

Membership as from May 2019

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Councillor Caesar
Councillor De'Ath
Councillor Drummond
Councillor Hirst
Councillor Hood
Councillor Hulbert
Councillor Jeffreys
Councillor Kerby
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Kirk
Councillor Fitzgerald



Newmarket
TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket Suffolk CB8 8JP

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

to be held at

Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8JP

On Monday 27th April 2020 at 6pm

AGENDA

The meeting is held in public and the public are encouraged to attend and participate. Just occasionally matters such as contractual or staffing matters do have to be held in the confidential part of the meeting.

Members of the public and press may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if present at a meeting of the Council, but otherwise may:

- a: film, photograph or make an audio recording of the meeting;
- b: use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;
- c: report or comment on the proceedings in writing, during or after a meeting or orally after the meeting.

This meeting is being held on the online Zoom platform and is being recorded. Any member of the public in attendance who does not wish to be included in the recording can disable their video although this would prohibit their ability to participate in the meeting at the appropriate time.

1. Chair to announce that proceedings are being recorded and to advise that all participants will be muted by the host of the meeting who will unmute the individual the Chairman has invited to speak
2. **APOLOGIES** To receive and accept apologies for absence
3. **REGISTER OF INTERESTS** Declaration of Members' Interests & to remind Councillors of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests and to consider any requests received for Members' Dispensation.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2020 and any matters arising
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** 'An invitation to members of the public to put questions or statements of not more than 3 minutes duration. Resolutions can only be made on items that are on the agenda, but Councillors are very happy for matters relating to the Town to be brought to their attention
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - West Suffolk Council – Lists 15,16 (Herewith)
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Amended and Deferred Plans
8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - East Cambs
 - a. **18/00752/ESO** – Land Southwest of 98 to 138 Station Road, Kennett, Suffolk
9. **PLANNING DECISIONS AND PLANS WITHDRAWN** – West Suffolk Council – Lists 15,16 (Herewith)
10. **DELEGATION PANEL DECISIONS**
11. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**
12. **LICENCING** - To discuss any Licensing Applications
13. **COMMUNICATION WITH WSC PLANNING OFFICE** – A plan regarding being informed of delegated matters
14. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. **WSC Planning Office – Parish Newsletter April 2020**
15. Date of next meeting: **Monday 11th May 2020**
16. To note items for consideration at the next meeting

Signed

Deborah Sarson, Acting Town Council Manager, DATE: 21/4/2020

To: Chair & Members of D&P Committee, Other Council Members & the Press

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Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Development & Planning Committee
Held on Monday 20th April 2020 at 6.00pm at the Memorial Hall Newmarket

Attendance:

Councillor J Lay (Chairman)
 Councillor S Caesar
 Councillor J De'Ath
 Councillor A Drummond
 Councillor Y Fitzgerald
 Councillor W Hirst

Councillor R Hood
 Councillor P Hulbert
 Councillor M Jefferys
 Councillor I Kirk
 Councillor C O'Neill

Also Present: Deborah Sarson – ATCM, Cathy Whitaker – RFO, Julie Ashton – Minute Assistant and 1 Member of the Public.

	Minute	Action by
D/20/04/1	<u>CHAIRMAN TO ANNOUNCE THAT PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING RECORDED AND TO ADVISE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MUTED BY THE HOST OF THE MEETING WHO WILL UNMUTE THE INDIVIDUAL THE CHAIRMAN HAS INVITED TO SPEAK</u> The Chairman opened the meeting and announced that proceedings were being recorded. All participants would be muted and would be unmuted when the Chairman invited individuals to speak.	
D/20/04/2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> None noted. Cllr Kerby was late joining.	
D/20/04/3	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & TO REMIND COUNCILLORS OF THE NEED TO KEEP UP TO DATE THEIR REGISTER OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR MEMBER'S DISPENSATION</u> Cllr Kirk declared a nonpecuniary interest in planning application DC/20/0399/TPO.	
D/20/04/4	<u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING</u> Members received the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee held on 16th March 2020 and the following was agreed: <u>D/20/04/4.01 Resolved</u> That the minutes of the Development & Planning Committee held on 16th March 2020 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee.	

