

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 8 APRIL 2024

Nothing Being Published

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 15 APRIL 2024

Full Council – 18 April 2024

UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 14 April 2024	Mayor of Hertsmere – Civic Dinner and Awards Ceremony	DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel

UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Location
Friday 19 April 2024	NHH Young Star presentation	St. Mary's Junior Mixed School

UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

CUSTOMERS

MEMBERS

INFORMATION NOTE

At 09.14 on Thursday 11 April, councillors were again subjected to an attempted targeted phishing attack.

The phishing attack was sophisticated in its nature. Our member list had been researched, they attempted to impersonate one of our councillors and then emailed all members. No councillors engaged with the email, which was promptly reported and subsequently removed from all member email inboxes.

We're pleased to confirm that due to our robust systems, regular testing, and audits (which include regular external attempts to penetrate our systems and phishing tests) the attempted attack failed. Hertfordshire ICT Managers and CEX's were all informed of this failed phishing attack on the day it happened.

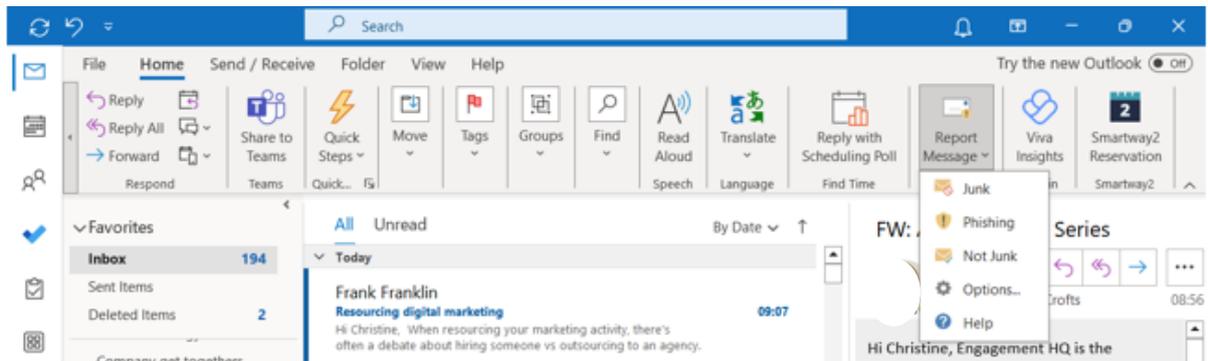
This failed phishing attack should act as a reminder to all members to be aware of the increasingly sophisticated forms cyber-attacks can take, and to always remain vigilant. Our biggest asset to protecting ourselves from a cyber-attack is you and we'd like to thank all members who spotted the phishing email and reported it, as this really helps defend the council against phishing attacks.

Some key things to look out for are:

- Are you expecting that odd email/text/phone call?
- Check the sender details, does the email address match the sender?
- If you recognise the sender, is the style and tone appropriate and normal for that person?
- Check the spelling and grammar of the email, phishing emails usually (but not always) have mistakes in them.

Please report anything suspicious straight away via the 'report it' function in Outlook (see overleaf) as this immediately assists with our cyber protection. The IT team will be arranging some cyber security drop-in sessions shortly and should you have any

questions or concerns prior to those sessions, please log a ticket with the IT Helpdesk.



MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

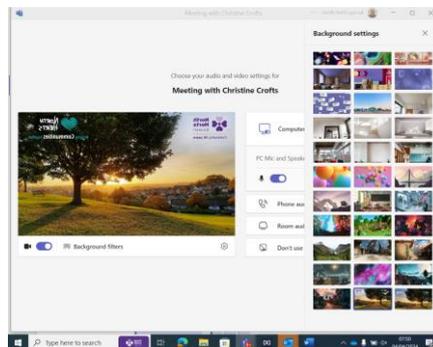
Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

To help mark our 50th anniversary, we have created a dedicated 50th logo for us all to use over the next year:



Meetings background

Our 50th logo can be found on your TEAMS background next time you attend a meeting – just click on background filters and you'll see it at the bottom of your background settings:



If you're using a personal email/personal laptop, you will need to save the background image emailed on the 4 April to your device and then add it manually. Don't panic if it looks the wrong way round, it is a mirror image which will look fine to the other meeting attendees.

Email signature

There is also a 50th version of our email signature for you to use (which now includes X rather than Twitter). Here's how to add it:

1. Highlight the 50th signature overleaf and copy it (using ctrl + c on your keyboard)
2. Click on File in the top left of Outlook.
3. Select 'Options' (bottom of blue left-hand column).
4. Then click on 'mail' (in left-hand grey column).
5. Select the 'Signatures' box on the right.

6. Delete your current signature details, copy the signature below and then paste.
7. Add your name, pronouns (if desired), job title and telephone number(s).
8. When you're done, select Save > OK.



Celebrating 50 years



Name
Pronouns (if desired)

Job title

Telephone number

Mobile telephone number

www.north-herts.gov.uk

A4 letterhead

The logo is also sitting proudly at the top of our A4 headed paper (digital and printed):



50th anniversary timeline

Finally, we've also created a 50th anniversary timeline. From Queen Elizabeth II unveiling North Herts Leisure Centre in 1982 to Harry Styles filming 'My Policeman' at Hitchin Outdoor Pool in 2021, the last 50 years have been filled with unforgettable moments!

