

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ON-LINE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP
HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT: Councillor H Maitland-Jones (Chair)
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)
Councillor M Dormer
Councillor J Keeler
Councillor Mrs P Milliner
Councillor S Woodhead

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson – Town Clerk Finance & Policy

38. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs A Lamont (Vice Chair)
Councillor Ms R Dineley
Councillor A Seymour

39. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES: Councillor S Scott-James

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
There were no declarations of interest.

41. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:
There were no Buckinghamshire Chiltern matters arising.

42. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 1st, 8th & 15th October 2021
(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX I)

43. LICENSES:
There were no licenses for discussion.

44. MATTERS FOR REPORT:
There were no matters for report.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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Appendix 1			
PL/21/3825/HS2	Land Between The A404, Whielden Lane and The A413 To The South Of Whielden Lane Roundabout, Amersham.	<p>Further to our request for the approval of Plans and Specifications for Amersham Headhouse and under Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 this letter provides information regarding the site restoration of the Amersham compound to be carried out as part of the above works.</p> <p>Paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 17 requires that the nominated undertaker must, after discontinuation of the use of any site for carrying out operations ancillary to the construction of any of the schedule works, restore the site in accordance with a scheme agreed with the relevant planning authority.</p> <p>A scheme must be submitted for agreement within 4 months of the discontinuation of the use of the site. The restoration scheme, in this instance, is submitted alongside the request for plans and specifications. Planning Forum Note 11 sets out the general provisions relating to site restoration including content and format of schemes submitted for agreement. The site restoration scheme at Amersham comprises soft and hard landscaping works (and does not comprise earthworks under Schedule 17(3)).</p>	<p>Members were disappointed to see that comments were not invited for this application as it did not require approval from Bucks Council. It was agreed, however, that the Clerk would prepare a statement on behalf of Amersham Town Council, (to be approved by all Councillors), and forwarded to Bucks Council, HS2 and the HS2 ombudsman, stating that Members are extremely frustrated and disappointed by the lack of consultation on the design of the vent shaft headhouse and surrounding landscaping, as well as the lack of opportunity for local views to be considered.</p>
PL/21/3824/HS2	Land Between The A404, Whielden Lane and The A413 To The	Request for approval under paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 for plans and specifications for works comprising of erection of	<p>Members were disappointed to see that comments were not invited for this application as it did not require approval from Bucks Council. It was agreed, however, that the Clerk would prepare a statement on behalf of</p>

	South Of Whielden Lane Roundabout, Amersham.	Amersham headhouse buildings and associated earthworks, compound and site fencing and lighting.	Amersham Town Council, (to be approved by all Councillors), and forwarded to Bucks Council, HS2 and the HS2 ombudsman, stating that Members are extremely frustrated and disappointed by the lack of consultation on the design of the vent shaft headhouse and surrounding landscaping, as well as the lack of opportunity for local views to be considered.
PL/21/3753/HB	4 Bury Farm Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0SJ	Listed building consent for new front circular window	<u>(No objection (25.10.21.))</u>
PL/21/3752/FA	4 Bury Farm Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0SJ	New front circular window	<u>(No objection (25.10.21.))</u>
PL/21/3716/FA	44 Highover Park Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0BP	Alterations to levels of rear decking and patio, new staircase to lower level garden, open sided barbecue structure, boundary fence and low level lighting within decking floor	<u>No comment (25.10.21.)</u>
PL/21/3689/HB	25 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DP	Listed building consent for part change of use to dwelling and associated internal alterations and repairs (part retrospective)	<u>Recommend refusal (25.10.21.)</u> Members object to the loss of retail space within the High Street resulting from the proposed change of use and consider the remaining retail space at No 25 could prove too small to remain viable. They feel this would set a precedent in the shopping area of Old Amersham for further loss of retail space.
PL/21/3688/FA	25 High Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 0DP	Part change of use to dwelling (part retrospective)	<u>Recommend refusal (25.10.21.)</u> Members object to the loss of retail space within the High Street resulting from the proposed change of use and consider the remaining retail space at No 25 could prove too small to remain viable. They feel this would set a precedent in the shopping area of Old Amersham for further loss of retail space.

PL/21/3655/FA	1 Leywood Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EG	Side roof extension of the hipped roof over the flat roof and single storey rear extension	<u>No objection (25.10.21.)</u> Whilst Members have no objection to the proposed extension, they would ask that the Bucks Planning Officer gives due consideration to the comment submitted by the resident at No. 30 Quarrendon Road regarding future maintenance of the shared fencing between the two properties.
PL/21/3659/FA	Delingbourne 19 Willow Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9DW	Single storey side and rear extensions, new raised roof with 2 front dormer windows, a rear dormer and changes to windows and doors	<u>No objection (25.10.21.)</u>
PL/21/3759/FA	37A Highfield Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HQ	Single storey rear extension and the addition of two roof lights to the existing side elevation	<u>No comment (25.10.21.)</u>
PL/21/3725/TP	45A Copperkins Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QP	T14 Western red cedar - remove 2 larger limbs encroaching on property leaving large upright stem (TPO/1986/016)	<u>No comment (25.10.21.)</u>
PL/21/3919/FA	36 Sheepfold Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EJ	Part first floor/part two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, replacement of flat roof with pitched roof over existing garage/side structure and front porch canopy.	<u>Recommend refusal (25.10.21.)</u> Whilst Members have no objection to the proposed rear extension, they consider the front extension to be out of keeping in the street scene and would recommend refusal on this element of the application.
PL/21/3863/FA	36 Blackhorse Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6JE	Vehicular access, fence, gate and post; and EV charging unit to front elevation	<u>No objection (25.10.21.)</u>