No matters arising.

D/20/04/5 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ‘AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 3 MINUTES DURATION. NO RESOLUTIONS CAN BE MADE BUT COUNCILLORS ARE VERY HAPPY FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE TOWN TO BE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION**
None noted.

D/20/04/6 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
Week 11 – There were no Planning Applications to consider.

Week 12

Cllrs Drummond and Hood declared a nonpecuniary interest in the following application

D/20/04/6/1 DC/20/0458/TCA - Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - 1no. Norway Spruce (T1 on plan) - fell – Beaufort Cottage Stables 140 High Street Newmarket.

It was noted that West Suffolk had approved this application.

Cllr Kirk declared a nonpecuniary interest in the following application.

D/20/04/6/2 DC/20/0399/TPO - TPO/1990/01 - Tree Preservation Order - 1no. Pine (T1 on plan and A1 on the Order) - fell – 64 Churchill Avenue Newmarket Suffolk.

D/20/04/6.02 Resolved

The Committee actively encourages responsible tree management. The Committee strongly OBJECTED to the felling of healthy trees. The Committee requested that the application be submitted to the Tree Officer for consideration and approval.

A member of the public joined the meeting

D/20/0/6/3 DC/20/0434/FUL - Planning Application - (i) sub division of existing single dwelling into 2no. apartments (ii) associated parking and amenity area to the rear - 140 Exning Road Newmarket.

D/20/04/6.03 Resolved

The Committee voiced no objections.

D/20/04/6/4 DC/20/0436/HH - Householder Planning Application - first floor side extension – 7 Brookfields Close Newmarket.

D/20/04/6.04 Resolved

The Committee voiced no objections.

Week 13 – There were no Planning Applications to consider

Week 14

D/20/04/6/5 DC/20/0162/FUL - Planning Application - Change of use of basement from office (B1) to Escape Room Assembly and Leisure (D2) – Godolphin House Basement Office 2 The Avenue Newmarket.

D/20/03/6.05 Resolved

The Committee voiced no objections.

D/20/04/6/6 DC/20/0448/FUL - Planning Application - Change of use from Class A1 (retail) to Class D2 (gymnasium) with ancillary café and retail outlet – Unit 1 2 Exeter Road Newmarket Suffolk.

D/20/04/6.06 Resolved

The Committee voiced no objections.

D/20/04/6/7 DC/20/0505/HH - Householder Planning Application - (i) Two storey side extension (ii) single storey side extension to existing porch – 1 Manderston Road Newmarket.

D/20/04/6.07 Resolved

The Committee voiced no objections.

D/20/04/6/8 DC/20/0514/FUL - Planning Application - (i) 4no. van charging points (ii) 4no. van parking spaces – Waitrose Ltd Fred Archer Way Newmarket Suffolk.

D/20/04/6.08 Resolved

The Committee voiced no objections and supported the application because of the environmental benefits.

D/20/04/6/9 DC/20/0527/VAR - Planning Application - Variation of conditions 2 and 7 of DC/16/1634/FUL to allow use of revised drawings for revised customer parking provision for 1no. retail warehouse (Class A1) including mezzanine floorspace, outdoor project centre and secure compound (with external racking system); access and servicing arrangements; car parking, landscaping and associated works

D/20/04/6.09 Resolved

The Committee voiced no objections.

D/20/04/6/10 DC/20/0579/TPO - TPO/1956/012 - Tree Preservation Order - 1no. Lime (T1 on plan, A7 on order) - Re pollard to previous pollarding points – 23 Collings Place Newmarket Suffolk.

D/20/04/6.10 Resolved

The Committee encourages responsible tree management. The Committee does not object to this application.

D/20/04/7 **AMENDED AND DEFERRED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

D/20/04/7/1 DC/18/2210/FUL – Planning Application (i) 2no drive-through

café/restaurant units (Use Class A1/A3 for Costa and Use Class A3/A5 for McDonald's) with associated parking and landscaping and (ii) McDonald's Climbing box – Land at Willie Snaith Road Newmarket.