Thank you for being part of the North Herts story so far and here's to putting North Herts on the map for the next 50 years.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted <i>[if applicable]</i>	
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SERVICE DIRECTORATE: PLACE

1. DECISION TAKEN

- 1.1 To approve a weekly Junior Parkrun event using Norton Common, Letchworth Garden City on agreed dates on Sunday mornings from the 14th April 2024 to 13th April 2025 between 09.00 hrs to 10.00 hrs on each occasion

2. DECISION TAKER

- 2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

- 3.1 10th April 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

- 4.1 To support the organisers to provide an annual event for the whole community.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. No other locations have currently been considered for this event.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

- 6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in the Safety Advisory Group.

7. FORWARD PLAN

- 7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The organisers have approached NHC for approval to use this location for their event.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The authority has an obligation to ensure that the public open spaces it maintains are at a standard that are safe for everyone to use. Additionally, the authority has an obligation to ensure that any environmentally sensitive environment is not damaged due to actions or intentions of others.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no financial risks as this opportunity is generating income.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no risk implications. However, risk assessments have been considered to endeavour that this is a safe event.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 Central Government and national groups have expressed the continued importance of public Green Space in the health and well-being of communities. From April 2013 local authorities at county level are required to take on the statutory duty to improve the health of their communities as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and with it, to acquire many of the public health services currently the responsibility of the NHS. The use of open spaces, parks, playgrounds and relevant leisure facilities are promoted in terms of reducing the impact of obesity on long term health, the importance in the management of wellbeing and in aiding relaxation, as well as sensory' enjoyment.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The event is open to everyone.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this event.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 This item of work is contained within the Place Directorate existing work programs.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 None

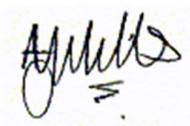
17. APPENDICES

17.1 None

NOTIFICATION DATE - 12th April 2024

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot Applicable.....

Date10th April 2024



Signature of Decision Taker

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Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted for the Officer or Executive Member
[NO]

Any conflict with any Member concerned **[NO]**

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 Approval to use £100,000 from the April 24 to March 25 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for a Council District, Health Hub and Health Inequalities programme (as per the allocation in paragraph 10).

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1 Cllr Alistair Willoughby (Executive Member for Community and Partnerships in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community).

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

12 April 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 £510,000 UKSPF is mixed revenue and capital funding has been approved by Cabinet for distribution in 2024/25, and includes £100,000k including community wellbeing, managed by the Community Wellbeing Team.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Cabinet approved these overall allocation of funds on 19th March 2024. [\[CLICK HERE FOR CABINET REPORTS & DECISION PAGE\]](#)

6.2 The Executive Member for Communities and Partnership is the decision maker, and Deputy Executive Member for Communities and Partnership have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision follows the original Cabinet decision of 19 March, which was a key decision and that, as per the report [see link above] was a key decision and first notified on the Forward Plan on 16 February 2024. Cabinet approved the allocation detailed in 8.1 E) of the report.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 See report 19 March 2024 [[CLICK HERE](#)]. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) was originally launched by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in April 2021 providing funding to every English and Welsh District and Unitary Authority over three years from April 2022 to March 2025.

8.2 On 19th March 2024, Cabinet approved the distribution of £510,000k year three 2024-25 UKSPF funding to a range of projects including £100k.

8.3 To deliver a programme of this scale under very short timescales, the Community Wellbeing Team will:

8.4.1 Utilise the skills and knowledge of an existing team member who is due to leave the Council at the end of April 2024 due to the end of an externally funded contract, and extend their contract to 31/03/25 on a part time basis (20 hours per week): thereafter,

8.4.2 The postholder will be responsible for working with a range of partners to establish, manage and monitor a range of community wellbeing projects.

8.4.3 Coordinate a range of community wellbeing projects across the district including:

- Horticultural therapy for people living with or recovering from mental health conditions.
- Emotional wellbeing groups (Chat café and craft café) for people with low level depression and anxiety or people experiencing social isolation and loneliness.
- Physical and emotional health courses for men, looking at specific men's health issues, and then also for women's looking at specific women's health issues.
- Food education programmes for families experiencing food poverty across the district.
- Wellbeing groups and events for people of all ages experiencing social isolation and loneliness across the district.
- Falls prevention and frailty programmes for older people.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Executive Member has delegated authority to make this decision as per the Cabinet resolution of 19 March 2024, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal & Community. That decision will be subject to a 5 clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The cost of this proposal would be covered by the UK Shared Prosperity Funding. This model would see about 25% of the funding used for core staffing costs for session delivery and project management (c.£24k) which is essential to enable the programme to take place. The remaining funding will be spent on the direct delivery of activities for the local community, in the approximate tranches set out in 10.2.

10.2 The approval would be to use the funds allocated, in the following way, *currently equating to £99K* (with some flexibility around the final sum up to the overall maximum £100K figure):

- Horticultural therapy for people living with or recovering from mental health conditions - £13K.

