

Minutes

A meeting of **Halstead Parish Council Planning Committee** was held at **The Pavilion, Station Road, Halstead TN14 7DH** commencing at **6.30pm on Monday, 08 January 2024** to transact the under mentioned business, which Councillors were summoned to attend.

Present: Cllr Ridout (Chair), Cllr Peel, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Gardner, Clerk Jenkins

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Meaton
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of previous meetings (18th December):** Agreed and signed by Chair.
4. **Public participation forum:** No parishioners present.
5. **SDC Local Plan 2040**
HPC to submit their response (Clerk and Cllr Ridout to arrange). Councillors encouraged to submit individual responses. HPC to continue to encourage residents to respond.
6. **HPC Enforcement Strategy**
Wait until 31st January for response from SDC on the latest enforcement report (Issues in Halstead Document). HPC will then contact Richard Morris (Head of Planning), Dr Pav Ramewal (CEO SDC), Laura Trott MP, Louise Cane (Head of Planning Enforcement). Communications to be marked Private and Confidential.
7. **Applications to consider.**

- a. [23/03524/FUL](#) | **Change of use from single dwelling to HMO with 7 self-contained bedsits** | Oak Tree Farm London Road Badgers Mount Halstead Kent TN14 7AB.

Application withdrawn as a number of details require further clarification.

Amendment to original application.

- b. [23/02781/FUL](#) | Conversion and extension of existing stable block to dwelling with associated works including parking. | **Land South Of Baytree Barn Otford Lane Halstead Kent TN14 7EF.**

HPC restating their objection from 6th October, as all points remain the same with this amended application.

- HPC Object to this application.

- Planning permission was granted in 2021 for a single storey conversion, applicant now applying for a double storey conversion, which will present issues of privacy. The additional extension is over 150% of the original footprint of the barn.
- This property sits in an enclave of 5 properties, all of which are single storey, which presents aesthetic concerns, in addition this site is sitting in Green Belt.

- c. [23/O3619/FUL](#) | Removal of six existing garages on Land North of 4 - 7 Fort Road and erection of six replacement garages on Land West Of 41 Fort Road

Cllr Ridout to liaise with Cllr Williamson to seek advice as a resident of Fort Halstead and District Councillor. HPC to submit their SDC response following this discussion.

- d. [23/O3057/FUL](#) | Extension to existing Gypsy/Traveller site through the creation of 13 additional pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home per pitch. | Station Court Sevenoaks Road Halstead Kent TN14 7HR

HPC strongly object to this application.

- Inaccurate information is presented in this application.
- There is Planning Enforcement already in place on this site.
- On going enforcement issues on this site with both the number of authorised static caravans and number of authorised brick built amenity blocks.
- Planning permission was granted a few years ago for 1 brick building, 2 buildings were in fact built.
- An increase in the number of pitches and associated vehicles will be untenable given the access to London Road, past parked vehicles for Knockholt Station.