive Inwards Tel: 01992 556256]

**RESOLVED**

That, subject to no intervention from the First Secretary of State, the Director of Environment be authorised to grant planning permission subject to conditions to include

- i) the submission of a code of practice to minimise the impact of reversing vehicle warning indicators;
- ii) a detailed landscaping scheme to incorporate recommendations from the Hertfordshire Biological Records Centre;
- iii) the retention of existing hedgerows;
- iv) suitable materials to be used in construction;
- v) details of all fencing to be submitted;
- vi) the protection of Footpath No. 56;
- vii) the provision of an 8 metre buffer zone to Clare Hall Brook;
- viii) details of construction of storage facilities for oils, fuels and chemicals to be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority;
- ix) construction of foul and surface water drainage system to be carried out in accordance with details to be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority;
- x) a site investigation to be conducted prior to commencement of development;
- xi) a method of working for surface water interceptors to be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority;
- xii) no development approved by the permission to be commenced until details of the use, handling or storage of any hazardous substance included in the Schedule to the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992 has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority;
- xiii) during construction no solid matter to be stored within 10 metres of the banks of Clare Hall Brook and thereafter no storage of materials to be permitted in this area.'

A L Laycock  
County Secretary