

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ON-LINE MEETING OF  
**THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**  
HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

PRESENT: Councillor H Maitland-Jones (Chair)  
Councillor S Woodhead  
Councillor E Shepherd  
Councillor V Head  
Councillor R Dineley

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor M Roberts  
Mr M Warren – Administration Officer

195. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mark Dormer (Vice chair)  
Councillor P Milliner

196. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:  
Councillor C Butcher  
Councillor S Scott-Thomas

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

198. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERN MATTERS:  
There were no Buckinghamshire Chiltern Matters arising.

199. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LISTS DATED 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, and 14<sup>th</sup> Feb  
(Please see attached Appendix I)

200. LICENSES:  
There were no licenses to discuss.

201. MATTERS FOR REPORT:  
The matters to report were PL/25/0209/FA Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club asked for a request for a screening opinion from Bucks. The members were informed that bucks felt that the application did not warrant an EIA.  
Also discussed was a residents request to discuss a proposal for a nursing home in School Lane, the council are unaware of any proposal at the moment.

The meeting closed at 8.11pm

..... Chairman ..... Date

Appendix I

PL/25/O144/FA	2 The Green Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9AF	Part single/part two storey rear extension, garage conversion, front dormer window and rear patio	No objection (24/02/25) However, the members asked that the window in the 1 <sup>st</sup> floor bathroom be of obscure glazing.
PL/25/O137/FA	42 Grimsdells Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HH	Retrospective application for changes to windows including an additional rooflight to front roofslope	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O207/EIASR	Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club Ash Grove Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5QU	Request for an EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) for proposed sports and recreational facilities and erection of a care home	No comment (24/02/25)  This has already been decided by Bucks, the members were just informed of the decision.
PL/25/O209/FA	6 Lane Wood Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JL	Demolition of existing rear extension and conservatory and proposed erection of single storey rear extension. Conversion of garage to habitable space including raising of roof over front section of garage, store and existing entrance. Construction of access ramps to front and rear of property with associated handrails. New window to side elevation.	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O225/KA	The Green Elm Close Amersham Buckinghamshire	T1 norway maples x 10 (carried out every two years in line with council's previous recommendations), T2 cut and trim laurel hedges and mixed hedges in and	No comment (24/02/25)

		around entrance, central green and road sides (Conservation Area Elm Close)	
PL/25/O280/FA	22 Hyrons Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5AS	Conversion of garage to habitable space and enlargement of existing rear extension including raising overall height of the extension	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O276/FA	5 Black Acre Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EW	Part two storey/part first floor rear extension, Internal alterations and insertion of new side window.	No objection (24/02/25)
PL/25/O365/KA	Merlin 37 Grimsdells Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HF	T1 apple - reduce branches or fell (Conservation Area: Weller Estate, Amersham)	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O327/FA	35 Piggotts Orchard Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 OJQ	Single storey rear extension and front porch extension	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O154/FA	Cotswold 21 Grimsdells Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HF	New vehicular access	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O369/FA	Bury Cottage 6 London Road West Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 OEZ	Proposed new timber sliding front gate, new rooflight and replacement of a modern rear window in the original house. Garage conversion and alterations to existing attached building to include the installation of front windows, rear rooflights and connection	No comment (24/02/25)

		to the existing property. Dark timber cladding to be added to the garage conversion. New detached garage with solar panels and adjacent EV charging point. The existing boundary rear wall is to be rebuilt with a rear opening to allow access to the house.	
PL/25/O365/KA	Merlin 37 Grimsdells Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HF	T1 apple - reduce branches or fell (Conservation Area: Weller Estate, Amersham)	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O385/FA	Morton House First Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BL	Demolition of existing garage to be replaced by two storey side, loft conversion with rear dormers and front rooflights, alterations to the front porch, changes to some windows/doors, internal alterations and inclusion of 3no parking bays	Recommend refusal (24/02/25) Members were concerned that this development was an overdevelopment of the site and the lack of parking spaces and the size of the site would make entering and exiting the driveway dangerous as no turning provisions had been made for vehicles.
PL/25/O406/FA	High Croft 28 Black Acre Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EW	Replacement conservatory roof to a solid roof and replacement of frames.	No comment (24/02/25)
PL/25/O374/FA	27 Stanley Hill Avenue Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9BD	Re-modelling of dwelling to include erection of part single, part two-storey side and rear extensions, two storey front bay window, front porch, raising the roof height with rear dormer window and	No objection (24/02/25)

		two flank rooflights.	
PL/22/3371/HB	The Maltings School Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 OES	Change of use and redevelopment of site to provide 37 dwellings via 2 new detached buildings and conversion of existing buildings with some demolition, extensions, changes to doors and windows, refurbishment of 4 existing dwellings, with car parking, new landscaping and associated works.	<p>Discussed (24/02/25) Members were disappointed that the issues raised on the previous application did not seem to have been addressed and they felt that their concerns still apply to the revised application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Regarding waste management, the bin storage is too far from homes and won't get used. The documentation refers to private waste management but not details given as to how this would be funded or how it would be sustained.</li><li>2. Regarding traffic, there is a narrow entry/exit and appears to be gated, which would cause delays and queues. This would cause difficulty for service vehicles eg fire services, removal vehicles.</li><li>3. It was also noted that the only entry/exit point is onto Pondwicks, which is not wide enough for two lanes of traffic. Furthermore, this leads onto School Lane, between a very busy local school and a surgery. It was felt that the designs did not go far enough to mitigate traffic issues that this would cause, particularly at peak times.</li><li>4. Members also raised concerns over the pressure the development would cause to the immediate local infrastructure (noting in particular St Mary's CofE School, and Rectory Hill Surgery). Members would like to know what the applicant could do to mitigate any issues they would face as a result of the development.</li></ol>

