MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.45PM AT THE TOWN HALL, MARKET SQUARE, HIGHAM FERRERS

PRESENT:

Cllr G Salmon (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs A Gardner

Cllr Mrs P H Whiting

Cllr G Kelly

Cllr V K Paul

Cllr Mrs C Reavey (as substitute)

Mrs E Arrow (Assistant Clerk)

1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr B Spencer, Cllr N Brown.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr P H Whiting - item 5.1 (i) (ii) (iii) – knows the applicants of all 3 planning applications.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

5. **PLANNING**

- 5.1. To consider response to the following planning applications:
- (i) NE/24/00770/FUL: Full Planning Permission Detached garage at 91 Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers

RESOLVED:

That the council has no comments and no objections.

(ii) NE/24/00796/FUL: Full Planning Permission – Single storey rear extension at 8 Williams Way, Higham Ferrers

RESOLVED:

That the council has no comments and no objections.

(iii) NE/24/00828/FUL: Full Planning Permission – First floor side extension at 5 Mallard Close, Higham Ferrers

RESOLVED:

That the council has no comments and no objections.

5.2. To receive and note determinations on planning applications

RESOLVED:

That the following determinations on planning applications be received and noted:-

APPROVAL

NE/24/00047/FUL – BMW Home Improvements, 2 Saffron Road, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8ED

Demolition of rear extensions, construction of extension over existing footprint, external alterations to windows and cladding including installation of solar panels to south elevation roof slope.

REFUSAL

NE/24/00574/FUL - 22 Newman Street, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8JP

Detached bungalow in the rear garden

Reasons summarised:

- Out of keeping with established character and pattern of development in local area.
- Harmful to visual amenities of the area, not enough private amenity space, not high quality design.
- Against HFNP policies as cited in our objection.
- Unacceptable intensification of a substandard highway (Anne Close), insufficient footways and visibility splays, proposed access conflicts with an existing footpath. Severe harm to pedestrian and highway safety.
- Would likely adversely affect the integrity of the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA.
- Insufficient information provided regarding Biodiversity Net Gain and impact on local biodiversity.

TPO APPROVAL

NE/24/00540/TPO – The Manor House, 37 Wood Street, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8DL

T1 - Pine - remove limb

NE/24/00576/TPO – 5 Bolingbroke Place, Stanwick Road, Higham Ferrers, NN10 8BF

T1 Sycamore – crown reduction by approximately 1.5-2m in height and lateral reduction by up to 1.5m, pruning to suitable growth points, crown clean, crown thin by 15%.

TREE WORK IN CONSERVATION AREA

NE/24/00699/TCA – Land adjacent to The John White Close, Higham Ferrers, $NN10\ 8DT$

716; Sycamore x 4 - reduce all to 5m monolith. 717; Sycamore - remove ivy up to 5m. 718; Hawthorn - reduce in height by 2.5m. 719; Sycamore - remove 2m of ivy. 720; Hawthorn - remove 2m of ivy on all stems and remove ivy from crown. 721; Sycamore - remove ivy. 722; Hawthorn - remove 2m of ivy on all stems and remove ivy from crown.

6. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

None.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8th October 2024

Chairman

Date