- Emotional wellbeing groups (Chat café and craft café) for people with low level depression and anxiety or people experiencing social isolation and loneliness - £13K.
- Physical and emotional health courses for men, looking at specific men's health issues, and then also for women's looking at specific women's health issues – c.£10K.
- Food education programmes for families experiencing food poverty across the district - £13K.
- Wellbeing groups and events for people of all ages experiencing social isolation and loneliness across the district - £13K.
- Falls prevention and frailty programmes for older people - £13K.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Good risk management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2 The funding criteria means there is a short timeframe for us to use the allocated money. Therefore, there is a potential reputational risk associated with not using the full allocation and not delivering the maximum support possible. This decision notice aims to mitigate the risk by allowing experienced officers to make the required preparations and commence delivery quickly.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 This proposal will target people in the district experiencing health inequalities.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no environmental implications.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 Utilise the skills and knowledge of an existing Community Wellbeing team member to lead on the delivery of this programme from now until March 2025 on a part time basis.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 See links to reports and supporting documents as above.

17. APPENDICES

- 17.1 None.

NOTIFICATION DATE



Signature of Service Director Consulted

Date 12.4.24

Signature of Executive Member for Community and Partnerships



Decision Taker

Date 12.4.24

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EAST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
Ashwell Parish Council		
24/00737/FPH	APK Architecture & Design Ltd. Mr Andrew Kent The White House, 49 High Street, Wrestlingworth, SG19 2EP, United Kingdom	1 Woodforde Close Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QE Mr & Mrs Everington First floor side extension and replace existing rear ground floor flat roof with a monopitched roof. Insertion of rear ground floor bi-folding doors and recladding to front elevation.
24/00754/FP	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	Slip End Farm Royston Road Slip End Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6SG Mr J Northern Erection of two 3-bed, three 4-bed and two 5-bed dwellings with associated hard and soft landscaping, parking, garaging and private gardens following the demolition of existing agricultural barns.
24/00775/TPO	Mr Malcolm Vorley 9 Woodforde Close, Ashwell, Baldock, Herts, SG7 5QE, United Kingdom	9 Woodforde Close Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QE Mr Malcolm Vorley T1. Ash - Re-pollard back to previous points, Reduce limbs by 0.5 - 1m, shape and balance. T2. Hawthorn - Reduce height up to 2m shape and balance.
Baldock		
24/00607/FP	Mr Michael Easton Mike Easton 21 Shrubbery Grove, Royston, SG8 9LJ, United Kingdom	13 High Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6AZ Mr Donald Duncan Change of use and alterations to existing workshop to provide two 1-bed dwellings and erection of two 1-bed dwellings with ancillary works.
24/00734/FPH	Lawtey Design Ltd Mrs Rachael Lawtey 83a High Street, STEVENAGE, SG1 3HR	39 Chiltern Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6LS Mr & Mrs Day & Lynn Barr Hip to gable roof extension, insertion of No.3 rooflights to existing front and No.2 pitched roof box dormers to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation.

Barley Parish Council

24/00805/TCA	Mr Timothy Martin Studlands, High Street, Barley, Royston, SG8 8HT	Studlands High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HT
	Mr Timothy Martin	
		Lime - Lift crown and reduce by 30-35% removing dead wood.

Codicote Parish Council

24/00674/FPH	ArchiTech Ltd. Mr Richard Chambers 72 Lytton Avenue, Letchworth, SG6 3HY, United Kingdom	4 The Riddy Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8UP
	Mr Pink and Mrs Wilson-Pink	
		Single storey front, side and rear extensions, partial increase to roof ridge height and insertion of rooflights to existing front and dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation following removal of existing rear dormer, existing front attached garage and rear conservatory.

Kelshall Parish Meeting

24/00752/FP	Portland Planning Mrs Gillian Davidson Manor Cottage, The Street, Brundish, Suffolk, IP13 8BL, United Kingdom	Coombe Farm Stables Coombe Road Kelshall Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9SA
	Jason Tyrrell	
		Erection of two storey building to provide office/reception and meeting room.

Letchworth Garden City

24/00736/FP	CarneySweeney Miss Rahma Dwimunali Brunel House, 2 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff, CF24 0EB	Morrisons Superstore Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3TS
	C/o Agent	
		Installation of EV charging zones, including the erection of sub-station enclosure, LV panel, meter cabinet and associated works.
24/00741/AD	ProLicht UK Limited Elizabeth Snook Suite 95, Greenway Business Centre, Harlow Business Park, Harlow, CM19 5QE, United Kingdom	Steven Eagell Toyota Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1EF
	Bryan Portsmouth	
		Remove existing signage and install new illuminated and non-illuminated Toyota brand signage.

Radwell Parish Meeting

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**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 12/04/2024
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24/00777/SO AXIS Mr Andrew Barton Land Off Newnham Road
Camellia House, 76 Water Lane, Newnham Road
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5BB Newnham
Hertfordshire

Balance Power Projects Ltd

Screening Opinion: Installation of Battery Energy Storage System with
associated infrastructure and access

Royston Town Council

24/00733/FPH Home Extension Team Miss Georgia 5C Green Drift
Hayes Royston
4 Brand Street, Hitchin, SG5 1HX, Hertfordshire
United Kingdom SG8 5DB

Mr & Mrs Smith

Single storey side extension.

Therfield Parish Council

24/00298/LDCLB Mr Anthony Fuller Brook Cottage
Brook Cottage, Dane End, Therfield, Dane End
Herts, SG89RH, United Kingdom Therfield
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 9RH

Mr Anthony Fuller

Erection of external flue.

