



**MINUTES of
COUNCIL
13 JULY 2017**

PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor H M Bass
Vice-Chairman	Councillor N R Pudney
Councillors	Mrs B F Acevedo, E L Bamford, B S Beale MBE, A T Cain, Mrs P A Channer, CC, R P F Dewick, I E Dobson, M F L Durham, CC, P G L Elliott, A S Fluker, Mrs B D Harker, B E Harker, M S Heard, M W Helm, R Pratt, CC, S J Savage, Mrs N G F Shaughnessy, Rev. A E J Shrimpton, D M Sismey, Mrs M E Thompson and Miss S White

238. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES

The Chairman referred to the notices published on the agenda.

239. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J P F Archer, Miss A M Beale, R G Boyce MBE, Mrs H E Elliott, J V Keyes, Miss M R Lewis, M R Pearlman and A K M St. Joseph.

240. MINUTES - 11 MAY 2017

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2017, be received.

Minute 11 – Chairman's Announcements

It was noted that Mr Saleem Chughtai was Interim Deputy Monitoring Officer and not as recorded.

Minute 14 – Leaders and Composition of Political Groups

It was noted that the figures detailed in the table of this Minute were incorrect and the number of Conservative Councillors should be 27 and not as recorded.

RESOLVED

- (ii) That subject to the above amendments, the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2017, be adopted.

241. MINUTES - 18 MAY 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2017 be approved and confirmed.

242. MINUTES - 29 JUNE 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 29 June 2017 be approved and confirmed.

243. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S J Savage declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 12 – FUL/MAL/16/012452 Mobile Car Wash in Car Park, Blackwater Leisure Centre as he was a user of the facilities at the Leisure Centre. He also declared in relation to Agenda Items 14 FUL/MAL/16/01142 and Item 15 LBC/MAL/16/01143 Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton that he had attended functions and some open days.

Councillor D M Sismey disclosed a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9 Recommendations of Committees for Decision by the Council as an employee of Goldman Sachs.

Councillor Mrs P A Channer declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of Essex County Council which applied to most items on the agenda but particularly:

- Agenda Item 12 – FUL/MAL/16/012452 Mobile Car Wash in Car Park, Blackwater Leisure Centre
- Agenda Item 13 – FUL/MAL/17/00067 Millennium Wood, Park Drive, Maldon
- Agenda Items 14 FUL/MAL/16/01142 and 15 LBC/MAL/16/01143 Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton. In relation to these agenda items Councillor Mrs Channer declared an interest both as a Maldon District Councillor and Essex County Councillor as she was the divisional member for Maldon in which Stow Maries sat. Both Essex County Council (ECC) and Maldon District Council (MDC) had provided loan funding to the Aerodrome and she had attended events there and knew some of the trustees and objectors.
- Agenda Item 17 – Bradwell Power Station
- Agenda Item 18 – Permit for School Parents Parking
- Agenda Item 19 – Appointment of Representative to Outside Bodies – Essex County Council Health, Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Miss S White declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Items 14 FUL/MAL/16/01142 and Item 15 LBC/MAL/16/01143 Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton as she was a Member of MDC who had loaned monies to the Aerodrome and she knew a number of the objectors and supporters.

Councillor R Pratt declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of ECC. He sought clarification from the Monitoring Officer regarding the need to declare an interest as Member of MDC in relation to Agenda Items 14 and 15. In response the Monitoring Officer advised the Council that for purpose of loan given by MDC there was no need to declare for purpose of MDC members, but that ECC Members should make appropriate declarations.

Councillor M F L Durham declared a non-pecuniary interest as Member of ECC and advised that he therefore had an interest in any item on the agenda pertaining to that.

Councillor A S Fluker declared that he was a Director and Trustee of the not for profit company Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome and the subsidiary company, Stow Maries Great War Trading and that he would be leaving the chamber during the debate on Agenda Items 14 FUL/MAL/16/01142 and 15 LBC/MAL/16/01143 Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton. .

244. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

245. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Members of the following events which him and the Vice-Chairman had attended and thanked the Vice-Chairman.

14/05/2017	Marvens Riding Stables, Wickham Bishops - Celebration of 50 years in business
24/05/2017	Visit to New Affordable Scheme for Wickham Bishops
25/05/2017	Meeting with Chinese Embassy Minister Ma Hui
02/06/2017	Carters Steam Fair
03/06/2017	Vol Fest – Joint Maldon District Council (MDC) and Maldon Community Voluntary Service (CVS) initiative
05/06/2017	MDC / CVS celebratory lunch for volunteers
11/06/2017	Mayor of Havering Summer Concert, Gardens of Langton House
12/06/2017	Private viewing of A Level Art Students Artwork, Plume School
16/06/2017	100 Year Birthday Celebration, Down Hall, Bradwell
16/06/2017	Cream Teas on the Lawn in aid of Helen Rollason
18/06/2017	Chelmsford Annual Civic Service
24/06/2017	Armed Forces Day, Stow Maries Aerodrome

