

HATFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at 16:30 on Wednesday 01 November in the URC Hall

Present:

Cllr S Saban (SS)

Cllr M Bissell (MB)

Cllr N Robley (NR)

Cllr N Champion (NC)

In attendance:

R Bowran – Parish Clerk

8 members of the public

P23/62	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for absence
P23/63	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST To receive any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members
P23/64	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive and respond to questions from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Planning Committee. Chair ruled that members of the public could join in the general discussion at item P23/66.
P23/65	MINUTES Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 23 October 2023 (P06)
P23/66	MAJOR APPLICATIONS Pelham Structures planning application UTT/22/1261/FUL for the site in Mill Lane. The application was considered by the UDC Planning Committee on 25 October 2023. The committee had resolved to Defer a Decision on the application since they were concerned that there had not been adequate arguments made for treating the site as exceptional within the Green Belt. The application will be reconsidered at the meeting of UDC Planning Committee on 22 November 2023. To discuss presentations to be made by the parish council, residents and the History Society. NR summarised the application which is inconsistent with the stated aims of restoration of the POW camp. The opinion of planning officers that on balance the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of the scheme, parish council and residents strongly disagreed. NR also summarised the deliberations of the planning committee. Need to establish: • Harm to the green belt outweighs any benefit to the community. • “Holiday homes” are inappropriate for village and are unlikely to be sustainable.

	• Consistency with previous refusals by planning inspector on appeal. • That this is not an “enabling” proposal • Link to Greenways application. • Traffic implications in reality rather than the Essex Highways recommendation. • Irrelevance of footpath access to Broomfields to Highways changing their recommendation. • The “tipping point” is officer’s opinion and how can this be measured. • Relevance to NPPF G1 G3 S4 policies. • That this is a Registered Heritage site. • Refusal to grant Article 4 Declaration. Clerk to: • establish the protocol for presentations at a Deferral hearing. • Communicate traffic issues to officer and committee. Meeting to: • Identify speakers and specific content. • Encourage greater presence at next hearing. • Establish whether Greenways application could be considered before the Pelham Structures deferral. Greenways planning application UTT/23/1688/FUL Camp Poultry Farm Mill Lane. A date for the consideration of this application is now understood to be 27 November 2023. To discuss additional presentations to be made by the parish council, a resident and the History Society. It was noted that NR and NC had already prepared draft speeches for this application.
P23/67	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.
P23/68	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting is at 16:30 on Wednesday 08 November 2023.

Meeting ended at 17:45