

PLANS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2013

Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Stokell, Bird, Deacon, Jan Garfield, Jon Garfield, and Savage.

In attendance: Councillors Newman and Sharman.

12. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sennington, Webb and Williams.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bird, Deacon, Jan Garfield, Savage and Smith declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council.

14. DEFERRED ITEM FROM SCHEDULE FROM PERIOD ENDING 28th MARCH 2013

C13/0485 – Erection of a foodstore (Class A1) with associated petrol filling station, car parking, servicing and access at **Haven Exchange Development Site, Haven Exchange, Felixstowe.**

The Town Council warmly welcomes proposals for inward investment into the town. The Town Council supports in principle a new supermarket in Felixstowe on this site, having considered the impact on the retail offer in the town generally and the town centre in particular. Additionally, the Town Council greatly welcomes the enhanced competition associated with an additional fuel outlet in the town, however has concerns with regard to both the scale and the percentage of space allocated to comparison goods in the current application. The Town Council's view is that despite an acknowledged lack of offer for certain product classes, the provision of 759m² of comparison goods space (or 40% of the total area) would be likely to have a net detrimental effect to the town centre. The Town Council would ask therefore that consideration be given to reduce that percentage.