



**MINUTES of  
CENTRAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE  
4 NOVEMBER 2020**

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**PRESENT**

Chairman	Councillor M S Heard
Vice-Chairman	Councillor S P Nunn
Councillors	Miss A M Beale, M R Edwards, K M H Lagan, C Mayes, C Morris, N G F Shaughnessy, Mrs J C Stilts and C Swain
In Attendance	Councillor Mrs P A Channer, CC

**1. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting, held under new regulations which came into effect on 4 April 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He took Members through some general housekeeping issues, together with the etiquette for the meeting and then asked Officers present to introduce themselves.

This was followed by a roll call of all Members present.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 September 2020 be approved and confirmed.

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

In relation to Agenda Item 5 20/00824/HOUSE - 46 Wentworth Meadows, Maldon, Essex CM9 6EJ the following declarations were made:

- Councillors M S Heard, S P Nunn, Mrs J C Stilts, C Mayes and N G F Shaughnessy declared a non-pecuniary interest as they were acquainted to or knew the applicant.
- Councillor C Morris suggested that all Members have a non-pecuniary interest due to the applicant being a member of staff. The Chairman emphasised that it

was down to the individual to make that declaration. Councillor Morris then went on to declare that he had spoken to the applicant a couple of times.

- Councillor K M H Lagan declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was aware of the report writer from years ago when he trained at the same martial arts club.

**5. 20/00824/HOUSE - 46 WENTWORTH MEADOWS, MALDON, ESSEX, CM9 6EJ**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>20/00824/HOUSE</b>
<b>Location</b>	46 Wentworth Meadows, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6EJ
<b>Proposal</b>	First floor extension over garage.
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Jack Ellum
<b>Agent</b>	N/A
<b>Target Decision Date</b>	12.11.2020
<b>Case Officer</b>	Annie Keen
<b>Parish</b>	<b>MALDON NORTH</b>
<b>Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council</b>	Councillor / Member of Staff Member Call In – Councillor C Mayes Policy reasons – D1 and D3

It was noted from the Members’ Update that a consultation response had been received from Maldon Town Council.

Following the Officer’s presentation Members were advised that one public participation submission had been received from the Applicant. In accordance with the public participation scheme this was duly read out. The Chairman then moved the Officers’ recommendation of refusal. This was duly seconded.

A debate ensued as to the impact of the revised scheme on neighbouring properties and Members were reminded that Planning and Case law was clear that lack of objection to a planning application should not be a consideration for Members. Upon a vote being taken the Officer’s recommendation was lost.

Councillor C Morris having supported the application during the earlier debate, proposed that the application be approved contrary to the Officer’s recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Miss A M Beale. Reasons for approval were discussed and it was duly agreed that previous reasons for refusal had been overcome and the revised application was consistent with policies D1 and H4 of the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The Chairman put the proposal to approve the application contrary to the Officer’s recommendation to the Committee. Upon a vote being taken the application was approved.

**RESOLVED** that the application be **APPROVED** subject to conditions delegated to the Lead Specialist Place in consultation with the Chairman.

**6. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

As it was the last meeting before the Annual meeting of the Council the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and patience during this difficult period. He also thanked Officers and the Committee Clerks for their hard work.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00 pm.

M S HEARD  
CHAIRMAN

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