

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday, 11 February 2019

Present: The Mayor Cllr Trevor Abram, Deputy Mayor Cllr Mike Cosgrove, Cllrs T Wilcox, A Walker, D Simmons, Cllr B Martin, Cllr C Belsom, Cllr P Flower and Cllr A Hook

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Campbell, N Kay and G Wade. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr T Abram, and, on being put to the meeting, it was:

RESOLVED to accept apologies from those Cllrs listed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council Planning Committee held on 28 January 2019 were approved by Members and signed by the Mayor as correct record.

4. PLANNING SCHEDULE

The Planning Schedule dated 28 January 2019 was noted.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Notification of Planning Decisions dated 11 February 2019 was noted

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was:

RESOLVED that recommendations be sent to Kent County Council (Kent County Council) and Swale Borough Council (SBC) as set out in Planning Schedule 11 February 2019.

ANNEX

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mrs Margaret Tilly spoke on behalf of Preston Malthouse Residents Association. Application 18/504627/FULL Faversham Rail Yard, Station Road still concerned the residents of the area. Concerns were expressed over the exit road. The width of the carriageway of 3.205m and the footpath of 1.425m (plan 1202.12) exceeds the existing width between Network rail fence and the line of the existing bollards on the embankment. The footpath/cycleway is less than half the width requested by Kent Police.

The provision of the fence/hedging will add to security but not stop air and noise pollution or vibrations caused by increased traffic.

Residents are also concerned with the proposed banking., the construction of which could lift the soil level at the base of the boundary wall, which for some properties is also the bedroom wall. The increased soil level would cover up air vents, potentially making the bedrooms damp and causing health problems.

Mr Mike Ellsmore spoke concerning Application 19/500084/FULL Land Adjacent to the Albion Taverna Public House, The Front Brents. The proposal would result in the loss of a public open space and amenity. The premises already have a beer garden and seating outside the front. At present there is seating for 50 inside and 72 outside. This proposal extends the dining area by 50%. The business operates more as a restaurant than public house, with diners arriving in cars. There is already parking problems, any increase in covers would increase these problems. The public open space in the proposal is at the end of the gardens for two properties. The change of use would cause noise pollution for these properties. Further the furniture is of poor quality for a Conservation Area.

Mr Chris Oswald Jones enquired if the site in the proposal (19/500084/FULL) is known as Town Green.