

PLANS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT FELIXSTOWE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY
8th JANUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.15 a.m.

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

Also Present: Twelve members of the public

357. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Williams.

358. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

359. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

No Members requested a dispensation..

360. MINUTES OF 11th DECEMBER 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December, 2013 previously circulated to Members were approved, as a true record by those Members present and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

361. WEEKLY LISTS FOR PLANS COMMITTEE 8th JANUARY 2014

C13/3716 – Details as required by Condition 2 of planning permission consent C12/2588 at **2 Whitehouse Cottages, Gulpher Road, Felixstowe.**

The Committee noted the submission of details.

C13/3069 – Application for outline planning permission for the creation of up to 200 dwellings, one vehicle access points on Ferry Road and associated landscaping buffers and public open space at **Land west of Ferry Road Residential Centre, Ferry Road, Felixstowe.**

The Committee noted the deletion of the second entrance but this in itself was not sufficient to change the Committee's previous decision to recommend refusal of the application which was considered:-

- a. To be overdevelopment of the site
- b. To be contrary to retained planning policy AP170 Felixstowe: Restraint
- c. To be contrary to retained planning policy AP208 Felixstowe: The Urban Fringe
- d. To be contrary to retained planning policy AP28 Areas to be Protected from Development
- e. To be too large to represent "organic growth" as permitted by Core Strategy policy SP21
- f. To be detrimental to the visual amenity of the adjoining AONB and thus contrary to paragraph 17(8) of the National Planning Policy Framework

- g. To have inadequate transport links to the town centre
- h. To impact upon the sewerage system which was already known locally to be prone to failure in the area

The Committee further commented that if Suffolk Coastal District Council were minded to approve development of this site a proposal omitting the eastern entrance was preferred.

C13/3598 – Amendments to front elevations to plots 13-20, 29-33, 61-64, 73-78 together with layout & elevation amendments of apartments to Plots 21-28 & 65-72 at **Land between Orford Road and Manor Terrace, South Seafront, Langer Road, Felixstowe.**

The Committee noted these amendments. Comment was made regarding the inaccuracy of the description attached to this application when first listed on the District Council's website.

C13/3627 – Proposed 2 fascia signs and 1 projecting signs at **Superdrug, 81 Hamilton Road, Felixstowe.**

The Committee recommended approval of this application.

C13/3698 – Extend shop on front elevation to extend existing grocery retail out at **51b Wadgate Road, Felixstowe.**

The Committee welcomed the expansion of the business but recommended refusal as the Committee believed the application to be contrary to planning policy DM21(a) because of its intrusive impact on the street scene. The Committee further considered that if Suffolk Coastal District Council were minded to approve the application there needed to be tactile paving along the back edge of the footway to assist blind/partially-sighted persons encountering the corner wall of the extension.

362. FURTHER INFORMATION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO: C13/1332
PROPOSAL: PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
LOCATION: 12 CONWAY CLOSE, FELIXSTOWE

Councillor Savage left the meeting at this point.

The Committee recommended refusal of this application owing to the bulk and size of the extension relative to the present property and its environs.

363. FOR INFORMATION
PLANNING APPLICATION: DC/13/3656/FUL
PROPOSAL: PROPOSED HIGH BAY DISTRIBUTION UNIT WITH A FOOTPRINT OF C.47,000M2 INCLUDING CAR PARKING AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
LOCATION: PART LAND OF NORTH OF RAILWAY LINE, NICHOLAS ROAD, TRIMLEY ST MARY

The Committee considered this application from the perspective of issues affecting Felixstowe and its residents. In that context the Committee welcomed the application not least because of the economic and employment opportunities, including future safeguarding of the port, the application would bring. The Committee carefully considered the application, particularly the substantial visual impact on properties bordering the A14 but considered the economic benefits outweighed those concerns, and recommends approval.

364. SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Decisions concerning Felixstowe for the period 02.12.10 to 18.11.13. Copies of these decisions are available from the Town Council offices.

365. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.45 a.m.