

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday 25th October 2022.

Present: Cllrs W Haggata (Chairman), A Gowler, L Ashley and J Carney. Cllr J Smith joined by Zoom.

P25 22/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr F Newell sent apologies for absence. Cllr Newell had studied the plans and gave her comments to the Clerk.

P26 22/23 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from FDC. The following had all been granted permission:

Erect external walls to existing building at 5 Bartlett Business Park, Huntingdon Road;

Erect a single-storey extension to side and rear of 12 Blackmill Road;

Works to a Sycamore tree at 2 The Courtyard, West Park Street;

Fell a Crab Apple tree at 5 Victoria Street;

Works to trees at 2 Linden Drive;

An application for works to a Horse Chestnut tree covered by a TPO at 5 Parkside was refused planning permission because the works planned were too extreme. The tree officer stated he would agree to a reduction of 3m all round and reducing the height by 5m.

P27 22/23 Applications & Revised Applications

a) F/YR22/0381/F - Revised application to erect 22 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping, and the formation of attenuation ponds, involving the demolition of existing buildings at land south of 88 West Street - *Support*

b) F/YR22/1084/F - Revised application for the siting of a mobile home for residential use and erection of an ancillary day room at land south west of 92 High Street – *Recommend Refusal, access unsuitable. Poor visibility for vehicles leaving the site as opening is too narrow and it is on a bend in the road.*

c) F/YR22/ 1141/TRTPO - Fell a Horse Chestnut tree covered by TPO CU/2/465/9 at 28 Larham Way – *On the face of it members are against the proposal but request tree officer inspects and they will go with his decision.*

d) F/YR22/1158/LB - Internal works to a listed building to include replacement of existing floorboards and skirting boards on ground floor level at 2 Park Street – *Noted*

e) F/Yr22/1175/PLANOB - Modification of Planning Obligation attached to planning permission F/YR19/0834/O (entered into on 13/10/2020) relating to the inclusion of 4 x first homes at land at Womb Farm, Doddington Road – *Support*

f) F/YR22/1183/RM - Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 3 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/1031/O to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 3-bed) at land north west of 24 Willey Terrace, Doddington Road - *Support*

g) F/YR22/1186/FDC - Erect up to 4 x dwellings and associated works (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) land north of 2-8 Gibside Avenue - *Support*

h) F/YR22/1184/F - Erect 2-storey side/single storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing garage/store/conservatory at 14 Blackmill Road - *Support*

i) F/YR22/1197/F - The temporary siting of 2 x portacabins (for a period of 156 days) for office use (Class E(g)) at Cromwell Community College, Wenny Road - *Support*

P28 22/23 Any Other Business

Members had received a copy of “A Vision for An Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Park, Chatteris” from Stainless Metalcraft.

The document outlined the company’s vision for the park and the reasons behind the planned development of an advanced manufacturing park in Chatteris. The document formed part of the company’s submission to FDC on the emerging Local Plan (the area having been included in the draft as industrial land). The park had also been put forward to central government as a potential investment zone by the Combined Authority. The Council’s support for the park was sought.

Members agreed they fully supported the Innovation Park idea and thought it was a brilliant concept. They pointed out they were in favour of any idea which would bring new industry and benefits for the town.

But members said they were seriously concerned about the lack of a footpath and cycleway connection from the Park to the underpass allowing a safe passage into town.

The document outlined the importance of creating pedestrian and cycle friendly links and the fact that the park would be a well-connected hub and gateway to Chatteris but failed to mention the missing footpath and cycleway link between the site and the existing footpath/cycleway along the A141.

