



**MINUTES of
NORTH WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
3 DECEMBER 2025**

PRESENT

Chairperson Councillor M F L Durham, CC
Councillors C P Morley and E L Stephens

364. CHAIRPERSON'S NOTICES

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through some general housekeeping arrangements for the meeting.

365. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J C Hughes, M E Thompson, S White and L L Wiffen.

366. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 November 2025 be approved and confirmed.

367. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were none.

368. 24/00919/FUL - BARN A AT, THE BARN, BRAZTED PARK RD, COLCHESTER, CO5 0QB

Application Number	24/00919/FUL
Location	Barn A At, The Barn, Braxted Park Road, Colchester CO5 0QB
Proposal	The erection of four new build dwellings (in lieu of Prior Approval for four dwellings, subject of application 24/00072/PACUAR).
Applicant	C Burrows
Agent	Stanfords
Target Decision Date	07.11.2025 (EoT – committee determination required)
Case Officer	Matt Bailey
Parish	GREAT BRAZTED
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Departure from the Local Plan

A Members' Update was published before the meeting containing more accurate comparisons between the design of the previously approved conversion scheme (24/00072/PACUAR) and the current proposal. Also, it contained additional information regarding the design and impact on the character of the area.

Following the Officers' presentation, Councillor E L Stephens proposed that they approve this application. This was duly seconded.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal to approve was agreed, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

RESOLVED that the application be **APPROVED** 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 accordance with the approved plans stated on the Decision Notice.
- 3 The materials used in the construction of the development hereby approved shall be as set out within the application form/approved plans and Design and Access Statement.
- 4 No development works above ground level shall occur until details of the surface water drainage scheme to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development. The scheme shall ensure that for a minimum:
 - 1) The development should be able to manage water on site for 1 in 100 year events plus 40% climate change allowance.
 - 2) Run-off from a greenfield site for all storm events that have a 100% chance of occurring each year (1 in 1 year event) inclusive of climate change should be no higher than 10/l/s and no lower than 1/l/s. The rate should be restricted to the 1 in 1 greenfield rate or equivalent greenfield rates with long term storage minimum rate 1l/s) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield)

You are advised that in order to satisfy the soakaway condition the following details will be required: details of the area to be drained, infiltration rate (as determined by BRE Digest 365), proposed length, width and depth of soakaway, groundwater level and whether it will be rubble filled.

Where the Local Planning Authority accepts discharge to an adopted sewer network you will be required to provide written confirmation from the statutory undertaker that the discharge will be accepted.

- 5 No development works above ground level shall occur until details of the foul drainage scheme to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development.
- 6 Prior to first occupation of the development, the existing vehicular access shall be formalised and constructed as shown in principle on planning drawing no. BTB-04 Rev G. The access shall be provided with an appropriate

vehicular crossing of the highway verge. Any redundant parts of the existing access on the frontage shall be suitably and permanently closed incorporating the reinstatement to full height of the highway verge. Full layout details to be agreed with the Highway Authority.

- 7 The proposed boundary planting shall be planted a minimum of 1 metre back from the highway boundary and any visibility splay.
- 8 Prior to first occupation of the development, cycle parking shall be provided in accordance with Maldon District Council's Parking Standards. The approved facilities shall be secure, convenient, covered and retained at all times.
- 9 Prior to first occupation of the development, the Developer shall be responsible for the provision, implementation and distribution of Residential Travel Information Packs for sustainable transport, as approved by Essex County Council, to include six one day travel vouchers for use with the relevant local public transport operator. This pack (including tickets) is to be provided by the Developer to the dwelling free of charge.
- 10 All ecological mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Liz Lord, March 2024) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the Local Planning Authority prior to determination. This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.
- 11 Prior to any works above slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected, Priority and threatened species, prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
- b) detailed designs or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans (where relevant);
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures; and
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

- 12 Prior to installation of any external lighting, a lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall identify how lighting impacts will be avoided upon the Essex Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the Crouch and Roach Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA), Ramsar and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting plans, drawings and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that lighting will not result in impacts upon the statutory designated sites. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in

the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the Local Planning Authority.

13 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification, no development falling within Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A to H of the Order shall be carried out to the dwellinghouse hereby approved without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

369. 25/00362/FUL - LAND AT 1 OXLEY COTTAGE, 1 OXLEY HILL, TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX

Application Number	25/00362/FUL
Location	Land at 1 Oxley Cottage, 1 Oxley Hill, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex
Proposal	Change of use from residential garage store to Class E (for hairdressing business)
Applicant	Mr Sam Cook
Agent	Mr Matthew Lockyer - That Design Co Ltd
Target Decision Date	30.10.2025
Case Officer	Jade Elles
Parish	TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Departure from the Local Plan

A Members' Update was published before the meeting containing additional information in regard to access, parking and highway safety, further representations received from interested parties and included an additional proposed condition.