WEST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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Great Ashby Community Council

24/00465/LDCP	Mr Mrs Kelly Nesbitt 18 Ryders Hill, Great Ashby, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 6BJ	18 Ryders Hill Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 6BJ Mr Mrs Kelly Nesbitt Single storey rear extension and insertion of rooflights. Alterations to fenestration to ground floor rear elevation to facilitate partial garage conversion
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Hitchin

24/00667/FPH	RTM Design Mr Richard Collin 27 St Andrews Close, Slip End, LU1 4DE	8 Ruskin Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0PN Mr & Mrs White Single storey side and rear extension; alterations to fenestration and provision of additional front parking spaces
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24/00679/FPH	Vision Structures Ltd Mr Nigel Hills 20, Watermans Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9RP, United Kingdom	8 The Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RQ	Mr & Mrs Townsend Insertion of rear L-shaped box dormer window and three front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion. Alterations to existing ground floor rear element to include raising wall/facia and insertion of oriel window. Insertion of rear solar panels to existing roofslope.
24/00680/FPH	G2 Architecture + Design Mr George Dobson Moat House, Brickendonbury Estate, Hertford, SG13 8NL, United Kingdom	19 Hensley Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9QF	Mr Premanand Achuthan Single storey front extension following demolition of existing porch. Alterations to existing detached rear garage to include raised roof height and alterations to fenestration to facilitate garage conversion into gym/storage
24/00698/FPH	Scott Associates LLP David Scott Cromer Farm, Whitehill, Cromer, SG2 7QA, United Kingdom	29 Dacre Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QJ	Mr. Richard Sally-Lower Single storey rear extension.
24/00709/S73	Ensen Design Mr Paul Emmerson 52 Minster Road, Royston, SG8 5EW, United Kingdom	35 Common Rise Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0HN	Mr Jonathan Fish Variation of Condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 23/02208/S73 granted 08.11.2023 for Erection of one pair of semi-detached 1-bed dwellings following demolition of existing workshop outbuilding.
24/00710/FPH	Rejig Homes Ltd Mr Abdul Haque 167 Heathfield Road, Hitchin, SG5 1TE	91 Common Rise Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0HP	Mr And Mrs Altham Erection of front open porch
24/00762/LDCP	Intouch Planning Ltd Mr James Gran 4 Ennismore Close, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 2SU	1 The Finches Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PB	Mr and Mrs Knight Insertion of obscured glazed first floor side window to existing two storey front extension.

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24/00769/LDCP	ArchiTech Ltd. Mr Richard Chambers 72 Lytton Avenue, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 3HY	121 Bearton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1UE Mr Jourdan and Miss Booton Insertion of rear L shaped box dormer window and two front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion
24/00784/TCA	Mr Steve Dear Steve Dear Tree Services Ltd Top Farm, Beadlow, Shefford, SG17 5PL, United Kingdom	Hitchin Girls School Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RS Mr Mark Collins T1 Malus - Reduce lateral spread all round by 2m, remove deadwood and sever ivy. T2 Beech - Reduce overhang to building by 3m, remove dead branch. T3 Sycamore - Remove deadwood. T4 Horse Chestnut - Reduce overall crown by 6m. T5 Horse Chestnut - Thin crown by 25% and install bracing system. T6 - Tag No 2449 - Horse Chestnut - Reduce overall crown by 5m T7 Beech - Reduce entire group to 2.5/3m. T8 Sycamore - Remove. T9 Sycamore - Remove. T10 Ash - Reduce overall crown by 4m. T11 Sycamore - Reduce overall crown by 7m.
24/00795/TPO	Mr Charlie Martinelli Cm Garden and Tree Care Ltd 239 Bullsmoore Lane, Enfield, EN1 4sb, United Kingdom	14 Symonds Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2JL Mr Charlie Martinelli Lime - Re pollard back to old points removing around 2m of growth
Holwell Parish Council		
24/00717/FP	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	Bramble Bank Bedford Road Holwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3RX Mr & Mrs Christopher & Leona Hitchings Erection of one detached dwelling including associated access drive, car parking, private garden and hard and soft landscaping following demolition of all existing detached structures.
Langley Parish Meeting		
24/00671/FP	Figment Architecture Ltd L Alexander 218 Shefford Road, Clifton, SG17 5QS, United Kingdom	Greenside London Road Langley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7PP Mr J Pateman Erection of six detached 4-bed dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling/outbuildings and builder yard buildings
Offley Parish Council		

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24/00665/FPH	RTM Design Mr Richard Collin 27 St Andrews Close, Slip End , LU14DE	21 Elmtree Avenue Cockernhoe Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8QA	Mr & Mrs Ward	Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear element
Pirton Parish Council				
23/02838/FP	RPS Group Adam Pyrke 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AB	Wrights Farm Shillington Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QJ	Ms Anna Mayers	Erection of 2 x 3-bed dwellings with detached single garages, 2 x 2-bed bungalows and conversion of Listed Barn into 1 x 4-bed dwelling with triple detached garage following demolition of existing farm buildings.
24/00553/FP	Charlotte Fausset Architect Charlotte Fausset 41 Bunyan Close, Pirton, Hitchin, Sg5 3re	15 Shillington Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QJ	Cole	Single storey side extension and alterations to window/door arrangement of existing dwelling. Erection of one detached 2-bed dwelling following demolition of existing outbuildings
24/00708/LBC	RPS Group Adam Pyrke 20 Farringdon St, London, EC4A 4AB, United Kingdom	Wrights Farm Shillington Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QJ	Ms Anna Mayers	Two storey extension and internal and external alterations to existing agricultural barn to facilitate conversion into one 4-bed dwelling.
St Ippolytts Parish Council				
24/00699/FPH	Chartered Architect Alan Duncan 56 High Street, Whitwell, Hertfordshire, SG4 8AG	41 Stevenage Road St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7PE	Mr Mark Bean	Erection of detached garage and workshop

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24/00701/FPH Your Plans UK Mr Harrison Eales 2 Orchard Close
Suite A2, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 St Ippolyts
3UN Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 7RH

Mrs Hollie Moffat

Two storey side extension.

