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Subject: FW: DP agenda items

From: Councillor Harvey <CouncillorHarvey@newmarket.gov.uk>

Sent: 28 November 2022 10:57

To: Townclerk <Townclerk@newmarket.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: DP agenda items

Hi Cathy,

Yes I wanted us to challenge the appropriateness of the responses to Planning Applications for Town Centre Developments from:

- a) Suffolk Highways - their "bog standard response" (example below)
- b) West Suffolk regarding HMOs and AirBandB

all of which seem to assume that parking requirements can be reduced due to public transport links (which are now compromised) and that multiple occupants don't have cars !

Example for Surrey House (and presumably at some stage a response to Rutland Chambers):

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 CONSULTATION RETURN: DC/22/0762/FUL

PROPOSAL: Planning application - conversion and partial demolition to create

a. ground floor retail unit; b. courtyard garden; c. eight residential units

LOCATION: Surrey House 41 High Street Newmarket Suffolk

Notice is hereby given that the County Council as Highway Authority make the following comments:

The Highway Authority notes that the development cannot provide the recommended levels car parking as per Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2019) but are satisfied that this location is considered relatively sustainable as it provides access to local public transport links and services in accordance with Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2019) reasons to allow for a reduction car parking provision.

John Harvey

Newmarket Town Councillor (All Saints Ward)

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Subject: FW: Tree Officer problem

From: Almond, Rachel <
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 6:25:39 PM
To: Drummond, Andy <
Subject: RE: Tree Officer problem

Dear Andy,

Falcon Saunders left the Council in April and so far we have been unsuccessful in recruiting to his post but we continue to work hard on recruitment. Falcon worked in the Parks team with Matt Vernon and Michael Rutterford but his main work was responding to TCA applications (applications to do works to trees in the Conservation Area) and commenting on planning applications where there might be an impact on trees. Matt Vernon is the tree officer consultee when we deal with applications for works to TPO trees.

Since Falcon left we have been using the services of a consultancy firm to provide comments on TCA applications and planning applications. Matt continues to provide us with comments on TPO applications.

We have never been able to proactively monitor the requirement for replacement trees to be planted when this is a condition of a TPO consent being granted. We have always relied on investigating such a matter if it is brought to our attention by a third party and we would need significantly more resources if we were to proactively monitor this.

If the tree warden for Horringer has any particular concerns about replacement trees please ask her to use the online enforcement complaint form and we will investigate any potential breaches. [Planning enforcement complaint or enquiry - Location details - West Suffolk Councils Electronic Forms \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

Please let me know if you wish to discuss anything further.

Kind regards
Rachel

From: Drummond, Andy <
Sent: 21 November 2022 17:32
To
Subject: RE: Tree Officer problem
Hi R

Thank you for your email – I was unaware that WS do not currently have a tree officer – so I'm copying Rachel Almond – service manager for planning and growth in the hope that I can be updated on the matter – especially as I'm the designated tree champion within West Suffolk.

Very best regards,

Andy

From RF

Sent: 18 November 2022 21:29
To: Drummond,
Subject: Tree Officer problem

[THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Andy

I hope you are well.

JF, our Tree Warden for Horringer has alerted me that there is presently no Tree Officer in West Suffolk, and that someone from the Parks Dept is currently responsible. However, Janice informs me that the planning team does not

check if replacement trees are actually planted as per requirements of TPOs etc - potentially resulting in a de-treeing of Horringer and likely the same is happening in other parishes. I'm sure you would agree that a proper assessment of proposed tree works is essential in maintaining a healthy Tree scape. I hope you can advise us on when a new Tree Officer will be in post and assure us that you will take actions to ensure that no further unnecessary tree works or tree removal will occur in the interim, and that checks will be made to ensure that replacement trees are actually planted.

All the best

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Kind regards

RF, MSc Environmental Management

Interim Chair, Suffolk Tree Warden Network

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Subject: FW: Potential speed restriction....Adastral Close Newmarket
Attachments: Screenshot_20221128-150449_Gmail.jpg

From: Paula
Sent: 28 November 2022 18:03
To: Townclerk <Townclerk@newmarket.gov.uk>
Subject: Potential speed restriction....Adastral Close Newmarket

Dear Ms Whitaker,

Having spoken to Suffolk Council who said I needed to contact my Town Council I am, on the advice of Natalie White, writing to you re the above.