25/06/2017	Thanksgiving Service for Provincial Grand Master for Essex Freemasons
26/06/2017	Burnham Art Trail - 9th Essex Summer of Art Launch
26/06/2017	Basildon Annual Civic Service, St Martin of Tours (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)
28/06/2017	Maldon and East Essex Scouts Annual General Meeting (AGM) (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)
28/06/2017	Coast Special Interest Group dinner
02/07/2017	Class Car Show, Maldon
05/07/2017	Essex Rural Community Council AGM
09/07/2017	Mayor of Rochford - Garden Party (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)
09/07/2017	Burnham - Annual Civic Service and Reception
12/07/2017	Introduction meeting with the work experience students at MDC

246. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

In accordance with his earlier declaration Councillor D M Sismey left the meeting at this point.

The Council considered and agreed the following recommendations:

Joint Standards Committee – 1 June 2017

Minute 1019 – Constitutional and Operating Arrangements for the Joint Standards Committee

In response to a question regarding Appendix 3 to the report, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that this information had not been considered by the Joint Standards Committee. Appendix 3 had been produced in response to a request from the Committee for the preparation of a process note to replace the current flow charts (detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 to the report).

Councillor A S Fluker proposed that Appendix 2 be amended to delete reference in the two dashed boxes to “or otherwise as soon as practicably possible” and in the same boxes change reference from “28 working days” to 10 working days. This proposal was duly seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Appendix 2 to the report be amended as set out above;
- (ii) that the Council agrees that the revisions to the constitutional and operating arrangements of the Joint Standards Committee as outlined in the report and clarified above, and shown as tracked in Appendices 1 and 2 (as amended) to the report be adopted as part of the Council’s constitutional documentation;

- (iii) that as a consequence of a revision included in (i) above, Council and Committee Procedure Rule 20 be amended to also exclude the Joint Standards Committee when conducting its business in private session.

Planning and Licensing Committee – 13 June 2017

Minute 135 – Designated List of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

RESOLVED

- (iv) that the Council produces a list of designated wheelchair accessible vehicles;
- (v) that subject to (iv) above the Council produces procedures in relation the production of the list of designated wheelchair accessible vehicles, including the exemption of drivers from their duties based on medical grounds.

Minute 142 – Council Constitution – Planning Applications for Development of Strategic Interest

RESOLVED

- (vi) that the Council agrees that the following wording be inserted at the end of Proviso 5 within the Terms of Reference of the Area Planning Committees:

For the purposes of this proviso 5 “applications for development of strategic interest” shall include all applications establishing or varying the principle of development but shall not include variations to conditions or the approval of reserved matters unless in accordance with a decision of the Council or at the discretion of the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services. In all other respects, the existing provisions of the Scheme of Delegation will apply.

- (vii) that the Council agrees that the following additional provision is included in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers:

In consultation with a legal advisor, the determination of requests for the variation of a Section 106 Planning Obligation provided that the approved principle of development is unaffected and that the variation does not affect the securing of the payment of monies to the Council.

Finance and Corporate Services Committee – 14 June 2017

Minute 154 – Annual Treasury Outturn Report 2016 / 17

RESOLVED

- (viii) that Annual Treasury Management Report for 2016 / 17 attached at Appendix 4 to the report, be approved.

Councillor Sismey re-joined the meeting at this point.

Audit Committee – 22 June 2017

Minute 195 – Review of Data Quality Policy

RESOLVED

- (ix) that the Data Quality Policy attached at Appendix 5 to the report, be adopted.

Central Area Planning Committee 31 May 2017 and North Western Area Planning Committee 12 June 2017

RESOLVED

- (x) that the recommendations from the Central Area Planning Committee (section 7) and North Western Area Planning Committee (section 8) which are the subject to separate Agenda Items on the Council meeting agenda, be noted.

247. STATEMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor M F L Durham, the Leader of the Council, made a Statement (attached at **APPENDIX 1** to these Minutes) setting out the Council's report and programme for the current municipal year. He then commended this to the Council.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor B S Beale, thanked the Leader of the Council for an advance copy of his Statement and the opportunity to respond. He then made reference to a number of points outlined in the Leaders' speech including:

- **Starter Businesses** – This was a key focus point and a major item to enhance and encourage. He referred to a large number of people wanting to start businesses and the need to provide assistance where possible.
- **Partnerships** – Councillor Beale highlighted the importance of partnerships both to assist the Council, make decisions and carry some of the load of information.
- **Health and Wellbeing of Older Persons** – He referred to the greater aging population and it was important to support them, as the core of the District.
- **The Local Development Plan (LDP)** – Councillor Beale commented that the recent news on the progression of the Council's LDP was wonderful and he made particular reference to the work of planning staff. He hoped that the LDP would shortly be signed off by the Secretary of State resulting in a relief of pressure and leaving the Council in a strong position to defend speculative applications.
- **Planning Department** – Councillor Beale asked that his personal thanks be passed to the Planning Staff for all the hard work they had done. He noted that the department was now up to full strength.
- **Bradwell B** – He raised concerned regarding this and whether it would happen due to other opportunities at Sizewell etc.

