

## NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING 1 JULY 2022

# MEMBERS' INFORMATION

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# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## AGENDA & REPORTS

### PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 27 JUNE 2022

None

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 4 JULY 2022

None

### CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 4 JULY 2022

Date	Event	Location
Thursday 7 July 2022, 7.00pm	Special Constable Attestation Ceremony	Herts Constabulary, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City
Friday 8 July 2022, 9.15am	Herts School Games – County Finals and Celebration Event	Oaklands College, Smallford Campus, St Albans
Sunday 10 July 2022, 1.30pm	Herts Big Hit Celebration Event	Hertfordshire Sports Village, University of Hertfordshire

### VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 4 JULY 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

### OTHER EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 4 JULY 2022

Date	Event	Location

**PLACE**

# **MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE**

## **Annual ‘walk abouts’**

The shared waste service team will be implementing a programme of annual ‘walk abouts’ for each major town and other hotspot areas. This will include a walk along a number of roads in the town centre vicinity.

We would like to invite local councillors along to enable you to see what we do and how we assess the cleansing standards across the district. This will give councillors the opportunity to raise specific queries or concerns regarding areas within their ward and understand some of the difficulties our contractor faces.

Please see below a list of dates, locations and meet times for the walkabout:-

**Royston** :- 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10am, Town hall car park

**Baldock**:- 30<sup>th</sup> June 1pm, High Street o/s Chapmans Butchers

**Knebworth**:- 1st July at 10am, St Martin’s Way Car park

**Letchworth**:- 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10am, Leys Avenue o/s Esquires (by fountain)

**Hitchin**:- 8<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm, Market Square o/s Pitch & piano

If you like to join us, please email us at [wasteandrecycling@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:wasteandrecycling@north-herts.gov.uk) so that we can keep you up to date with any last minute changes in the event of inclement weather.

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## Community Engagement Executive Member briefing – June 2022

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### Community Protection

#### Health and Wellbeing (inc. healthy hub) and Safeguarding

- The Healthy Hub drop-ins in Royston, Hitchin and Letchworth are now scheduled to the end of October 2022. Attendance figures in all locations are continuing to rise with many Royston and Letchworth sessions fully booked. Activities for families remain more popular than for adults, although bookings all round are increasing. Further information can be found [here](#).
- Tea parties have taken place in partnership with Knebworth Link Up, settle owned Girton Court and North Herts 50+ forum and have supported nearly 90 residents.
- £50k from the Health Protection Board Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) continues to support wellbeing projects in 2022/23 including jubilee celebrations for older people, seated and low impact exercise, peer mentoring for young families and food education for carers.
- The team has been supporting the British Nutrition Foundation's campaign 'Healthy Eating Week' with a number of [Food education sessions](#) being delivered across the district.
- A Health and Wellbeing Apprentice will be joining the team early August.
- 17 internal training courses and over 300 invites are now being coordinated to ensure all staff who are due safeguarding refresher training in 2022 are booked on.
- A Place Based Health Inequalities project part funded by Herts County Council is supporting us to identify local health inequalities and work closer with the primary care networks.

#### Community safety

- Windmill Hill, Hitchin has seen an increase in ASB. Work has been undertaken by police, NHC and John O'Connor to improve a wooded area by removing drug paraphernalia, cutting back dead undergrowth and 'laying' the cutback tin areas where Anti-social individuals gathered. Feedback from police is so far positive.
- A meeting has been arranged with partner agencies to see what can be done regarding an upsurge in ASB Hitchin Market.
- Common Rise in Hitchin have reported concerns over ASB. Meeting held with residents and a site visit conducted to see if any improvements to the area can be made
- Following safety improvements at Norton Common Bowls Club the number of reported incidents have dropped and there have been no issues at Howard Park Gardens.

### Policy & Community Engagement

Throughout May and June, the team have been busy with ongoing Community and Member support in addition to attending Committee meetings and working on youth engagement.

