HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich, Essex CO12 3DS Tel: 01255 507211 email: <u>info@harwichtowncouncil.co.uk</u> **MINUTES** of the **TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE** held at **The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich** on **Tuesday 16th February 2016 at** 6.30pm

Present:	Councillors B Brown, J Brown (from 6.55pm), Calver, Carr, Fowler, I Henderson, J Henderson, McLeod, F Powell, C Powell, Smith and Todd	
In the Chair:	Councillor Morrison	
Clerk:	Ms Lucy Ballard	
Also present:	3 member of the public, 0 members of the press	

Public Question Time: Betty Holbrook made reference to the Wetherspoons application, and the lack of parking provision, stating that there are only 4 parking spaces, which are for disabled use, and no parking for staff or hotel guests. Dr Rogers also referred to the Wetherspoons application and the Design & Access statement, and said it was misleading and conflicting. He stated that the parking provision was unclear and, specifically, when it referred to there being adequate on-street parking and supervised car parks close by, he felt the former claim was misleading. The D&A Statement refers to 4 parking spaces being primarily for disabled drivers, but also mentions 4 spaces designated for private parking. The plans only show 4 spaces in total. Whilst Dr Rogers hoped all were in favour of the works proposed to the former Co-op building, he asked that Harwich Town Council, in its deliberations, were minded to request that conditions are applied to any approvals granted by the planning authority. He further referred to the D&A Statement being inaccurate. Cllr I Henderson said it**\$** common for hotels in town centre locations not to have on-site parking provision. Cllr J Henderson referenced the Hotel Continental, which also doesn**\$** have parking.

P104/15	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Clirs Ashley, Erskine, and Fay
P105/15	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Cllr Fowler . sits on the Planning & Development Committee of Tendring District Council
P106/15	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Town Planning meeting held on Tuesday 26 th January (previously circulated) be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
P107/15	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None
P108/15	PLANNING APPLICATIONS The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications for weeks

	ending 29 th January, 5 th February and 12 th February 2016. RESOLVED: Recommendations in Appendix Aqbe submitted to Tendring District Council.
P109/15	DETERMINATIONS Members noted the following determinations by the Planning Authority: "Refusal of application 15/00340/FUL - Conversion of Grade 2 Listed Building from use class A1 (Retail) to use Class C3 (residential), retaining existing façade, 44 Church Street, Harwich. "Recommendation of Refusal of application 15/01074/FUL . Conversion of roof space with associated extensions and alterations to form a habitable accommodation (resulting in 5 two bedroom units). Works to existing parking and amenity areas to front and rear, 8 Cliff Road, Dovercourt
P110/15	MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS None
P111/15	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Town Planning meeting will be held at the Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich, on Tuesday 8 th March 2016 at 6.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.19pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE

APPENDIX A

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HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL: Recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting held on16th February 2016

WEEK ENDING 29TH JANUARY 2016					
15/01791/FUL Corporate Assets - Mr A Lambert 79 Stour Road Harwich	Erection of 8 x one bed flats	No Objection.			
16/00066/FUL Miss E Wonnacott 14 Manor Road Dovercourt	Single storey rear extension to form open plan annex.	No Objection.			
16/00079/FUL Mr & Mrs S Lord 59 Willow Way Dovercourt	Proposed boundary wall and detached outbuilding.	No Objection.			
WEEK ENDING 5TH FEBRUARY 2016					
16/00134/FUL Mr C Eagle Vicarage Farm 712 Main Road Harwich	Demolition of existing side extension and erection of two storey side extension.	No Objection.			
16/00151/FUL JD Wetherspoon PLC 60 Kingsway Dovercourt	Change of use from Class A1 (Retail) to Class A4 (Public House).	No Objection, but to draw to the attention of the Planning Authority that there are apparent anomalies within the application which should be resolved, and the Design & Access Statement contains conflicting information.			
WEEK ENDING 12TH FEBRUARY 2016					
16/00135/LBC Mr C Eagle Vicarage Farm 712 Main	Demolition of existing side extension and erection of two storey side extension.	No Objection.			

Road Harwich		
16/00145/FUL Mrs Jacqueline Walton Hawthorn Terrace 317 Main Road	Vehicle Crossing/Dropped Kerb.	 Neither object nor support but to raised comments to include: The property being within close proximity to the entrance to Birch Avenue, with Ashley Road opposite, making it difficult to manoeuvre onto and off of the Main Road. The double yellow lines run parallel with the front door of the property. There are designated garages for the properties to the rear of the terrace, accessed from birch Avenue.
15/00473/FUL Rear of 178 Fronks Road Dovercourt	Proposed redevelopment of site for private use.	Object on the grounds of overdevelopment, inappropriate development an d dangerous access/egress on a busy walk to school route with no footpath.