D/20/04/7.01 Resolved

The Committee supported the objection from Suffolk Highways and OBJECTED to this Planning Application on highway issues and that it was in contravention of the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan, specifically Policy NKT32.

D/20/04/8 TO RECEIVE RESULTS OF APPLICATIONS AS DETERMINED BY WEST SUFFOLK AND PLANS WITHDRAWN West Suffolk Planning Determinations received during weeks 11, 12, 13 & 14.

Applications	Description	Address	WS Decision	NTC Decision
DC/20/0105/FUL	Planning Application - Change of use from Financial and Professional Services (Class A2) to Restaurant (Class A3)	48 High Street Newmarket Suffolk	Approved	No objections
DC/19/2429/FUL	Planning Application - (i) temporary siting of 2no. container homes for 12 months (ii) engineering works associated with container homes (part retrospective)	Florizel Hamilton Road Newmarket	Refused	No objections
DC/19/2459/HH	Householder Application - Single storey side and rear extension (following demolition of existing storage area)	27 Exning Road Newmarket	Approved	No objections
DC/19/2465/FUL	Planning Application - replacement of existing windows	St Louis Catholic Academy Fordham Road Newmarket	Refused	No objections
DC/20/0009/FUL	Planning Application - (i) Construction of flow forge cage (ii) install air conditioning/refrigeration plant with the forming of 2no. opening to external cladding/wall	Unit 3A Newmarket Retail Park Oaks Drive Newmarket	Approved	No objections
DC20/0072/FUL	Planning Application - (i) replace wooden posts and metal railings to the patio with wooden picket fence (ii) install 2metre high close boarded fence to left side of patio area	White Hart Hotel 134 High Street Newmarket	Approved	No objections
DC/20/0212/TCA	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - (i) 2no. line of Conifers (T1 red line and T2 black line on plan) - fell (ii) Mixed species (T3 orange line on plan) - fell any trees under 100mm in diameter and reduce to give 2 metres clearance from structures (iii) 2no. line of Conifers (T4 green line and T5 blue line on plan) - fell (iv) 1no. line of Conifers (T6 pink line on plan) - fell any trees under 100mm in diameter (v) 1no. line of Ash and Sycamore (T7 on plan brown on plan) - reduce in height to 2 metres above ground level (vi) 1no. group of Conifer (purple on plan) Reduce in height by up to 5 metres	Shalfleet 17 Bury Road Newmarket	Approved	Objected
DC/20/0235/TCA	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - 1no. Silver birch - Crown lift to 2 metres above ground level	15 The Avenue Newmarket Suffolk	Approved	Objected

It was noted that Ward Cllrs had not been notified of the delegated panel decisions for DC/20/0212/TCA as previously agreed and the Acting TCM work with the Chairman to devise a system of notification.

D/20/04/9 EAST CAMBS PLANNING APPLICATIONS
None noted.

D/20/04/10 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS
The following Tree Preservation Order was noted:

TPO/015 (2019) – Fairstead House School Fordham Road Newmarket
Suffolk.

D/20/04/11 TO DISCUSS ANY LICENSING APPLICATIONS
None noted.

D/20/04/12 CORRESPONDENCE
None noted.

D/20/04/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Monday 27th April 2020 at 6.00pm via Zoom.

D/20/04/14 TO NOTE ANY ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
• Notification system for delegated panel decisions

Meeting closed at 6:45pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

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LIST 15**9 April 2020****Applications Registered between 6/4/2020 – 9/4/220****PLANNING APPLICATIONS REGISTERED**

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building, Conservation Area and Advertisement Consent and relating to Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas have been made to this Council. A copy of the applications and plans accompanying them may be inspected on our website www.westsuffolk.gov.uk. Representations should be made in writing, quoting the application number and emailed to planning.help@westsuffolk.gov.uk to arrive not later than 21 days from the date of this list. Note: Representations on Brownfield Permission in Principle applications and/or associated Technical Details Consent applications must arrive not later than 14 days from the date of this list.

