



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE GRANGE, NUTHOLT LANE,
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MEETING: **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

TIME: 2:00pm

DATE: **Wednesday 21st June 2023**

VENUE: Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely CB7 4EE

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THIS AGENDA: Caroline Evans

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MEMBERSHIP:

Conservative Members

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith
Cllr David Brown (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Lavinia Edwards
Cllr Martin Goodearl
Cllr Bill Hunt (Chairman)
Cllr James Lay

Substitutes:

Cllr Keith Horgan
Cllr Julia Huffer
Cllr Alan Sharp

Lead Officer

Simon Ellis, Planning Manager

Quorum: 5 Members

Liberal Democrat Members

Cllr Chika Akinwale
Cllr Kathrin Holtzmann
Cllr John Trapp
Cllr Christine Whelan
Cllr Gareth Wilson (Lead Member)

Substitutes:

Cllr Christine Colbert
Cllr Lorna Dupré
Cllr Mary Wade

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MEET IN RECEPTION AT
THE GRANGE AT 11:10AM FOR SITE VISITS**

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies and Substitutions** [oral]
- 2. Declarations of Interest** [oral]
To receive declarations of interest from Members for any Items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes

To receive and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- a) 5th April 2023
- b) 26th April 2023
- c) 25th May 2023.

4. Chairman's Announcements

[oral]

5. Ref: 22/00827/FUM

Change of use and extension of former engineering workshop to create a new visitor centre with a cafe, restaurant and retail facilities, car parking, new highway access arrangements and public access to arboretum

Location: Barcham Trees plc, Eye Hill Drove, Soham, CB7 5XF

Applicant: Barcham Trees plc

Public Access Link: <http://pa.eastcambs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=REPIE2GGIP700>

6. 23/00376/FUL

Front boundary treatment – retrospective

Location: 10 Dexter Lane, Littleport, CB6 1GE

Applicant: Mr Ben Davis

Public Access Link: <http://pa.eastcambs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RS16FIGGJHM00>

7. Planning Performance Report – April 2023

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1 and 2 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

8. Exempt Minutes

To receive and confirm as a correct record the exempt Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26th April 2023.

NOTES:

1. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Please report to the main reception desk on arrival at The Grange. Visitor car parking on-site is limited to 1h but there are several free public car parks close by: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/parking/car-parks-ely> The maximum capacity for meetings in the Council Chamber has been set by the Fire Officer at 100 persons. Allowing for Member/Officer attendance and room layout constraints this will normally give a capacity for public attendance of 30 seated people and 20 standing. Public access to the Council Chamber will be from 30 minutes before the start of the meeting and, apart from for registered public speakers, is on a “first come, first served” basis.

2. The meeting will also be livestreamed on youtube for public viewing. The link will be available from the meeting webpage in advance of the meeting: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/planning-committee-210623> Please be aware that all attendees, including those in the public gallery, will be visible on the livestream.
3. The Council has a scheme to allow public speaking at Planning Committee. If you wish to speak on an application being considered at the Planning Committee please contact Caroline Evans, Democratic Services Officer for the Planning Committee caroline.evans@eastcambs.gov.uk, to register by 10am on Tuesday 20th June. Alternatively, you may wish to send a statement to be read at the Planning Committee meeting if you are not able to attend in person. Please note that public speaking, including a statement being read on your behalf, is limited to 5 minutes in total for each of the following groups:
 - Objectors
 - Applicant/agent or supporters
 - Local Parish/Town Council
 - National/Statutory Bodies

A leaflet with further information about the public speaking scheme is available at <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/committees/public-speaking-planning-committee>

4. The Council has adopted a 'Purge on Plastics' strategy and is working towards the removal of all consumer single-use plastics in our workplace. Therefore, we do not provide disposable cups in our building or at our meetings and would ask members of the public to bring their own drink to the meeting if required.
5. Fire instructions for meetings:
 - If the fire alarm sounds please make your way out of the building by the nearest available exit i.e. the back staircase or the fire escape in the Chamber. Do not attempt to use the lifts.
 - The fire assembly point is in the front staff car park by the exit barrier.
 - The building has an auto-call system to the fire services so there is no need for anyone to call the fire services.

The Committee Officer will sweep the area to ensure that everyone is out.

6. Reports are attached for each agenda item unless marked "oral".
7. If required, all items on the agenda can be provided in different formats (e.g. large type, Braille or audio tape, or translated into other languages), on request, by calling Main Reception on (01353) 665555 or e-mail: translate@eastcambs.gov.uk
8. If the Committee wishes to exclude the public and press from the meeting, a resolution in the following terms will need to be passed:

"That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item no(s). X because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category X of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."