Please find attached an email I sent to the Operations Manager at Colourbox Nursery in Newmarket, it will hopefully explain my/our concerns.

I understand from Suffolk Council that it is within the Town Councils remit to finance speed limiting signage and/or speed bumps etc.

As this is an obvious safety concern as it involves 3 educational institutions (Newmarket Academy, Holdsworth Valley Primary School and Colourbox Nursery) as well as the residents of Adastral Close and those using the pathways through it etc I/we are hoping the Council can be of assistance in providing signage/ speed bumps etc and therefore prevent a potential accident.

Many Thanks

REQUEST FOR PARENTS TO REDUCE SPEED IN KINGSWAY AND ADASTRAL CLOSE.



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Paula Ovenden 12:14

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Hi,

Having spoken to Reception at Colourbox Newmarket I am writing to you on behalf of myself and other residents of Adastral Close.

Parents dropping off and collecting their children at/from the nursery are driving far to fast as they drive into Kingsway and Adastral Close.

Children attending Newmarket Academy walk to school via the Close and we also have parents walking their children to Holdsworth Valley Primary...there are also a number of elderly residents and dog walkers using the pathways.

The road is single track and often has cars parked along it....such driving isn't safe and there have been a number of near misses.

We are therefore requesting that you politely ask said parents to respect the residents of the close and those others that use it by driving slowly and thoughtfully.

Many Thanks.

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Subject: FW: Fordham Road (Case Ref: MH27565) CR377675

From: Matt Hancock MP <matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk>

Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 12:01 pm

To:

Subject: FW: Fwd: Fordham Road (Case Ref: MH27565) CR377675

Dear I,

Further to our previous email communications, please find below response Matt has received from Suffolk County Council.

Having looked at the concerns over safety in the area, the Council have explained that the only realistic way to improve the behaviour of drivers would be through the Police's Enforcement of speeding. If any residents or the schools have concerns over the speeding, they can address these directly with the police by visiting <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area>. Through this link contact details for the Safer Neighbourhood team can be found, who are able to increase police presence and arrange visits from their mobile speed camera vans.

Matt would of course welcome any comments to the below response that you may have, and please do not hesitate to get in touch again if we can be of assistance with this or any other issue.

Kind regards,

Chloe

Chloe Osborne

Caseworker

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From: Paul West (SCC Councillor)

Sent: 24 November 2022 12:15

To: HANCOCK, Matthew <matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk>

Subject: RE: Fwd: Fordham Road (Case Ref: MH27565) CR377675

Dear Matt,

Thank you for your email dated 10 November regarding concerns raised by your constituent, IY regarding Fordham Road. I have received the following information from the Community Engineer:

Suffolk Highways has a set criteria for any potential 20mph limit which must be met before they would consider the application. The first of which is that officers will not consider a 20mph speed limit on "A" or "B" class roads unless under exceptional circumstances. As Fordham Road is the A142, unfortunately this road would not be considered.

Whilst officers are aware of vehicle accidents in the area and general concerns about safety to pedestrians and horses/riders etc, these have all been attributed to driver error rather than any inherent issue with the carriageway itself. If the problem is perceived as vehicles speeding through the existing (and well signed) 30mph limit, could it reasonably be expected that they would obey a lower limit?

SCC's own surveys have shown that drivers who speed in posted 30mph zones are also likely to speed in 20mph zones. Sadly, the only realistic way to improve the behaviour of these drivers is through Police Enforcement.

If either residents or the schools in the area (or any other party) have concerns of regularly speeding vehicles, then the best way for them to address these concerns is to report these to Suffolk Police directly – I have attached a link to their team below.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area>

Through this link there is a direct page dedicated to Newmarket Policing and contact details for the local Safer Neighbourhood team. They can either arrange for an increased police presence or visits from their mobile speed camera vans etc. They can also give advice on Community Speed Watch programs, which have proven very effective in other locations at combating speeding issues.

Kind Regards

Paul West

County Councillor for Bixley Division &
Cabinet Member for Ipswich, Operational Highways and Flooding
Suffolk County Council