Application No.	Proposal	Location
DC/20/0541/ADV VALID DATE: 08.04.2020 EXPIRY DATE: 03.06.2020 WARD: Newmarket North PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Application for Advertisement Consent - (i) 2no. internally illuminated fascia signs (ii) 2no. non-illuminated panels to totem pole (iii) 1no. loading bay sign APPLICANT: Mr Ken Jones - Iceland Foods Ltd AGENT: Mr Ray Robinson - RRDS Ltd CASE OFFICER: Olivia Luckhurst	Unit 3A Newmarket Retail Park Oaks Drive Newmarket Suffolk CB8 7SX GRID REF: 563657 265370
DC/20/0542/FUL VALID DATE: 25.03.2020 EXPIRY DATE: 20.05.2020 WARD: Newmarket North PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Planning Application - Installation of entrance doors and side screens together with 2no. bays of curtain walling to front elevation APPLICANT: Mr Ken Jones, Iceland Foods Ltd AGENT: Mr Ray Robinson CASE OFFICER: Olivia Luckhurst	Unit 3A Newmarket Retail Park Oaks Drive Newmarket Suffolk CB8 7SX GRID REF: 563657 265370

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LIST 16**17 April 2020****Applications Registered between 13-17 April 2020****PLANNING APPLICATIONS REGISTERED**

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building, Conservation Area and Advertisement Consent and relating to Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas have been made to this Council. A copy of the applications and plans accompanying them may be inspected on our website www.westsuffolk.gov.uk. Representations should be made in writing, quoting the application number and emailed to planning.help@westsuffolk.gov.uk to arrive not later than 21 days from the date of this list. Note: Representations on Brownfield Permission in Principle applications and/or associated Technical Details Consent applications must arrive not later than 14 days from the date of this list.

Application No.	Proposal	Location
DC/20/0583/FUL VALID DATE: 31.03.2020 EXPIRY DATE: 26.05.2020 WARD: Newmarket West PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Planning Application - Change of use from financial service (class A2) to hot food takeaway (class A5) APPLICANT: D & A (2051) Ltd AGENT: Mr Stuart Le Sage CASE OFFICER: Ed Fosker	104 High Street Newmarket Suffolk CB8 8JQ GRID REF: 564305 263348

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EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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This matter is being dealt with by:

Anne James

Telephone: 01353616241

E-mail: anne.james@eastcambs.gov.uk

My Ref: 18/00752/ESO

Your ref

15th April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposal: Sustainable 'Garden Village' extension to Kennett - residential-led developme associated employment and community uses (including care home and/or st housing) and a new primary school with a pre-school (nursery) facilities, sup infrastructure and open space/landscaping.

Location: Land Southwest Of 98 To 138 Station Road Kennett Suffolk

Reference: 18/00752/ESO

I am writing to inform you that the above proposal has been considered by this Authority and it was resolved to approve the application.

In considering this application your comments were taken into consideration. You are able to view the officer/committee report using public access <http://pa.eastcambs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=P9SWHOGG0CU00>.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact the case officer Anne James on 01353616241

Yours faithfully

Anne James
Planning Consultant

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**PLANNING AND REGULATORY SERVICES
DECISIONS WEEK ENDING 09/04/2020**

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DC/20/0160/FUL DECISION: Approve Application DECISION TYPE: Delegated ISSUED DATED: 8 Apr 2020 WARD: Newmarket East PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Planning Application - Change of use from hotel (Class C1) to house of multiple occupancy (Class C4) APPLICANT: Mrs Stephen Murphy	Ashley House 13 Old Station Road Newmarket CB8 8DT
DC/20/0171/FUL DECISION: Approve Application DECISION TYPE: Delegated ISSUED DATED: 8 Apr 2020 WARD: Newmarket North PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Planning Application - Fire exit door to rear elevation APPLICANT: Mr Ken Jones - Iceland Foods Ltd AGENT: Mr Ray Robinson - RRDS Ltd	Unit 3A Newmarket Retail Park Oaks Drive Newmarket Suffolk CB8 7SX