Councillor Beale concluded referring to the health needs of the District and discussions around a new Health Hub. He asked the Council to work together to make certain the Health Hub actually happened along with the new District surgeries proposed.

RESOLVED that the Statement made by the Leader of the Council, attached at **APPENDIX 1** to these Minutes, be received.

248. QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE 6(3) OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

There were none.

249. FUL/MAL/16/01252 - MOBILE CAR WASH IN CAR PARK, BLACKWATER LEISURE CENTRE, PARK DRIVE, MALDON

Application Number	FUL/MAL/16/01252
Location	Mobile Car Wash In Car Park Blackwater Leisure Centre Park Drive Maldon Essex
Proposal	Retrospective - Change of use of 3No. parking bays for use as mobile car wash
Applicant	Mr Mark Taylor - Places For People Leisure Ltd
Agent	-
Target Decision Date	06.06.2017
Case Officer	Spyros Mouratidis, TEL: 01621 875841
Parish	MALDON EAST
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Council Owned Land

It was noted that the Central Area Planning Committee at its meeting on 31 May 2017 had considered this application and agreed to support the Officers' recommendation of refusal.

Having listened to the Planning Officer's presentation, the Leader of the Council referred to the investment made by the Council in its leisure centres and did not feel the proposed addition to the facilities in Maldon was satisfactory and visually acceptable. He proposed that the Officers' recommendation of refusal be agreed. This proposal was duly seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED that this application be **REFUSED** for the following reason:

- 1 The stationing of the metal container by way of its scale, poor utilitarian and rudimentary design and detailing and temporary nature is considered to have a detrimental impact upon the character and appearance of the area and visual amenities contrary to adopted and saved policy BE1 of the Maldon District Replacement Local Plan, emerging policy D1 of the submitted Local Development Plan and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

250. FUL/MAL/17/00067 - MILLENNIUM WOOD, PARK DRIVE, MALDON

Application Number	FUL/MAL/17/00067
Location	Millennium Wood, Park Drive, Maldon
Proposal	Place a 20 foot x 10 foot converted metal container in the promenade park for use as a booking in suite, office and storage. Fence off the surrounding area for change of use for outdoor activity centre.
Applicant	Mr Ian Dobney - KI Combat Limited
Agent	-
Target Decision Date	29 May 2017
Case Officer	Hilary Baldwin, TEL: 01621 875730
Parish	MALDON EAST
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	The planning application is on Council's owned land and therefore would need to be considered by Members at Full Council in accordance with its terms of reference.

It was noted that the Central Area Planning Committee at its meeting on 31 May 2017 had considered this application and agreed to support the Officers' recommendation of refusal.

Having listened to the Planning Officer's presentation, the Leader of the Council supported the recommendation of the Central Area Planning Committee and Officers' and proposed that the application be refused for the reasons as set out in the report. This proposal was duly seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED that this application be **REFUSED** for the following reasons:

- 1 The proposed development would result in significant detrimental impact upon the character and appearance of the site by way of visual intrusion including choice of boundary treatment, choice of materials within the site, level of built form and loss of public open amenity space contrary to adopted policies BE1, CC6 and REC7 emerging policies D1 and E5 of the submitted Local Development Plan and the guidance and provision of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2 It has not been demonstrated that the proposal would not result in material harm or detrimental impact upon the enjoyment and safety of adjacent neighbouring occupiers or users and workers within the site contrary to policies BE1, CON5 and CON6 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan and emerging policies D1 and D2 of the submitted Local Development Plan and the guidance and provision as contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 3 Policy E5 of the Local Development Plan supports development for new tourist facilities providing it is demonstrated that there is an identified need for the proposal, there is good connectivity with other tourist sites and green infrastructure networks, there is no significant detrimental impact on the character and amenity of neighbouring uses or the surrounding area and any impact on the natural environment is avoided. The proposal fails to meet these policy criterion.
- 4 The Ecological Scoping Survey reference 0259.0001 Rev 0 has not fully demonstrated that there will be no detrimental effect on the ecology and biodiversity of the site contrary to adopted policies BE1, CC5 and CC6 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan and emerging policies D1, E5,

N1 and N2 of the submitted Local Development Plan and the guidance and provision as contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

In accordance with his earlier declaration Councillor A S Fluker left the meeting at this point.