- Area Committee meetings and Town Talks.
- The Corporate Policy Team have been working on updating the Council's Corporate Equality Strategy. This outlines the Council's objectives and commitments to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Presentation at Members Induction as well as engaging with new Members.
- Support of various events/meetings and sign posting to external funding within the District including Westmill MUGA, Royston May Fayre, Barkway Village Market, Baldock Big Lunch, Remembrance Service, Ashwell Fun Run, North Herts Arts & Culture Network, Hitchin Eco Day, Jubilee events, Climate Change Briefing, North Herts Youth Action Network, Tractors on Christmas Lights Tour and Letchworth Colour Run.
- The Corporate Policy Team have been finalising the Draft Annual Governance Statement Leadership self-assessment. This reviews the Council's Activities against CIPFA Local Code of Corporate Governance.
- Liaising with NHCVS and SBC re Diversity Event.
- The first climate change officers group took place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This meeting intends to capture and guide service-level activity in relation to climate change, environment, and sustainability as well as identify mechanisms and opportunities to mitigate the carbon impacts that arise from the delivery of Council services and duties.
- The Policy Team are assessing the Council's carbon emissions to establish a baseline to measure progress in reducing our emissions.
- Officers covering Southern Rural and Letchworth engaging with various groups in their new roles.
- Green and Growing Network and Jackmans Network relaunched.
- Obtaining and advising groups regarding Health Protection Board (HPB) funds and giving Food Provision groups supermarket vouchers via the Household Support Fund (HSF2).
- Supporting the election.
- Working with Royston First and NHC Waste Team to tackle problem litter sites within Royston Town Centre.
- Team have attended various training courses and seminars including: Mental Health & Hoarding, State of Strategic Relationships with VCS Organisations – LGA, Productivity Ninja, and GDPR.

### Democratic Services

#### Committee Services

- Getting back into the regular schedule of meetings with Cabinet, Planning and Full Council as well as a round of area committees upcoming.
- With approval from the Member Learning & Development Champions we will be collecting feedback from Members on their experience of the training sessions put on as part of Induction Week and in the last few weeks which have included sessions on Overview & Scrutiny Skills, Planning and Strategic Finance.
- The team will be welcoming a new starter on 27<sup>th</sup> June to fill the vacant CMSO post.

#### Electoral Services

- The Electoral Services Officer post has been offered and accepted – a date to commence has yet to be agreed.
- Some outstanding Candidate Expenses which the Team is chasing – these have to be completed whether the election was contested or not.
- Preparations have commenced regarding the Annual Household Canvass.
- Finally received the second observations from the Cabinet Office in respect of the 2019 Parliamentary claim, which we now need to consider and respond.

**RIPA QUARTERLY UPDATE  
2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2022/23  
(LEGAL & COMMUNITY)**

# **MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE**

## **RIPA Quarterly Update**

Members may recall that it was considered that quarterly reports should be made to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, even though RIPA is not currently being used, as this provided a useful mechanism to ensure that the issue of RIPA remained in the consciousness of Members (and Officers).

Due to the continued non-use of RIPA, it was felt by some members that this method of reporting was not the best use of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's time, and following advice from the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office, the Council shall now be reporting on the issue of RIPA via quarterly inclusion in MIS.

There have been no further RIPA authorisations since the last MIS note in March 2022. There are currently no ongoing RIPA authorisations.

It is important that the Council continues to operate in accordance with RIPA to ensure that it is able to effectively manage its reputational risk whilst also exercising its legitimate evidence gathering powers in connection with enforcement activity.

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## RESOURCES

# MEMBERS

# INFORMATION NOTE

### **Nominations to the Asset of Community Value register**

Under the Assets of Community Value (Community Right to Bid) we may receive nominations to list assets within our District, whether they are NHDC owned or not. When a valid nomination is received, we will inform all Councillors.

Subsequently we will also notify Councillors of whether the listing nomination was successful or not.