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**PLANNING AND REGULATORY SERVICES
DECISIONS WEEK ENDING 17/04/2020**

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<u>DC/18/2211/ADV</u> DECISION: Withdrawn/ Abandoned DECISION TYPE: Delegated ISSUED DATED: 15 Apr 2020 WARD: Newmarket North PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Application for Advertisement Consent - (i) 3no internally illuminated fascia signs, (ii) 1no internally illuminated height barrier, (iii) 2no internally illuminated key seller boards, (iv) 1no double menu board, (v) 1no banner, (vi) 1no totem (vii) parking signs and (viii) 2no directional signs APPLICANT: C.I. Industries Ltd AGENT: Mr Philip Kratz	Land At Willie Snaith Road Newmarket Suffolk
<u>DC/20/0220/FUL</u> DECISION: Approve Application DECISION TYPE: Delegation Panel ISSUED DATED: 15 Apr 2020 WARD: Newmarket East PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Planning Application - (i) Conversion of roof space to form 2 no. self-contained flats (ii) Enclosed external staircase on rear elevation (iii) insertion of pitched roof dormer windows to front elevation APPLICANT: Mr Simon Bird AGENT: Mr Andrew Toumazou - MK40 Architects Ltd	Sycamore House New Cheveley Road Newmarket CB8 8BX
<u>DC/20/0326/HH</u> DECISION: Approve Application DECISION TYPE: Delegated ISSUED DATED: 14 Apr 2020 WARD: Newmarket East PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear conservatory) APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Medus AGENT: Mr Paul Levitt - Plan It Architecture + Design	42 Rous Road Newmarket CB8 8DL

DC/20/0458/TCA DECISION: No Objections DECISION TYPE: Delegated ISSUED DATED: 17 Apr 2020 WARD: Newmarket West PARISH: Newmarket Town Council	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - 1no. Norway Spruce (T1 on plan) - fell APPLICANT: Rosssdales Ltd AGENT: Mr James Wreathall- JW Tree Surgery & Gardens	Beaufort Cottage, Stables 140 High Street Newmarket CB8 8JS



April 2020 Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the April 2020 edition of West Suffolk Planning Department newsletter. This newsletter has been compiled after the Covid-19 restrictions have come into force and reflects that we are all working in difficult and challenging times. The West Suffolk Planning Team very much hope that you are all keeping well and staying safe.

COVID-19 working arrangements

As you may expect, the majority of the Team are currently working from home. All officers, including those validating applications, have the ability to process applications from home and for the most part it is 'business as usual'. We will continue to determine applications wherever possible in line with our delegated powers. A number of officers are adopting flexible working patterns in order to ensure they can meet their caring and parental responsibilities so please bear with us when contacting us as we may not be able to respond immediately. All officers can be contacted via email and we are making use of technology to allow virtual face-to-face meetings to take place.

As you are probably aware our main council offices are currently closed to the public but all our services are available online and the Council's customer service number is 01284 763233.

Pre-application advice service

Our pre-application service is still in place, however, we have temporarily removed the option to request a face-to-face meeting either in the office or on site. Instead, we are offering a telephone appointment with the planning officer. Applicants are advised to continue to submit requests for pre-application advice online or via our customer services number and a planning officer will contact them on receipt of the details to arrange a mutually convenient time to speak to them on the phone.

Development Control Committee

As you may be aware regulations have now been made that enable local authorities to hold meetings without persons being present in the same room. The Council is currently considering options for all of its committee meetings, including Development Control Committee. This may result in meetings being held virtually. We want to ensure that meetings remain open and transparent and that members of the public have the opportunity to participate in proceedings. The next Development Control Committee meeting is due to be

held on 29th April 2020 and as soon as we are able to confirm arrangements for the meeting we will let you know.