251. FUL/MAL/16/01142 - STOW MARIES AERODROME, HACKMANS LANE, COLD NORTON, ESSEX

Application Number	FUL/MAL/16/01142
Location	Stow Maries Aerodrome Hackmans Lane Cold Norton Essex
Proposal	<p>Planning Application for operational arrangements for the use of the Airfield at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome including hours of operation, restrictions on the number of take-offs and landings, and arrangements for Special Public Event days. The arrangements to be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The airstrip to be used by fixed wing and propeller driven aircraft; helicopters, apart from emergency services machines, may only use the site in the event of emergency or during Public Event days • Take-offs and landings only after 08.00 hours and no later than either 20.00 hours, or sunset whichever is earlier • In the Winter months (November to April inclusive) there shall be no more than 25 landings and 25 take-offs per day • In the Summer months (May to October inclusive) there shall be no more than 25 landings and 25 take-offs on weekdays • In the Summer months (May to October inclusive) there shall be a maximum of 50 landings and take-offs per day at weekends and bank holidays apart from Special Public Event Flying days when maximum landings and take-offs are increased to 75 take-offs and 75 landings per day
Applicant	The Trustees - Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Trust
Agent	Ms Sarah Threlfall - TMA Chartered Surveyors
Target Decision Date	24.01.2017
Case Officer	Yee Cheung, Tel: 01621 876220
Parish	COLD NORTON
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Major Application Member Call In

The Chairman advised that he proposed to deal with Agenda Items 14 and 15 together as they related to the same site. This was agreed.

It was noted that this application had been referred to the Council for determination by the North Western Area Planning Committee who had considered it at its meeting on 12 June 2017.

The Members' Update, circulated at the meeting, detailed the following information received since publication of the Officers' report:

- Further clarification of the proposed Section 106 legal agreement.
- In light of concerns raised regarding the visibility splay detailed in condition 4 it was suggested that this be changed to a Grampian Condition, in the interest of proper planning.
- Six further letters of objection had been received and the reasons for objection were set out in the Update.
- A consultation response had been received from Natural England (NE) and their comments were summarised in the Update.
- Additional supporting information had been received from the Applicant.
- In light of the recent consultation response from NE an amendment to the recommendation was detailed which included amendments / additions to the Heads of Terms and Conditions.

Members received a very detailed presentation from Officers which included a presentation from the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager regarding noise. Following the Officers' presentation an objector Mr Flemming, Councillor Hollington on behalf of Stow Maries Parish Council and the Agent, Mr Mathews addressed the Council.

Councillor M FL Durham, Leader of the Council, supported the application making reference to the significance of the Aerodrome in the District and proposed that it be approved, contrary to Officers' recommendation. In accordance with Procedure Rule No. 13 (3) he requested a recorded vote. This was duly seconded.

Councillor D M Sismey commended the work of Stow Maries Aerodrome (SMA) and its restoration. He raised a number of concerns with the proposed application and in particular the proposed 22 fold increase in the number of flights permitted and the effect this would have on noise and neighbours. Councillor Sismey opposed the Leaders' recommendation and made an alternative suggestion regarding a gradual increase in intensification.

Councillor Miss S White, a Ward Member, agreed with the comments of Councillor Sismey and advised the Council of the concerns raised by the North Western Area Planning Committee namely noise, nature and pollution. She highlighted further concerns she had with the proposal.

A lengthy debate ensued with Members speaking both in favour and against the proposal.

In response to a number of questions raised Officers provided the following information:

- The Environmental Health and Licensing Manager advised that his understanding was that the 200ft display area was over the airfield, but clarified he had not spoken to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) about this.
- The Group Manager - Planning Services explained that proposed condition 17 related to the first anniversary of approval and Members could amend the

condition to require that if not met the application was brought back to the Council, but he raised concern as to what the clarity of such a change would be.

- The 8,000 movements related to total movements and this was not capped in relation to the type of movement.
- If Members wished a temporary consent could be applied but consideration had to be given to the impact of this.

Following a lengthy debate Councillor D M Sismey proposed that the application be refused, contrary to Officers' recommendation. The Chairman advised that he would deal with the proposal from the Leader of the Council first.

Councillor Durham referred to the significance of this site and how if mindful to refuse the Council must have valid reasons. He commented that many airports were given a maximum number of movements this did not mean that they used them.

During the debate, Councillors D M Sismey, Mrs M E Thompson and Miss S White raised points of clarification in relation to comments they had made.

The Chairman then put to the Council the proposal in the name of Councillor Durham that the application be approved subject to a Section 106 Legal agreement as set out in the report and in accordance to the earlier request for a recorded vote, voting was as follows:

For the recommendation:

Councillors B S Beale, Mrs P A Channer, R P F Dewick, M F L Durham, M W Helm, R Pratt, N Pudney and S J Savage,

Against the recommendation:

Councillor Mrs B F Acevedo, E L Bamford, A T Cain, I E Dobson, P G L Elliott, Mrs B D Harker, B E Harker, M S Heard, Mrs N G F Shaughnessy, Rev. A E J Shrimpton, D M Sismey, Mrs M E Thompson and Miss S White.

Abstention:

Councillor H M Bass.

This motion was declared lost. The Chairman advised that if Members intended to refuse the application reasons for refusal were required.