St Pauls Walden Parish Council

23/02649/FP Mr Gireedhar Patil Land Opposite 24
Kelvin House, 123 Judd Street, High Street
WC1H 9NP, London Whitwell
Hertfordshire

Mr Gireedhar Patil

Installation of a VDSL Sidepod Cabinet -Retrospective

24/00750/LDCP Langley Planning & Design Ltd Mr Dower House
David Hewitt The Hoo
Copse Farm House, Brookshill Codicote Road
Drive, Harrow, HA3 6SB Whitwell
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 8HN

Maureen Pekenc

Single storey rear extension

Weston Parish Council

24/00661/FPH Mr Colin Eades Mr Colin Eades The Thatched Cottage
Rose Cottage,, High Street, Warrens Green Lane
Gosmore, HITCHIN, SG4 7QQ, Weston
United Kingdom Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 7ED

Mr Simon Cracknell

Part two storey and part single storey rear extension including balcony area and alterations to fenestration. Erection of detached double carport/garden store.

24/00662/LBC Mr Colin Eades Mr Colin Eades The Thatched Cottage
Rose Cottage,, High Street, Warrens Green Lane
Gosmore, HITCHIN, SG4 7QQ, Weston
United Kingdom Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 7ED

Mr Simon Cracknell

Part two storey and part single storey rear extension including balcony area. Insertion of ground floor window on North West elevation.

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

EAST TEAM

Application No: 23/00830/FP	Location: 38 Heathfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BN Applicant Name: Steve Saward 1418 Development & Consulting LTD Description: Erection of one single storey 3-bed residential dwelling following demolition of existing garage including alterations to existing vehicular access/driveway and associated works.	Appeal Decision: Appeal Dismissed Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 23/00949/FP	Location: Land Adjacent To 48 Hitchin Road Weston Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Mr Fursland Description: Erection of one detached 4-bed dwelling to include garage in basement, landscaping and creation of vehicular access onto Hitchin Road.	Appeal Decision: Appeal Dismissed Decision Date: 05/04/2024
Application No: 23/002324/FP	Location: Land To The Rear Of 33 The Sycamores Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5BJ Applicant Name: 3 Counties Land Ltd Description: Erection of 2no. detached 3-bed, two storey chalet style dwellings. Vehicular access onto the highway at Norton Road (as amended by plans received 2nd and 3rd April 2024).	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00028/FPH	Location: Wheelers Plat Fore Street Weston Hertfordshire SG4 7AS Applicant Name: Dr Cockburn Description: Erection of detached triple carport and garden room	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 08/04/2024
Application No: 24/00075/LDCP	Location: 23 St Marys Park Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7XB Applicant Name: Oliver Dupuy Description: Rebuild eastern boundary wall incorporating entrance gate and associated pillars.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00096/FP	Location: Munches Farm Cumberlow Green Clothall Road Clothall Hertfordshire SG7 6RN Applicant Name: Messrs Mackay Description: Single storey side extension of existing agricultural shed for housing of grainstore generator and extension of grainstore apron.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00177/FPH	Location: 45 Lammas Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4LN Applicant Name: Dr Celia Pontin Description: Erection of single storey office/outbuilding to rear garden.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 04/04/2024
Application No: 24/00191/FPH	Location: 1 Salisbury Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5BY Applicant Name: Ms Gemma Luck Description: External lime render to front wall.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 08/04/2024
Application No: 24/00226/FP	Location: Letchworth Power Dunhams Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1JH Applicant Name: Mr Ben Wallace AMP Energy Services Ltd Description: Erection and operation of energy storage facility and associated equipment..	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024

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Application No: 24/00264/FPH	Location: 14 Siskin Close Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7XX Applicant Name: Ms Fran Foster Description: Single storey rear extension	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 04/04/2024
Application No: 24/00328/FPH	Location: 2 Frays Cottages Damask Green Road Weston Hertfordshire SG4 7DD Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Martin Brace Description: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00342/FPH	Location: The Haven Mill Lane Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7AJ Applicant Name: Ms Helen Amey Description: Single storey rear extension, insertion of rooflights to existing front and rear roofslopes; alterations to side fenestration and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing single storey rear element and detached garage.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00374/FPH	Location: The Old Bell Bell Lane Nuthampstead Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8ND Applicant Name: Mr Matthew Johnson Description: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 05/04/2024
Application No: 24/00383/FPH	Location: The Willows Roe Green Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0QE Applicant Name: Mr and Mrs Chase Description: Single storey rear extension, cladding/brickwork and insertion of rooflights, door and windows to existing car port to facilitate conversion into ancillary accommodation, home office and store, and single storey side extension to main dwelling to provide attached garage following demolition of existing detached garage.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00395/FPH	Location: 8 Burnell Rise Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3RN Applicant Name: Mr Lee Varley Description: Single storey side and rear extensions, alterations to fenestration to include insertion of first floor front window and alteration to rooflight of existing side roofslope and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing detached outbuilding (as amended by plans received on 26/03/2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 08/04/2024
Application No: 24/00419/LDCE	Location: Fontley Halls Green Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7DU Applicant Name: Mr And Mrs Michael Lucie Anderson Wood Description: Continued use of premises as wood recycling yard [Manufacture/storage/distribution].	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00422/FPH	Location: 57 Lytton Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HY Applicant Name: Mr and Mrs Tomlin Description: Erection of rear orangery following demolition of existing rear conservatory.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00450/TCA	Location: 5 Greenbury Close Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8DS Applicant Name: Mrs Lois Burgess First Garden Cities Homes Ltd Description: T150-Robinia-Crown reduce all round by 2-3 metres. T155-Filed Maple-Crown reduce all round by 3 metres. T156-Field Maple-Crown reduce all round by 3 metres. T157-Horse Chestnut-Re-pollard T158-Horse Chestnut-Re-pollard	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 09/04/2024

