

EXCERPT FROM SOUTH EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
– 15 JULY 2019

184. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor R Dewick, advised the Committee that he knew the applicant on Agenda Item 7 - FUL/MAL/19/00382 – Club Nautico, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex but that it did not constitute an interest.

Councillor A L Hull declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 – FUL/MAL/19/00382 – Club Nautico, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex, as her partner worked for the applicant. She advised the Committee she would leave the Chamber for this item of business.

Councillor A S Fluker declared in the interest of openness and transparency on Agenda Item 5 - FUL/MAL/18/01518 - Sandbeach Hockley Lane Bradwell-On-Sea Essex CM0 7QB, as his dog came from AA Rescue and Agenda Item 7- FUL/MAL/19/00382 – Club Nautico, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex, as he knew the applicant.

Councillor V J Bell declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8 - Chartwell, 120 Maldon Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, CM0 8DB, as she knew some of the objectors and had worked in the sector for a number of years.

Councillor M G Bassenger declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 - FUL/MAL/19/00382 – Club Nautico, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex, as he was a neighbour, knew the applicant and objectors and had objected as a resident on a previous application prior to becoming a councillor. He said he intended taking part in the debate if that was possible.

It was acknowledged that the onus was on the individual regarding how they declare and that as a general rule, if in doubt, it would be best to leave the Chamber for the respective Agenda Item. The Chairman reminded members that the recent training delivered by the Monitoring Officer, attended by all Members, had clarified where they stood in regard to interests and the issue of when in doubt had also been covered. He went on to advise that, where a Member had concerns regarding an application etc., they should speak with the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

Following further deliberation on the first declaration, Councillor Bassenger then declared he would make a personal statement and leave the Chamber for the debate on Agenda Item 7 - FUL/MAL/19/00382 - Club Nautico, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex.

**187. FUL/MAL/19/00382 - CLUB NAUTICO, BRIDGEMARSH MARINA,
BRIDGEMARSH LANE, ALTHORNE, ESSEX**

Application Number	FUL/MAL/19/00382
Location	Club Nautico Bridgemarsh Marine Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex

Proposal	Section 73A application for extension and alterations to barge S.S. Nautico and for the change of the use on the upper deck from office to club house with associated facilities (resubmission of application FUL/MAL/17/01376).
Applicant	Mr John Wilsdon
Agent	Mr Mark Morgan - Petro Designs Ltd
Target Decision Date	20.06.2019 E.o.T. 19.07.2019
Case Officer	Spyros Mouratidis
Parish	ALTHORNE
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Member Call In – Councillor Mark G Bassenger – Concerns about the application

Following the Officer's presentation Mr Lakin, an Objector, Parish Councillor Mr Brian Noye, Althorne Parish Councillor and the Applicant Mr John Wilsden addressed the Committee.

Councillor Bassenger, having previously agreed to make a personal statement and leave the chamber, sought further clarification from the Chairman.

The Chairman, in response, again reminded Members that they had all attended the Code of Conduct training. The training had been clear on where Members stood in regard to interests and the best course of action to take if in doubt, together with the role of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Standards Committee, in respect of the code of conduct. He repeated that when in doubt on any application Members should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting and that he could only offer advice. How a Member declared was down to the individual.

Councillor Bassenger then reverted to his original non-pecuniary declaration of interest and said he would remain for the discussion on this item of business.