Councillor B E Harker proposed that the application be refused for the following reason:

The flightpaths around the aerodrome have occupiers of properties and businesses which currently enjoy a quiet rural aspect and amenities. The intensification of air traffic movements with the associated noise would have a detrimental impact on the amenities of the current and future occupiers of these properties and businesses. The applicant's noise screen report is not considered to have accurately assessed the impact of the associated noise upon the amenities of the current and future occupiers of the dwellings. As such the development is considered contrary to policy BE1, paragraph 123 of the NPF and policies D1 and D2 of the LDP.

The Chairman advised that Members were not qualified to claim that the noise screen report was inaccurate.

The Group Manager - Planning Services informed the Council that reasons for refusal had to demonstrate harm and provided detailed information in respect of this making reference to guidance from the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager on this application and a recent appeal decision. He reiterated the concerns of the Chairman regarding inclusion of the noise report in a reason for refusal. The Officer reminded Members that matters regarding access, flight paths etc. were not a material consideration for the Council and it was necessary to demonstrate harm within any reason for refusal. Having taken into account the comments raised by Members during the debate the Group Manager - Planning Services advised that if they were so minded a reason for refusal relating to how the increase in numbers and intensification of numbers would result in an impact on the amenity could be considered.

Members debated the reason for refusal suggested by Councillor Harker and the advice of the Group Manager - Planning Services.

Councillor Sismey proposed that reference to noise could be included in a reason for refusal and outlined his reasoning behind this. The Environmental Health and Licensing Manager advised that careful consideration would be required if this proposal was agreed.

It was clarified that special event days would be controlled through a condition if the application was approved.

Councillor Sismey seconded the proposal of Councillor Harker subject to him amending his proposal in line with the comments from the Group Manager - Planning Services.

Councillor P G L Elliott raised a point of order that the vote should be recorded.

Following further discussion, the Principal Planner – Major Applications (Strategic Sites) offered clarification on the reason for refusal having taken into account the earlier proposal of Councillor Harker and comments made. He suggested that the reason for refusal could refer to the development by virtue of its intensification of use within a quiet rural area having a detrimental impact on amenity of local residents contrary to Policy BE1 of the Local Plan and Policies D1 and D2 and that the final wording of the reason was to be finalised by Officers. This was agreed.

The Chairman then put the proposal of refusal for the reason detailed by the Principal Planner – Major Applications (Strategic Sites) and in accordance to the earlier request for a recorded vote, voting was as follows:

For the recommendation:

Councillor Mrs B F Acevedo, E L Bamford, A T Cain, I E Dobson, P G L Elliott, Mrs B D Harker, B E Harker, M S Heard, Mrs N G F Shaughnessy, D M Sismey, Mrs M E Thompson and Miss S White.

Against the recommendation:

Councillors Mrs P A Channer, M F L Durham, M W Helm, R Pratt, N Pudney and S J Savage.

Abstention:

Councillor H M Bass, B S Beale and R P F Dewick.

RESOLVED that this application be **REFUSED** for the following reason:

- 1 The development would take place in a relatively quiet and tranquil rural location. The proposed significant increase in flight movements from that what is approved at this time of 360 movements per annum, to the proposed maximum of 8,000 movement per annum, is considered to result in a detrimental impact on the area and on the existing residential amenity due to a substantial increase in the number of disturbances. The proposal would significantly and unacceptably change the character of the surrounding area and therefore the development is considered to be contrary to Policies D1 and D2 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan and Paragraph 123 of the National Planning Policy Framework in that the impact of the increased flight movements would adversely affect the tranquillity of the rural area.

Councillor Rev. A E J Shrimpton left the meeting during this item of business.

252. LBC/MAL/16/01143 - STOW MARIES AERODROME, HACKMANS LANE, COLD NORTON, ESSEX

Application Number	LBC/MAL/16/01143
Location	Stow Maries Aerodrome Hackmans Lane Cold Norton Essex
Proposal	Planning Application for operational arrangements for the use of the Airfield at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome including hours of operation, restrictions on the number of take offs and landings, and arrangements for Special Public Event days.
Applicant	Ms Sarah Threlfall - TMA Chartered Surveyors
Agent	The Trustees - Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome Trust
Target Decision Date	24.01.2017
Case Officer	Yee Cheung, TEL: 01621 876220
Parish	COLD NORTON
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Member Call In

Please see FUL/MAL/17/01142 above for details of the discussion that took place.

The Chairman advised that although he had agreed to consider both the FUL and Listed Building Consent (LBC) applications together the LBC application could not be refused on the basis of the reason used for the FUL application.

It was clarified that the Listed Building Application was separate in nature to the FUL application.

RESOLVED that Listed Building Consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in complete accordance with the approved drawings specifically referenced on this decision notice.

Councillor A S Fluker re-joined the meeting at this point.