Site notices and visits

The practice of officers visiting sites to view the location of a proposed development and post a site notice has been affected by the current situation and, at present, officers are taking a risk-based approach to this. Where a site visit is absolutely necessary officers will contact the applicant in advance of the date and establish whether there is anyone self-isolating at the property, and to request if needed that gates etc. are left unsecured so that access can be obtained without face to face contact.

Notification of new applications

Parish Councils will continue to be notified of new planning applications that are received and the Weekly List is being generated as normal. We appreciate that Parish Councils may not be in a position to hold face-to-face meetings at present and that this may affect your ability to comment on applications within the statutory timeframe. If you require additional time to comment on an application please contact the case officer directly to request an extension. We will endeavour to agree to an extension of time wherever practicable, however please be aware there may be circumstances in which we are unable to agree an extension in order to ensure that a decision is made on the application within the statutory time limit.

Consultee access

As you may expect the ability to process planning applications electronically is now more important than ever. Many Parish Councils are using our online Consultee Access system to comment on applications and this ensures that comments are immediately available to the case officer. We would therefore urge any Parish Councils that have not yet signed up to Consultee Access to do so.

Registering for online consultee access is straightforward and to assist we have attached relevant guidance notes to this newsletter. You need to register for Public Access (if you are not already), then e-mail our systems team as instructed, and we can then set you up for Consultee Access.

Any issues, please contact our systems team (prs.systems@westsuffolk.gov.uk) and we will try our best to help.

Temporary changes of use from a pub or restaurant to a hot-food takeaway

The Government has set out measures to relax permitted development rights allowing the temporary change of use of a pub and a restaurant to a hot-food takeaway. The legislation required to enact this change was made official on 24 March. The temporary permitted development right will end on 23 March 2021.

Conditions for the change of use include that the developer must notify the local planning authority if the building and any land within its curtilage is being used,

or will be used, for the provision of takeaway food at any time during the relevant period.

The legislation can be found here -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/330/made>

Any businesses wishing to notify the local planning authority that they are operating as a hot-food takeaway under these provisions should email planning.help@westsuffolk.gov.uk

New permitted development rights for emergency development by, or on behalf of, a local authority or health service body

The Government has also set out measures to allow emergency development by, or on behalf of, a local authority or health service body on land owned, leased, occupied or maintained by it. The development, which can be a change of use or operational development, must be for one of the following purposes:

- (a) Preventing an emergency
- (b) Reducing, controlling or mitigating the effects of an emergency
- (c) Taking other action in connection with an emergency.

The permitted development rights allow the construction and extension of buildings subject to the conditions set out in the Order and allows the use of land for this purpose until 31 December 2020.

The legislation can be found here -

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/412/contents/made>

Assisting businesses to carry out essential functions at this time

In a Written Ministerial Statement, we have been asked to take a positive approach to food retailers and distributors, as well as the freight industries and should not seek to undertake enforcement action that would create a barrier that would result in unnecessary restrictions to delivering essential services during this period - <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2020-03-13/HCWS159/>

Staff changes

Amey Yuill joined us as a Planning Officer in March. She is based in Bury St Edmunds and can be contacted on amey.yuill@westsuffolk.gov.uk.

James Morriss, one of our apprentices, has moved on from the Technical Team and is now working as a planning officer across both offices. We have a new apprentice starting in May. Isabella Taylor will follow the same pattern as James by starting with the Technical Team.

West Suffolk Local Plan Update

It is important that everyone has the opportunity to comment and engage in the process at every stage of the local plan process. Therefore, given the current

situation with COVID-19, West Suffolk has deferred the West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options first consultation.

The timetable proposes consultation to now commence in October 2020. The council are currently revising the Local Development Scheme (LDS) accordingly.

5 Year Land Supply

The council will be writing to developers and agents seeking information to inform the next 5-year housing land supply report. We recognise the development industry has been significantly impacted by Covid-19 restrictions so this feedback will be vital to forecast delivery rates as accurately as possible.

If there are any topics you would like us to cover in future newsletters please let us know at planning.help@westsuffolk.gov.uk

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