

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Planning Committee
First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE
17.30 on Tuesday 27 September 2022

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sonia Barker, Alan Green, Peter Knight, David Le Grice, Andy Pearce and Wendy Brooks. Cllr Christian Newsome arrived at 17.49 and took part in the meeting for the last two applications.

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public: There were no members of the public in attendance (either in person or remotely via Zoom webinar)

75. Welcome

The fire evacuation procedure and public right to report were explained, and the meeting was welcomed.

76. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lang and Newsome (arrived at meeting at 17.49). Cllr Pearce proposed approval of the apologies received; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

77. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

Cllr Barker declared an interest, as ward councillor, in all Elm Tree applications.

78. Public forum

No advance comments had been received.

79. Planning applications

a. Consideration of the following planning applications (all available on www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and deciding the recommendations of the Council:

Table 1 - List of East Suffolk Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/3417/FUL	117 Elm Tree Road – new rear extension and new roof to facilitate first floor	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/22/3270/FUL	46 Long Road – Retrospective application for alterations to approved consent REF: DC/19/0284/FUL – Formation of annex to rear of property	Carlton and Whitton
At the start of the consideration Cllr Brooks stated that the Town Council does to welcome retrospective applications. It was proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Barker and agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/21/5606/FUL	119 -125 London Road North - Redevelopment of the site to provide a mixed use development retaining commercial floorspace (Class E) at ground floor level. Part demolition of first floor and conversion of part ground, first and second floor to provide Class C3 residential units with enabling fenestration alterations, ancillary amenity space, cycle and car parking, refuse storage, access and other associated works	Harbour and Normanston

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<p>Cllr Brooks expressed concern about conversion of retail to residential and if the size of the proposed properties was compliant with local plan policy. It was proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Barker and agreed (five votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Pearce)) to recommend approval of this application subject to any concerns from the Anglia Water, Suffolk Highways and the Planning Officer being addressed. Cllr Pearce stated that whilst we welcomed commercial and retail growth, his abstention was due to affordable housing not being met and relevant compensatory payments being made to the district and not the town and if this was addressed he would be minded to support the application.</p>		
DC/22/3305/FUL	Hatfield Hotel The Esplanade - Conversion of existing Winelodge Bar and Restaurant into additional bedrooms for the Hatfield Hotel - Previously approved under application DC/18/0490/FUL	Kirkley and Pakefield
<p>It was proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.</p>		
DC/22/2503/FUL	Lancing Court Rectory Road - Dropping all three chimney stacks	Kirkley and Pakefield
<p>It was proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.</p>		
DC/22/3396/FUL	25 Carlton Road - Side extension and internal alterations	Kirkley and Pakefield
<p>It was proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application subject to neighbours concerns are taken into account.</p>		

80. Date and time of the next meeting - Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 18.45.

81. Items for the next agenda – East Suffolk Council’s Window Scoring Policy and procedures for window replacement planning applications. To confirm Town Council’s responses to Railway Station refreshment building development and Hornsea Three consultations had been submitted.

The Chair closed the meeting at 18.12

Signed: 

4 October 2022