253. REVIEW OF 2016 / 17 PERFORMANCE

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive supplying Members with details of the Council's performance against targets set for 2016 / 17 and to ensure that progress was being achieved towards the corporate goals and outcomes detailed in the agreed Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019.

Appendix 1 to the report set out the end of year position for each of the corporate goals. Members' attention was drawn to the achievements and successes set out in the report. The report also provided a summary of complaints and compliments received during 2016 / 17.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

254. BRADWELL POWER STATION

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive updating Members on discussions with EDF regarding the potential location of a new nuclear power station at Bradwell-on-Sea (Bradwell B).

A draft Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) vision for the Bradwell Nuclear Power Station project was set out in Appendix 1 to the report. Members were advised that the PPA contained seven key aims and would help the Joint Councils develop a clear programme of work set out to achieve mutually desired project outcomes.

RESOLVED that the draft Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) vision for the Bradwell Nuclear Power Station Project which will form the basis of a Planning Performance Agreement setting out mutually agreed project outcomes, be endorsed.

255. PERMIT FOR SCHOOL PARENTS PARKING

The Council considered the report of the Director of Customers and Community seeking Members' agreement to introduce a new car parking permit for Maldon Court School. The permit would enable parents to pre-pay for the use of a Council car park for picking up and dropping off their children at school.

The report provided background information regarding a recent review of existing 'informal' free use of the Council car parks by parents. It was noted that this matter had been considered by the Community Services and Finance & Corporate Services Committees and details of their decisions were provided.

Members were advised of the 3 Parking Rules Project, developed by South Essex Parking Partnership, to encourage considerate and safe parking around schools by parents at drop off and pick up times. It was noted that due to unique parking issues around Maldon Court School it would not be possible for the School to participate in the project. For this reason a new car parking permit was being suggested.

RESOLVED

- (i) that a new parking permit for parents of children attending Maldon Court School be introduced for parking in the Council White Horse Lane car park for a standard term of 38 weeks costing £200 per academic year. The Permit cost will be linked to the one hour parking charge and be subject to any future variation in parking charges;
- (ii) that the Council's Fees and Charges for 2017 / 18 be updated, accordingly;
- (iii) that the new arrangements commence at the start of the Autumn term, 5 September 2017 for a two year trial period and until then the current informal arrangements continue during term time (ending July 2017).

256. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE BODIES - ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillor N R Pudney be nominated as the Council's representative to serve as a co-opted non-voting Member on the Essex County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25 pm.

H M BASS
CHAIRMAN

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Mr. Chairman, Elected Members of the Council, Officers, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a privilege and honour that I stand before you this evening as the new Leader of Maldon District Council - a Council that exists to represent the interests of this special District – a special district to live, work and enjoy.

As highlighted in the February Budget Statement, core funding for the Council is being reduced by a further £392,000 for 2017/18. The Rate Support Grant is due to be phased out in 2020 and local government were expecting a scheme based on 100% retention of business rates to fill the gap. However, it is now clear that this is in doubt due to the governments slim majority. Whatever funding mechanism does come out of government will need to be robust, fair and sufficient to allow local government to fund its services.

Maldon remains an ambitious and resilient Council. There is much to do to continue to enhance the quality of life and the life chances for local people. We are looking at ways to boost income generation with increased focus on exploring how the Council can become more commercial. We have already made the first steps to identify new and innovative ways to generate income, but it is fair to say that we have, until now been slow to embrace commerciality in the same way as many other authorities. As members, we will need to be open minded to opportunities that may have a positive contribution to our long term financial position.

Economic growth and prosperity across the Maldon District is rightly high on our agenda. Over the coming year our Economic Development Team, headed by a new manager will be increasing its level of business engagement, particularly in relation to our many small and medium sized businesses. In the past, SME's and rural businesses have been largely overlooked in favour of bigger companies, which in many cases neither wanted nor needed such high-level intervention. 75% of all businesses in the district are SME's or rural and we must direct our efforts squarely to this sector. For Maldon, we are facilitating a Causeway Business Forum which will be run by the businesses themselves so they can play a bigger part in assisting their own growth and prosperity in that location.

Our team will continue delivering business engagement events, plus representing the Council as an executive member of the Burnham-on-Crouch Chamber of Commerce.

Following an in-depth analysis of local and sub-regional skills needs, the Team will be working with the County Council's Employability & Skills Unit, the Essex Employment and Skills Board and the Haven Gateway Partnership to develop and implement a strategy to meet the skills need within the District.

Another key focus over the year will be creating a package to promote the Maldon District as a place of choice to start and grow a business. The Council plans to increase small business unit space, increase employment and improve business survival rates by co-ordinating the delivery of an Enterprise Centre. The Team is currently in the process of finalising a bid to the Magnox Socio Economic Grant Fund to provide a detailed business case to assess viability of such a Centre. The Deputy Leader and I have already had several meetings to explore other business led

initiatives to progress this project.