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Application No: 24/00475/TPO **Location:** 1 Manor Farm Cottages Wymondley Road Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AH **Decision:** Conditional Consent
Applicant Name: Simrn Gill **Decision Date:** 09/04/2024
Description:T1 - Lift the lower branches/epicormic on the stem of the tree up to where the tree splits into two stems. Reduce the height of the tree by 2-3 metres and bring in all the sides to match balancing the crown cutting to viable growth (as amended by email of 09/04/2024).

Application No: 24/00477/LDCP **Location:** 7 Farm Close Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4PD **Decision:** Granted Permission
Applicant Name: Mr Berry **Decision Date:** 09/04/2024
Description:Insertion of rooflights to existing front roofslope and box dormer with Juliette balcony to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation.

Application No: 24/00526/DOC **Location:** Marshfield Barn New Inn Road Hinxworth Hertfordshire SG7 5HB **Decision:** Approval of Details
Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Jones **Decision Date:** 10/04/2024
Description:Details reserved by Condition 3 (Cycle parking) of prior approval application reference 22/00547/PNQ given on 19.04.2022.

Application No: 24/00547/TCA **Location:** 25 Kingsland Way Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5PX **Decision:** No Objection
Applicant Name: Mrs Debbie Armstrong **Decision Date:** 10/04/2024
Description:Cherry - Reduce by up to 1m (as amended by plan received on 15/03/2024).

Application No: 24/00557/DOC **Location:** Marshfield Barn New Inn Road Hinxworth Hertfordshire SG7 5HB **Decision:** Approval of Details
Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Jones **Decision Date:** 10/04/2024
Description:Details reserved by Condition 4 (Preliminary risk assessment) of prior approval application reference 22/00547/PNQ given on 19.04.2022.

Application No: 24/00560/TCA **Location:** 1 Manor Farm Cottages Wymondley Road Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AH **Decision:** No Objection
Applicant Name: Simrn Gill **Decision Date:** 09/04/2024
Description:G1 - 3 x Beech, Pine, Silver Birch - Group of small trees hanging over the wall from the neighbouring property. Cut back to the boundary line.

Application No: 24/00621/EC **Location:** Various Locations In Baldock **Decision:** No Objection
Applicant Name: Avinash Avutu <Avinash.Avutu@virginmediao2.co.uk> **Decision Date:** 05/04/2024
Description:Installation of Equipment Cabinets

Application No: 24/00622/EC **Location:** Various Locations In Letchworth **Decision:** No Objection
Applicant Name: Avinash Avutu Virgin media **Decision Date:** 05/04/2024
Description:Installation of Equipment Cabinets

Application No: 24/00778/EC **Location:** Land Adjacent To The Laurels Fore Street Weston Hertfordshire SG4 7AS **Decision:** No Objection
Applicant Name: Openreach Sri Vaishnavi Potla **Decision Date:** 10/04/2024
Description:Installation of one pole.

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Application No: 23/01446/FP **Location:** 1 Pirton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2BD **Decision:** Conditional Permission
Applicant Name: Henry TDC New Homes Ltd. TDC New Homes Ltd. **Decision Date:** 05/04/2024
Description:Residential development comprising of 9 flats (1 x 1-bed and 8 x 2-bed) together with vehicular and pedestrian access following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. (Amended plans received 30/01/24 and 11/03/24).