The Officer presented the report and then a discussion ensued between Members' and officers.

Following this Councillor C P Morley proposed that they approve this application. This was duly seconded.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal to approve was agreed, subject to the conditions detailed in the report and Members' Update.

RESOLVED that this application be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans as shown on the decision notice.
2. The hairdressers use hereby approved shall be carried out only within the existing store of the garage as identified on approved Location Plan drawing no. LOCATION, and shall be used solely in connection with and ancillary to the residential use of the dwellinghouse known as 1 Oxley Cottage, 1 Oxley Hill, Tolleshunt D'Arcy. The store of the garage shall not be used as a separate planning unit or for any other commercial purpose (including any use within Class E of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended), or in any provision equivalent to the Class in any statutory instrument revoked and re-enacting that order. For the

avoidance of doubt, the building shall not be let, rented, managed or sold independently to the main dwelling.

3. No separate or additional access, hardstanding, boundary fences or curtilage shall be formed to create a distinct plot separation to the main dwelling of 1 Oxley Cottage, 1 Oxley Hill.
4. No noise shall be generated from within the building to cause a statutory nuisance to the residential amenities of neighbouring properties.
5. All staff and visitor parking associated with the hairdressers use hereby approved shall be contained entirely within the existing parking area to the front of the application property known as 1 Oxley Cottage, 1 Oxley Hill (accessed from Oxley Hill). For the avoidance of doubt, no commercial parking is permitted to the rear of the site by way of the existing rear access track.

370. 25/00555/FUL - OS FIELD 6251, COLCHESTER ROAD, GREAT TOTHAM

Application Number	25/00555/FUL
Location	OS Field 6251, Colchester Road, Great Totham
Proposal	The material change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, and dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that use
Applicant	William Draper
Agent	Mr Lee Marbury – Green Planning Studio Ltd
Target Decision Date	5 December 2025 (EoT)
Case Officer	Matt Bailey
Parish	GREAT TOTHAM
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Departure from the Local Plan; Called in by Councillor J C Hughes

A Members' Update was published before the meeting containing additional information on the impact on the character of the area

The Officer presented the report. Following this the agent Nathaniel Green addressed the Committee.

A discussion then ensued between Member's and Officers'

Councillor E L Stephens then proposed that they approve this application. This was duly seconded.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal to approve was agreed, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

RESOLVED that this application be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall begin not later than three years from the date of this decision.
2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans stated on the Decision Notice.

3. The application site shall not be occupied by any persons other than Gypsies and Travellers as defined in Annex 1 of the Government's Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2024).
4. No more than one static caravan and Touring caravan, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968 shall be stationed on the site at any time.
5. The static caravan referred to within condition 4 above shall be sited in the positions that are demarcated "Proposed Static Caravan" on the approved site plan. Any material change to its position, or replacement by another in a different location, shall only take place in accordance with details that have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
6. No commercial activities shall take place on the land, including the storage of materials.
7. All ecological mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Matthew Game, January 2025) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the Local Planning Authority prior to determination. This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.
8. No development shall take until a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected and Priority species has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following: Prior to any works above slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected, Priority and threatened species, prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
- b) detailed designs or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans (where relevant);
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures; and
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

9. Prior to installation of any external lighting, a lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall identify how lighting impacts will be avoided upon the Essex Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the Crouch and Roach Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA), Ramsar and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting plans, drawings and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that lighting will

not result in impacts upon the statutory designated sites. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the Local Planning Authority.

10. No unbound material shall be used in the surface treatment of the vehicular access within six metres of the highway boundary.
11. Any contamination that is found during the course of construction of the approved development shall be reported immediately to the Local Planning Authority. Development on the part of the site affected shall be suspended and a risk assessment carried out and submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Where unacceptable risks are found remediation and verification schemes shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. These approved schemes shall be carried out before the development is resumed or continued. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme, a verification report demonstrating the effectiveness of the remediation scheme carried out must be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing.
12. No development works above ground level shall occur until details of the surface water drainage scheme to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development. The scheme shall ensure that for a minimum:
 1. The development should be able to manage water on site for 1 in 100 year events plus 40% climate change allowance.
 2. Run-off from a greenfield site for all storm events that have a 100% chance of occurring each year (1 in 1 year event) inclusive of climate change should be no higher than 10/l/s and no lower than 1/l/s.

The rate should be restricted to the 1 in 1 greenfield rate or equivalent greenfield rates with long term storage (minimum rate 1/l/s) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield).
13. No development works above ground level shall occur until details of the foul drainage scheme to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development.