The Sense of Place is now firmly embedded in our district strategy and its' striking branding is heavily featured in our revamped foyer area. After a slow start for this project, we are meeting with the board to provide them with reaffirmed support for Sense of Place and we will continue promoting the District branding which is now being used by several organisations and companies.

The Council has successfully levered grant monies from national funding sources, including the Coastal Communities Fund to seek out opportunities for economic growth and prosperity. The Dengie Gateway Project will conclude in September, when a chain of coastal hubs will be installed at five key points along our coastline, promoted as "The Saltmarsh Coast'. The hubs will provide visitor information, encouraging exploration of the area and will be complemented with new signage and way-marking. Our new Tourism Website, integrated social media, and an Eshop all contribute to promoting the District as a first class tourism destination. I am delighted to report that visitor numbers are 'up' with the latest Volume & Value Survey revealing 140,000 extra day visitors to the Maldon District, compared with the previous year, a growth of 3.9%. A new tourism marketing strategy for the District has also been developed with the aim to support and provide a boost for local business and communities that rely on visitors and the tourism economy.

It is vital that we recognise the tourism opportunities that exist in our district. With our coastal walks, prom park, flourishing vineyards, sailing centres, Hythe Quay, golf courses, sporting facilities, historic buildings, churches and caravan parks, we are truly blessed. We also have the internationally significant Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome that has been recognised by the likes of Simon Calder and Dan Snow as potentially one of the most important heritage sites in Great Britain.

This summer Members will be looking to finalise the Maldon & Heybridge Central Area Master Plan and implement plans for the next 15 years which will shape the local area. Detailed work will look at new facilities on and around the Promenade Park and Hythe Quay. In addition, the Council continues to allocate capital spend to maintain or upgrade existing facilities, including an investment of £275,000 in the Promenade Park.

The Council continues to be a driving force within the community helping it deliver its goal of 'strengthening communities to be safe active and healthy'. Through collaborative work with the Community Safety Partnership and Essex Police, the Council will strive to support and protect victims of rural crime, looking for innovative ways where communities can be better equipped to tackle crime. Maldon District Council will this month be one of the very first to operate 'True Cam' to detect and convict motorists who drive anti-socially or speed through our towns & rural areas.

Working with strategic and local delivery partners the Council is targeting help and support to improve the health and well-being of District residents. Priorities include tackling obesity, supporting older residents, particularly those that are frail or isolated, as well as identifying ways we can help our youngest citizens improve their educational attainment, giving them the best outlook for the future. We are actively supporting "Connect Well", a project that ensures that we can connect residents to

health and well-being services that may offer support to them.

The Council recognises that volunteering is a vital part of community life and many people benefit from not only receiving assistance, but also volunteering themselves. To support local communities the Council is developing a strategy to strengthen local communities and support volunteers. The Council will also establish formal management plans, working with local communities regarding the management and maintenance of open spaces where some of the volunteering opportunities will be offered.

Protecting and shaping the District is another key objective for our council which falls largely to our planning department.

Following completion of the second LDP Examination hearings in January and the subsequent publication of the Post-Examination Modifications, the responses were sent away to the Inspector. On June 29th, we received confirmation from Inspector Berkeley that he finds our modified plan sound. All that stands between this and an adopted plan is sign off from Sajid Javid, The Secretary of State. With concerted pressure from ourselves and our MP's, we are fairly confident that this could come in a matter of days rather than weeks. This, coupled with maintaining a 5 Year Housing Land Supply, will place the Council in a strong position to defend the District against further speculative applications for housing development. There is little doubt that this will mark one of the most significant achievements for our council and it will make us one of the comparatively few authorities to have an adopted plan. This has been delivered through the culmination of literally thousands of hours worked by our own officers, external consultants, legal advisors and of course members. This is the perfect opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in this milestone for Maldon District. However, work cannot stop as the government are insisting on regular plan reviews to take account of changing circumstances.

Following extensive public consultation, it is expected that the Maldon Design Guide and the Maldon and Heybridge Central Area Master Plan, will be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents, once the Local Plan itself has been adopted. Neighbourhood plans are still progressing in some parishes with Burnham and Langford in the latter stages of completion.

The Garden Suburbs and the Strategic Sites will be further progressed this year. During the last municipal year, planning permission was granted or resolved to grant on all but one of the Garden Suburbs and Strategic Sites allocated in the LDP. For both Garden Suburbs, Design Codes have been prepared which will control the quality of the development as they progress through the next planning stages.

This year we will work in partnership to deliver and ensure management and maintenance of strategic infrastructure, including that needed as a result of the Garden Suburbs and Strategic Sites. Securing the required infrastructure for all developments is crucial to their success as new communities. Through these strategic sites, we will deliver new roads, faster broadband, new health facilities, better education and of course flood alleviation schemes that will protect both new homes, as well as existing businesses and dwellings.

Staffing in the planning department has long been an issue. We have now filled all planning vacancies and this will enable us to maintain performance levels into 2018.

