

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN  
ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C Hukin (Chairman) and Cllrs. S Butler, R McKay, P Neville, H Ober and I Skidmore.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Co-opted members J Green and R Oxley (both Welwyn Planning & Amenity Group) and J Lewis (Office Administrator).

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Benson (work commitments).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Two members of the public were present – Caroline Tinner and Marjorie Hone both residents of Danesbury Park Road Welwyn. They addressed the Committee with regard to application no. N6/2009/2689/S73B Danesbury Hill House Codicote Road Welwyn.

**2010/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr Skidmore declared an interest in application no. N6/2009/2488/MA as he has received written notification from the Borough regarding this matter and owned a property nearly opposite the site. It was agreed that Cllr Skidmore could take part in the discussion on this application but was free to express any opinion on a personal level to the Borough.

**2010/02 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2009.**

**RESOLVED.** “That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 be approved and signed”.

**Unanimously agreed.**

**2010/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2009.**

**Minute 2009/113 Planning application nos. N6/2009/2433/LB The Wellington High Street Welwyn and N6/2009/2436/FP Mimram Veterinary Centre 31 Church Street Welwyn.** Following the meeting Cllrs McKay and Skidmore had visited both sites and reported they had no observations to make on either application.

**Planning application no. N6/2009/2418/FP 31 Mardley Hill Welwyn.** Following the meeting Cllr Hukin had visited the site and reported he had no observation to make on the application.

**2010/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**N6/2009/2306/FP 25 Bluebells Welwyn.** Alterations to garage to form study above garage.

**OBJECTION.** This Council objects to the height and bulk of the proposed development and the closeness to neighbouring dwelling. The Council would also

request that should the Borough permit this application that a condition be made that would not allow the development to be used as a separate dwelling.

**N6/2009/2548/TP** 10 Copper Beeches Welwyn. Reduce hornbeam back to pollarded main stem (possible felling)

**OBSERVATION.** That any work is carried out under the supervision of the Borough's Arboriculturalist and by a trained and competent contractor

**N6/2009/2586/FP** 20 The Avenue Welwyn. Erection of replacement dwelling with two new dwellings.

**OBJECTION.** This Council considers the application to be an over-development of the site. There was an earlier application for this site and to which this Council objected and we believe our reasons for objecting remain valid.

**N6/2009/2599/TP** 37a Turpins Ride Welwyn. Fell three oak trees covered by TPO230 A1

**OBJECTION.** This Council objects to the proposed felling of three oak trees that are protected by TPO's.

**N6/2009/2642/TP** 16 The Green Welwyn. Reduction of trees by 30-35% covered by TPO48 G2

**OBSERVATION.** That any work is carried out under the supervision of the Borough's Arboriculturalist and by a trained and competent contractor.

**N6/2009/2488/MA** Former Clock Hotel Church Street Welwyn. Demolition of building and erection of residential care/nursing home with 16 assisted living apartments.

**OBJECTION.** This Council believes that the proposal by virtue of its height and size and the planned number of residents being accommodated is over-development of the site. Additionally, there is little outdoor amenity space in the proposal relative to the size of the development.

It was minuted that Cllr Skidmore did not agree with the Council's objection to this application.

The Acting Clerk was asked to write to the applicant inviting them to attend the next meeting of the Planning & Licensing Committee to discuss this application.

**N6/2009/2503/FP** 14 Great North Road Welwyn. Erection of single storey side extension and front porch

**No observation.**

**N6/2009/2505/FP** 19 Heath Road Welwyn. Erection of detached garage, side conservatory and conversion of existing internal garage.

**No observation.**

**N6/2009/2670/OP** 12-14 The Avenue Welwyn. Outline application for a residential development of 14 “Eco” units comprising 3 x three bed, 7 x two bed, 2 x two maisonettes, 1 x one bed maisonettes, 1 x two bed bungalow together with ancillary parking and energy efficient features.

**OBJECTION.** This Council considers the proposal to be an over-development of the site and out of keeping with the surrounding area. Additionally, it considers that the proposed development would generate increased road traffic for the residents, visitors and vehicles servicing the development.

**N6/2009/2700/TP** 50 Harmer Green Lane Digswell Welwyn. Work to trees; Yew (T53), reshape by 30% and reduce two limes (T31 & T32) pollard and remove limb from larch (T33) covered by TPO266

**OBSERVATION.** That any work is carried out under the supervision of the Borough’s Arboriculturalist and by a trained and competent contractor.

**2010/05 IN CASES OF URGENCY ONLY TO DISCUSS ANY APPLICATIONS WITH A DUE DATE BEFORE THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**N6/2009/2583/FP** 11 Oaklands Rise Welwyn. Erection of first floor and single storey side extension.

**No observation.**

**N6/2009/2617/FP** 30 New Road Digswell Welwyn. Erection of orangery.

**No observation.**

**N6/2009/2689/S73B** Danesbury Hill House Codicote Road Welwyn. Removal of condition 2 ( no form of barrier to be erected or constructed) from planning permission N6/0041/92/FP

**OBJECTION.** This Council objects to this proposal and believes that Condition 2 (no form of barrier to be erected and constructed) should remain in force. This Council believes that this is a public right of way (as supported by an email sent by Richard Cuthbert of Hertfordshire County Council dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010) and notes that a member of its Planning & Licensing Committee reports as having used this road as a right of way for the past 34 years.

**N6/2009/2713/FP** 8a Woodland Way Welwyn. Erection of single storey front extension with new pitched roof and dormers at first floor.

**No observation.**

**N6/2009/2748/TP 1a** The Drive Welwyn. Reduction of beech and oak by 50% covered by TPO24 area 4

**OBJECTION.** This Council believes the proposed 50% reduction of trees protected by TPO's to be excessive.

**2010/06 PLANNING DECISIONS.** These were noted.

**2010/07 REDEVELOPMENT AT 12-14 THE AVENUE WELWYN.**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.** There was no further discussion on this matter as an application relating to this site had been discussed previously.

**2010/08. LICENSING.** There were no applications for premises within Welwyn Parish.

**2010/09 CLOSE OF MEETING.** The Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.37pm.

**Signed:.....**

**Chairman, Planning & Licensing Committee**

**Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010.**