371. 25/00590/FUL - AGRICULTURAL BARN AT LODDARTS FARM, LODGE ROAD, WOODHAM MORTIMER

Application Number	25/00590/FUL
Location	Agricultural Barn at Loddarts Farm, Lodge Road, Woodham Mortimer
Proposal	Demolition of the existing barn and outbuilding and erection of a new dwelling in the style of the original barn.
Applicant	Mr PJ O'Connor
Agent	Mrs Thalia Vogiatzoglou - Arcady Architects Ltd
Target Decision Date	07.11.2025 (EoT – committee determination required)

Case Officer	Matt Bailey
Parish	WOODHAM MORTIMER WITH HAZELEIGH
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Departure from the local plan

The Officer presented the report. Following this the Agent Chris Wragg addressed the Committee

Councillor E L Stephens then proposed that they approve this application. This was duly seconded.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal to approve was agreed, subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

RESOLVED that this application be **APPROVED** 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 accordance with the approved plans stated on the Decision Notice.
3. The materials used in the construction of the development hereby approved shall be as set out within the application form/approved plans and Design and Access Statement.
4. No development works above ground level shall occur until details of the surface water drainage scheme to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development. The scheme shall ensure that for a minimum:
 - 1) The development should be able to manage water on site for 1 in 100 year events plus 40% climate change allowance.
 - 2) Run-off from a greenfield site for all storm events that have a 100% chance of occurring each year (1 in 1 year event) inclusive of climate change should be no higher than 10/l/s and no lower than 1/l/s. The rate should be restricted to the 1 in 1 greenfield rate or equivalent greenfield rates with long term storage minimum rate 1l/s) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield).

You are advised that in order to satisfy the soakaway condition the following details will be required: details of the area to be drained, infiltration rate (as determined by BRE Digest 365), proposed length, width and depth of soakaway, groundwater level and whether it will be rubble filled.

Where the Local Planning Authority accepts discharge to an adopted sewer network you will be required to provide written confirmation from the statutory undertaker that the discharge will be accepted.

5. No development works above ground level shall occur until details of the foul drainage scheme to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development.

- 6 Prior to first occupation of the development, cycle parking shall be provided in accordance with Maldon District Council's Parking Standards. The approved facilities shall be secure, convenient, covered and retained at all times.
- 7 Prior to first occupation of the development, the Developer shall be responsible for the provision, implementation and distribution of Residential Travel Information Packs for sustainable transport, as approved by Essex County Council, to include six one day travel vouchers for use with the relevant local public transport operator. This pack (including tickets) is to be provided by the Developer to the dwelling free of charge.
- 8 All ecological mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (ACJ Ecology, February 2025) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the Local Planning Authority prior to determination. This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.
- 9 Prior to any works above slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected, Priority and threatened species, prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
- b) detailed designs or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans (where relevant);
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures; and
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

- 10 Prior to installation of any external lighting, a lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify how lighting impacts will be avoided upon the Essex Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the Crouch and Roach Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA), Ramsar and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting plans, drawings and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that lighting will not result in impacts upon the statutory designated sites. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.
- 11 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification, no development falling within Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A to H of the Order shall

be carried out to the dwellinghouse hereby approved without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

372. 25/00687/FUL - LAND AT, ST GEORGES HOUSE, CHELMSFORD ROAD, PURLEIGH, ESSEX

Application Number	25/00687/FUL
Location	Land At, St Georges House, Chelmsford Road, Purleigh, Essex
Proposal	New self build chalet bungalow and detached garage
Applicant	Mr Philip Brown
Agent	Newton Studio
Target Decision Date	07.11.2025 (EoT – Committee determination required)
Case Officer	Matt Bailey
Parish	PURLEIGH
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Departure from the Local Plan

The Officer presented the report.

Following this Councillor E L Stephens proposed that they approve this application. This was duly seconded.

Upon a vote being taken the proposal to approve was agreed, subject to the conditions set out in the report.

RESOLVED that this application be **APPROVED** 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 accordance with the following approved plans stated on the Decision Notice.
3. The materials used in the construction of the development hereby approved shall be as set out within the application form/approved plans and Design and Access Statement.
4. No development works above ground level shall occur until details of the surface water drainage scheme to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development. The scheme shall ensure that for a minimum:
 - 1) The development should be able to manage water on site for 1 in 100 year events plus 40% climate change allowance.
 - 2) Run-off from a greenfield site for all storm events that have a 100% chance of occurring each year (1 in 1 year event) inclusive of climate change should be no higher than 10/l/s and no lower than 1/l/s. The rate should be restricted to the 1 in 1 greenfield rate or equivalent greenfield rates with long term storage minimum rate 1l/s) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield) or 50% betterment of existing run off rates on brownfield sites (provided this does not result in a runoff rate less than greenfield)

You are advised that in order to satisfy the soakaway condition the following details will be required: details of the area to be drained, infiltration rate (as determined by BRE Digest 365), proposed length, width and depth of soakaway, groundwater level and whether it will be rubble filled.