Unfortunately, we have been a little less successful filling the permanent post of Director, but our Human Resources team are working hard to source a new permanent candidate. We are also taking steps to reduce the backlog of enforcement cases across the district.

During this year we will agree a vision for, and develop a Planning Performance Agreement to maximise the benefits arising from the development of a new nuclear power station at Bradwell. The opportunity for a new power station remains a long-term goal for our council. I have seen at first hand the construction site at Hinkley Point and the very significant local community benefit projects that have been derived from this development. We are in the process of meeting our Chinese partners, who will be the majority shareholders of Bradwell B to discuss opportunities. We must be proactive in engaging with the Chinese to ensure that we can secure as many benefits as possible, as soon as possible. Plans are progressing to host a new LGA Special Interest Group meeting to be hosted in Maldon next March. This would further reinforce our national visibility as all authorities with nuclear facilities would be represented. There is even talk about a twinning opportunity with a coastal town in China that has a similar power station.

Turning to the Council's Housing Service, a number of key issues and opportunities arise this year. We are piloting over the summer, with Essex County Council and other partners, the new legislation to prevent homelessness in preparation for changes next year. Our Home Improvements Team is working with Health and Social Care to provide more assistance to people such as the elderly and disabled who need help to live independently in their own home. We are also developing a programme of Community Led Housing to give local people more involvement in meeting the need for affordable housing.

We have been working with the CCG's dedicated Project Manager in the interest of delivering a quality, modern community health facility for our District. The Council is coordinating the Maldon Health Hub Project Board which oversees the project plan to deliver the facilities. An assessment has been made, at high-level, of the space that would be required in the Maldon Health Hub to accommodate the proposed scope of services and projected future activity. This has been undertaken on the basis of two options, with and without beds and a decision will be taken later in the year. Site options are now narrowed to either Wycke Hill or the existing St Peters Hospital site. Securing a health hub facility for Maldon remains a key objective for this authority.

Our new waste service has been in place for over a year. It has achieved a staggering 58% of waste diverted from the black sack into recycling and we are hoping to improve upon this. Household food waste recycling has increased by 98% and the green waste service continues to expand, with nearly 12,000 subscribers now.

Ensuring that the Council is 'fit for purpose' is crucial, so our Workforce Development Strategy has delivered on a number of key projects over the past year. Our Core Values have been updated reflecting responses received from staff and Members. This includes a new Performance Review process, new Attendance Management and supporting advice to improve employee health. These will continue to be

promoted and embedded this year alongside undertaking a skills audit of the workforce, preparing a recruitment and retention strategy, and reviewing the roles and skills that the Council needs to develop for the future.

The authority also had a follow up to the 2014 LGA Peer review. Several members and staff took part in this review and the summary of their findings has been received. I have however expressed grave concerns to the LGA that the final report did not address some key areas of concern, or indeed some that were previously identified. We have been discussing this with senior LGA officials and it is hoped that a further, more comprehensive report will follow. We are however already working on some of their main points and progress is being made in respect of member/officer relations and our external relationships.

The Public Relations and Engagement Team continue to work positively with the local media to raise the profile of the Council and promote the District. Recognising the decline in printed news, they are embracing the importance social media to deliver our message to the community.

The Council's Legal & Democratic Services Team will continue to work hard to support good governance and the effective decision making of the Council, its Committees and officers alike. This will include the continued roll out of 'Mod. Gov.' functionality, as part of the move towards having paperless meetings to deliver significant cost savings. Work on the committee structure review is also ongoing.

The Council's strong customer focus continues. Our Customer Strategy will ensure that we build upon the number of services that can be accessed on-line [24/7](#), whilst continuing to assist our most vulnerable residents who need additional support. Not only will this help to make it easier for customers to do business with us, it will ensure that we can continue to meet our financial challenges by ensuring that we offer the most efficient and cost effective services.

The final phase of turning the Council Offices into a community hub is nearing completion, with many partner organisations now under one roof. The past year has seen the demolition of St Cedds House creating vital additional parking spaces. Fitting-out work is well under way for the Police accommodation and it is anticipated they will re-locate their operational base from the high street to these offices during 0000000000.
the summer.

This Council, along with the rest of the UK public sector, faces challenges that cannot be addressed by doing things the way they always have been in the past. This Council is embarking on a Transformation Programme, with officers and members working up a series of workstreams focussed on ensuring that it provides good quality, cost effective services to our customers and securing a sustainable financial position in the longer term.

So in drawing to a close Chairman, Members, ladies and gentlemen, you will have heard this evening that there is much to do in this municipal year – much that will make a real difference to the lives of our local communities, much that will enhance this special place. As Leader I can assure you that I mean business and that I will do

everything within my power to ensure that the Council delivers this programme of work during the year for the good of the Maldon District. In short, we need to deliver, not talk about delivering.

Mr Chairman I commend my statement to Council.

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Leader of the Maldon District Council
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