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Application No: 23/02169/DOC	Location: Former The Foundry Stevenage Road St Ippolyts Hertfordshire SG4 7NU Applicant Name: Jarvis Homes Ltd Description: Details reserved by condition 15 (Contamination) of planning permission reference no. 22/00754/FP granted 05.09.2023	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 23/02591/FPH	Location: The Beeches 6A Priory Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9BH Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Daniel & Lucy Fisher Description: Two storey side extension for use as gym/home office/storeroom, single storey rear infill extension, render to side and alterations to front porch following demolition of existing garage (as amplified by plans received on 21 February 2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00102/FP	Location: Keynes House Tilehouse Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2DW Applicant Name: Marie Harrison Axis@Work Ltd Description: Installation of louvres on east, south and west elevations (as amended by colour details received by email on 04/04/2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 05/04/2024
Application No: 24/00133/FPH	Location: 6 Wymondley Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PH Applicant Name: Mr Al Jarratt Description: 24/00287/FPH Replacement front brick wall and widening of existing vehicular access	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00150/ADJ	Location: Land Off London Road Woolmer Green Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6JZ Applicant Name: Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Description: Outline planning application for the erection of up to 150 residential dwellings with the provision of affordable housing, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point. All matters reserved except for means of access NORTH HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL: ADJACENT AUTHORITY : CONSULTEE ONLY	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 08/04/2024
Application No: 24/00233/FPH	Location: 60 Ninesprings Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NU Applicant Name: Mrs Laura Sabri Description: Single storey rear extension to existing garage and alterations to existing garage roof and fenestration to facilitate the conversion of garage to self-contained 1-bed annexe ancillary to main dwelling.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00256/FPH	Location: 1 Passingham Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LA Applicant Name: Mrs Stephanie Smith Description: Replacement fence to side (South/West) and rear boundary.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00257/FPH	Location: 33 Royal Oak Lane Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QT Applicant Name: Mrs Elizabeth Daly Description: Single storey side and rear extensions following demolition of existing conservatory and attached single garage.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00260/S73	Location: Walnut Tree Farm 21 Walnut Tree Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3PX Applicant Name: Mr Cole Description: Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 21/02604/FPH granted on 01.03.2023 for erection of detached garden shed/greenhouse (as amended by plan received 3rd April 2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 04/04/2024

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Application No: 24/00262/FPH	Location: 75 Wellingham Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2UN Applicant Name: Mr Lazaris Agathocoli Description: Alterations to fenestration to existing detached garage following removal of existing garage doors to facilitate the conversion of garage to self-contained 1-bed annexe ancillary to main dwelling.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00266/S73	Location: 35 Brampton Park Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XF Applicant Name: Mr and Mrs Sawyer Description: Variation of Condition 2 (Revised plans) of planning permission reference 22/01079/FPH granted on 22.08.2022 to Raise existing roof ridge height to create accommodation at first floor level and ground floor extensions and alterations.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 05/04/2024
Application No: 24/00283/FPH	Location: 25 Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RE Applicant Name: Mr Robert Adds Description: Replacement of two wooden sash windows on front elevation with heritage style uPVC windows	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00287/FPH	Location: 201 Stevenage Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9EA Applicant Name: Mr & Ms Salem-Khan and Yearsley Description: Alterations to existing dropped kerb.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00327/FPH	Location: 1 Lodge Temple Dinsley St Albans Highway Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7RU Applicant Name: Mr Paul Purdham Description: Single storey front and side extension following demolition of existing front/side element	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00350/FPH	Location: 1 Riddy Hill Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LE Applicant Name: McKenzie Description: Single storey front/side extension (as amended by plans received on 15/03/2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00356/LDCP	Location: 23A Bearton Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1NZ Applicant Name: Ms Cherubini & Mr McQuilton Description: Conversion of garage to create store/utility room and alterations to ground floor fenestration	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 05/04/2024
Application No: 24/00361/FPH	Location: 52 Balmoral Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XQ Applicant Name: Mrs Sinead Hall - Description: Alterations to existing single storey rear extension roof and insertion of first floor side windows. Single storey detached 1-bed annexe ancillary to main dwelling following alterations of existing garage. Alterations to fenestration.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00367/TCA	Location: 4 St Marys Close Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3RG Applicant Name: Mr James Rose J R Countryside Services Description: Cedar - Remove	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00382/LDCP	Location: 7 Gun Road Gardens Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6ED Applicant Name: Mr & Ms M & H Pearcey/Bryceland Description: Erection of detached garage	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024

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Application No: 24/00388/S73	Location: Nup End Nup End Old Knebworth Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6QJ Applicant Name: Bly BLY Developments Description: Variation of condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 22/02706/FP granted 21.12.2022 for erection of general purpose agricultural building.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00414/FPH	Location: 71 Arlesey Road Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3TG Applicant Name: Ms Isaacs Description: Two storey side extension and front porch extension following demolition of existing conservatory (as amended by plans received 9 April 2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00421/FPH	Location: 8 Hill View Whitwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8AX Applicant Name: Mr Ruggiero - Cakir Description: Replacement flat roof to existing single storey rear extension including external render and alterations to fenestration	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 08/04/2024
Application No: 24/00435/PIP	Location: 64 Pondcroft Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6DE Applicant Name: Mr B Retkin Description: Erection of two detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 05/04/2024
Application No: 24/00451/TCA	Location: 26 The Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RJ Applicant Name: Leal-Bennett Description: T1 Beech - Fell. T2 Common Horse Chestnut - Fell	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00453/FPH	Location: 13 Canham Close Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8SD Applicant Name: Mr Oliver Lawrence Description: Infill extension and alterations to roof and fenestration of existing rear conservatory.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 05/04/2024
Application No: 24/00466/FPH	Location: Glebe Lodge Pirton Road Holwell Hertfordshire SG5 3SS Applicant Name: Ms Robyn Owst Description: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing boiler cupboard and detached garage/workshop. Erection of detached double garage and shed/workshop. External render and cladding and alterations to fenestration.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00518/NCS	Location: 11 Hampden Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0LD Applicant Name: Mr Pickering and Ms Tomkins Description: Single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory with the following dimension: Length (measured from rear wall of original house) - 4.5 metres	Decision: Prior Approval Refused Decision Date: 09/04/2024
Application No: 24/00564/TCA	Location: Communal Car Parking Area Silver Court Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1GB Applicant Name: Ms Lois Gumm Lois Gumm Description: T1: Sorbus - Reduce by approx. 25% to suitable growth points.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 10/04/2024
Application No: 24/00567/TCA	Location: Caulfield Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RE Applicant Name: Hatfield Description: T1 Holly - Reduce up to 20% and shape	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 09/04/2024