Where the Local Planning Authority accepts discharge to an adopted sewer network you will be required to provide written confirmation from the statutory undertaker that the discharge will be accepted.

- 5 Prior to first occupation of the dwelling hereby approved, the foul drainage for the dwelling must either be connected to mains drainage or a small sewage treatment plant of adequate capacity for the dwelling. Any small sewage treatment plant installed must discharge treated effluent in a manner which complies with the "General Binding Rules" at the time of installation.
- 6 Prior to the commencement of the development the applicant shall submit in writing a construction management plan to the Local Planning Authority for approval. Within the construction management plan it must consider the following requirements:

The applicant should ensure the control of nuisances during construction works to preserve the amenity of the area and avoid nuisances to neighbours and to this effect:

- a) no waste materials should be burnt on the site, instead being removed by licensed waste contractors;
- b) no dust emissions should leave the boundary of the site;
- c) consideration should be taken to restricting the duration of noisy activities and in locating them away from the periphery of the site;
- d) hours of works: works should only be undertaken between 08:00 hours and 1800 hours on weekdays; between 0800 hours and 1300 hours on Saturdays and not at any time on Sundays and Public Holidays.

If it is known or there is the likelihood that there will be the requirement to work outside of these hours or there will be periods where there will be excessive noise that will significantly impact on sensitive receptors Environmental Health at Maldon District Council must be notified prior to the works as soon as is reasonably practicable. The developer is advised to consult nearby sensitive noise premises and may be advised to apply for a Prior Consent under Section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

7. Prior to first occupation of the development the upgraded vehicle access shall be provided as shown in principle on planning drawing no. SP-01 Rev A. The access shall be provided with an appropriate dropped kerb vehicular crossing of the footway. Notwithstanding the details as shown in principle on planning drawing no. SP-01 Rev A, the vehicle access at its centre line shall be provided with a clear to ground visibility splay with dimensions of 2.4 metres by 43 metres in each direction, as measured from and along the nearside edge of the carriageway. Such vehicular visibility splays shall be provided before the access is first used by vehicular traffic and retained free of any obstruction at all times.
8. No unbound material shall be used in the surface treatment of the vehicular access within 6 metres of the highway boundary.
9. Prior to first occupation of the development, cycle parking shall be provided in accordance with Maldon District Council's Parking Standards. The approved facilities shall be secure, convenient, covered and retained at all times. .

10 Prior to first occupation of the development, the Developer shall be responsible for the provision, implementation and distribution of Residential Travel Information Packs for sustainable transport, as approved by Essex County Council, to include six one day travel vouchers for use with the relevant local public transport operator. This pack (including tickets) is to be provided by the Developer to the dwelling free of charge.

11 All ecological mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Matthew Game Consultancy, February 2025) as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the Local Planning Authority prior to determination. This may include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

12 No development shall commence until fencing/ground protection to protect the hedges/shrubs to be retained has been erected in accordance with BS5837:2012, details of which shall have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority for written approval. The protective fencing shall be erected before the commencement of any clearing, demolition and building operations and shall be retained until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site.

The protective fencing shall be maintained until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site. Within the fenced protection zone nothing shall be stored or placed, no fires lit, no vehicle shall gain access, ground levels shall not be altered, no excavation shall be made and no structure shall be erected. If within five years from the completion of the development a retained shrub or hedge is removed, destroyed, dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, seriously damaged or defective, a replacement shrub or hedge shall be planted within the site of such species and size and shall be planted at such time, as specified in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

13 Prior to any works above slab level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected, Priority and threatened species, prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority .

The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;
- b) detailed designs or product descriptions to achieve stated objectives;
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans (where relevant);
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures; and
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).

The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

14 Prior to installation of any external lighting, a lighting design scheme for biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall identify how lighting impacts will be avoided upon

the Essex Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the Crouch and Roach Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA), Ramsar and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting plans, drawings and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that lighting will not result in impacts upon the statutory designated sites. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the scheme and maintained thereafter in accordance with the scheme. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the Local Planning Authority.

15 Prior to commencement of development, a Great Crested Newt Method Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This will contain precautionary mitigation measures and/or works to reduce potential impacts to Great Crested Newt during the construction phase.

The measures and/works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

16 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification, no development falling within Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes A to H of the Order shall be carried out to the dwellinghouse hereby approved without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

There being no other items of business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.32 pm.

M F L DURHAM, CC
CHAIRPERSON