

AMERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP
HELD ON 20th July 2026

PRESENT: Councillor K Thornton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor M Brady
Councillor D Pinkney

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

23. APOLOGIES:
Councillor J Wilkinson
Councillor M Day
Councillor H Amarshi (Deputy Chair)

24. ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:
Councillor S Woodhead
Councillor J Noaman
Councillor A Vyas

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None

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

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: LIST DATED 14th July 2026
(Please see attached Appendix I)

28. LICENSES:
There was one license to report PR202604-382315, the members had no objection.

29. MATTERS FOR REPORT:
Councillor M Roberts reported on the planned release of the local plan.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

..... Chairman 21st July 2026

Appendix I

PL/26/O4839/FA	Land To The North Of White Lion Road Amersham Buckinghamshire	Construction of a foodstore (Use Class E) including service yard, cycle and car parking areas and access arrangements for customers and staff/servicing, including pedestrian and vehicular accesses, together with landscaping, hardstanding and associated works.	ATC would like this application refused and to be called in for the following reasons: (20/07/26) 1. It is a green belt site as allocated on the local plan and it meets purpose b of the NPPF para 143 prevention of the merging of Amersham and Little Chalfont. 2. Retail justification- the site is not a retail site and a food store here would need to justify the business case for making this site a retail site. We are concerned that by redirecting shoppers from the high street and designated retail area this food store would have an adverse impact on the high street. 3. Highways- White Lion Road is a busy arterial road that joins Amersham and Little Chalfont, the road is particularly busy at school pick up and drop off times and during rush hours. More traffic for a large food store would increase congestion considerably. 4. We agree with the comments of the strategic access officer that the original width of the public right of way and cycleway should be maintained. If the planning officer is minded to approve this application despite the objections raised above, we would also like the officer to consider: 1. Requesting an independent retail consultant to assess M&S' business case to justify using this site for retail. 2. Condition requiring the applicant to maintain the public right of way and cycleway and
----------------	--	---	--

			include streetlighting for public safety. 3. Condition requiring the applicant to provide a puffin crossing on White Lion Road to improve access for pedestrians across a busy road. 4. Condition requiring no deliveries during night time hours 5. Condition requiring store lighting and signage lighting to be turned off outside of operational hours. 6. Condition requiring environmentally sustainable lighting to be used to avoid disturbing wildlife in and around the site and local neighbours. 7. S106 contribution to a puffin crossing, moving of bus stops to make the site accessible for pedestrians travelling by bus and contribution to local public transport.
PL/26/O4143/FA	16 Stanley Hill Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9HR	First floor part rear extension, alterations to roof with rear dormer extension and outbuilding in rear garden	No objection (20/07/26)
PL/26/O4794/FA	52 Sheepfold Lane Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EJ	Conversion of garage to habitable space with single storey side and rear extensions including roof windows, addition of loft window and part double storey front extension.	No objection (20/07/26)
PL/26/O4824/FA	Holden House 53 Copperkins Lane Amersham	Loft conversion with roof alterations, including front gable, 2 front dormers and 1 rear dormer; reduction in main chimney	No objection (20/07/26)

	Buckinghamshire HP6 5RA	sizes and new flat roof to form open porch over front entrance; fenestration alterations.	
PL/26/04874/FA	Ash Cottage 68 Plantation Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HL	Single storey side extension, single storey rear extension wrap-around, front porch and conversion of a garage into a habitable room with uplifting the flat roof with associated internal alterations	Recommend Refusal (20/07/26) The members felt the plans were an overdevelopment of the site, not in keeping with the character of the area, and the plan was incongruous to the design of the host building.
PL/26/05008/FA	Ash Cottage 68 Plantation Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 6HL	Proposed Two-storey side extension, two-storey rear extension, single-storey wrap-around, first-floor side extension towards New Road, front porch and conversion of a garage into a habitable room with uplifting the flat roof with associated internal alterations	Recommend Refusal (20/07/26) The members felt that the plans were an overdevelopment of the site, not in keeping with the character of the area, it had a convoluted roof design, and the plan showed a bulk massing appearance.
PL/26/05045/FA	19 Salisbury Close Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9EX	Single Storey Part Rear Extension , Double Storey Part Rear Extension, Front Porch Extension, Double Storey Side Extension and Loft Extension	No objection (20/07/26)
PR202604-382315	POLISH EX SERVICEMENS CLUB, RAANS ROAD, AMERSHAM, HP6 6LX	Premises Licence	No objection (20/07/26)

PL/26/O4904/FA	Fair Cottage 129 White Lion Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JY	Conversion of garage/workshop to gym/office (retrospective)	No comment (20/07/26)
PL/26/O5284/FA	52 Whielden Street Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 OHU	Erection of garden wall and greenhouse	No comment (20/07/26)
PL/26/O4904/FA	Fair Cottage 129 White Lion Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9JY	Conversion of garage/workshop to gym/office (retrospective)	No comment (20/07/26)
PL/26/O5109/AV	4 Sycamore Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP6 5DT	Display of 1 x esquire coffee illuminated signage lettering attached to new aluminium panel, 1 x hanging bus stop sign and 8 x internally applied gloss window vinyl.	No comment (20/07/26)