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Application No: 24/00568/LDCP	Location: 1 Acre Piece Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9HJ Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs R Taaffe Description: Insertion of side facing flat roof dormer window and rooflights into existing side roofslope to facilitate loft conversion. Alterations to existing rear ground floor roof and openings. Proposed materials: Tiles to match roof to dormer, flat roof to dormer, plain roof tiles to pitched roof, UPVC windows and roof lights.	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 04/04/2024
Application No: 24/00623/EC	Location: Various Locations In Hitchin Applicant Name: Avinash Avutu Virgin media Description: Installation of Equipment Cabinets	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 05/04/2024

PRESS RELEASE

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11 April 2024

Free leisure memberships for those with Parkinson's

Leisure centres across North Herts are set to offer free memberships to people who

North Herts Leisure Centre, Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre, Fearnhill Sports Centre and Royston Leisure Centre, run by award-winning operator Everyone Active (EA) in partnership with North Herts Council, offer the initiative co-designed with the charity Parkinson's UK.

The free membership gives access to gym, swim, and group exercise classes, as well as online Synergy Dance classes, and up to three carers to provide support if needed. John Molyneux of Molyfit has been commissioned by Herts Sport & Physical Activity Partnership to provide expert advice to EA personal trainers on how they can support those with Parkinson's in a gym environment.

Currently, Everyone Active is supporting over 3,000 individuals across Hertfordshire with Parkinson's, a number which is only growing, mirroring the global trend of the condition's escalation. Parkinson's is the fastest-growing neurological condition in the world and there is currently no cure. It affects around 145,000 people in the UK and there are more than 40 symptoms, from tremor and pain to anxiety. Being physically active can play an important role in living well with Parkinson's. Those living with the condition can find various activities, such as swimming, walking and dance, beneficial in managing their symptoms.

Gary Abrams from Royston, was diagnosed with Parkinson's nine years ago. He said: "It's definitely worth joining, all the exercises are specific to those with Parkinson's and they're different to what I'm used to so it's great to do something new which I know will be of benefit to my symptoms and general wellbeing."

Chris Williams, Everyone Active's Area Contract Manager, said: "We are immensely proud to be partnering with Parkinson's UK, and truly believe the membership will make a real difference to the lives of those living with the condition and their carers."

Sarah Kingsley, Service Director for Place at North Herts Council, said: "This is a fantastic scheme helping those in the district living with Parkinson's. A regular exercise programme can really help manage physical symptoms and improve mental health, and importantly their carers can join and support them."

Tom Ingram, Corporate Partnerships Manager at Parkinson's UK, added: "Developing a regular physical activity habit can make a person feel more in control when living with the condition. Quality of life can be enhanced, and independence and confidence maintained."

For further information or to join, please visit: [Parkinson's - Everyone Active](#)

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PRESS RELEASE

PR 3847

11 April 2024

Need photo ID to vote? Get it now!

If you don't have an accepted form of photographic identification, and want to vote in person on Thursday 2 May, you need to apply for free voter ID, officially known as a 'Voter Authority Certificate', by **5pm on Wednesday 24 April**.

You can apply online: [Voter Authority Certificate – GOV.UK](#), or by completing a paper form available from the main council offices in Gernon Road, Letchworth. The form will require a photo, your full name, date of birth, the address at which you are registered to vote and your National Insurance number.

This year is the first time North Herts will have ['all-out' elections](#), meaning all district councillors will be elected at the same time. The next election will be in 2028, and every four years after that. In addition there is also the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner election happening on 2 May.

You do not need to apply for photo ID if you already have an accepted form of ID which includes:

- A permanent Voter Authority Certificate from last year
- UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport
- UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers' licence (including a provisional drivers' licence)
- Blue Badge (disabled parking permit)
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card).

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website: [Accepted forms of photo ID](#).

Melanie Stimpson, North Herts Council's Returning Officer, said: "You will need to show photo ID to vote in this year's elections on Thursday 2 May. You will only need to show one original form of photo ID and photocopies will not be accepted. You can still use photo ID if it's out of date, as long as the photo still looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote."

Those who voted last year will be familiar with showing photo ID in a polling station, but if you're not you can watch our [video to see what it will be like showing your ID](#) to vote in May.

Registering to vote

If you want to vote on 2 May, but have never registered to vote before, have moved house or changed your name, you must apply by **11.59pm on Tuesday 16 April**.

Melanie added: "As usual, anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to [register to vote online](#) with your National Insurance number. Please register to vote first, and then apply for your photo ID if necessary. If you haven't registered to vote, don't have photo ID and have not applied for a free Voter Authority Certificate by the required deadlines you will not be able to vote – don't lose out on your chance to have your say!"

The requirement to show photo ID at a polling station was introduced by the government's Elections Act passed in 2022. It also applies to general elections, the next of which is scheduled to be held no later than 28 January 2025.

Do you know where your polling station is?

Please be aware that your polling station may have changed since the last election following a recent review of polling districts and places. Please make sure you check your poll card as this will detail your polling station for the forthcoming elections. Alternatively, you can use our online polling station finder tool: www.north-herts.gov.uk/polling-stations

More information: [Current elections and councillor vacancies | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)

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