This note is to confirm that we have received a nomination, under the Localism Act, from Highbury Community Group for The Half Moon PH, 57 Queen Street, Hitchin, Herts. SG4 9TZ.

If a nomination for an asset is accepted, no further actions are taken until such time as the asset is to be put up for sale (or for disposal by a long lease).

If you have any queries regarding the interpretation of the "Right to Bid", please contact Douglas Traill-Stevenson in Legal Services

I would be very grateful for any comments you may have on this nomination by 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### **Background:**

The Dept of Communities & Local Government states that the initial requirements for a valid nomination are:

- A) a description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries for the purposes of the nomination.
- B) any information the nominator has about the freeholders, leaseholders and current occupants of the site.
- C) the reasons for nominating the asset, explaining why the nominator believes the asset meets the definition.
- D) the nominator's eligibility to make the nomination.

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## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: *PLACE*

### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

- 1.1 To use Butts Close, Hitchin as an overflow car park as a one-off event for the Hitchin v Luton Town Football match to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 from 17:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs.
- 1.2 This event will only take place if Covid restrictions permit these activities, at the time of the event. Consequently, the event organisers are aware that this event may need to be cancelled at short notice

### **2. DECISION TAKER**

- 2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

### **3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

- 3.1 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

- 4.1 To support the organisers to provide an event for the whole community and to help manage any impact of car parking upon residents which includes the opening of the Lairage Car Park Hitchin until 10pm.

### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. Other locations have been considered by the organisers that are outside North Herts.

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

- 6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in Property Services and 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 known financial risks to NHC.

**11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no risk implications. However, risk assessments have been considered to endeavour that this is a covid 19 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 the actions.

**15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

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

**16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16.1 Application form and supporting document

**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None

**NOTIFICATION DATE - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Signature of Executive Member Consulted .....Not Applicable.....**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Signature of Decision Taker .....  .....**

**Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.**

**RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**SERVICE DIRECTORATE: REGULATORY**

**1. DECISION TAKEN**

- 1.1 The allocation of £80.7k of Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities funding to permanently increase the working hours of two part-time staff in order to provide staffing stability to the Council's Housing Service.

**2. DECISION TAKER**

- 2.1 Ian Fullstone, Service Director – Regulatory

**3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

- 3.1 28 June 2022

**4. REASON FOR DECISION**

- 4.1 The Council has received funding of just under £340k from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for 2022/23 to enable it to manage homelessness pressures and support those at risk of homelessness.
- 4.2 As the recovery from the pandemic continues, the demand for housing services remains high. The funding proposals in this report seek to introduce permanent increases to the working hours of two part-time staff that will provide more staff capacity and overall stability for the service in the immediate future.

**5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 None.

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

- 6.1 The Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, Cllr Sean Prendergast, and Cllr Alistair Willoughby the Deputy Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, have both been consulted and are supportive of this decision.
- 6.2 The Council's Leadership Team considered and supported a business case for the proposals contained in this report at its meeting on 27 June 2022.

**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 Throughout the course of the pandemic, there has been a high demand for housing services and there is a risk of this increasing further due to the emerging cost of living crisis. The proposals in this report will provide more staffing resilience and stability in certain areas of activity in order to help manage many front-line areas of work, including:

- A large increase in homeless approaches from single people, many of whom have complex needs (offending behaviour, substance misuse, poor mental health etc) that need to be supported/managed, including a lengthy referral processes for specialist services and accommodation support providers
- Applications for social housing have increased by 20% with a corresponding uplift in medical applications for assessment/processing and review decisions challenging negative outcomes
- An increase in National Anti-Fraud Network checks
- Processing/checking of housing applications for new housing sites with specific planning eligibility requirements and relets with local letting conditions that require individual scrutiny
- Identifying/prioritising applicants on shortlists, awarded preference for specific properties eg those requiring ground floor accommodation that require individual assessment

A small amount of the extra staffing capacity will be directed at the production of housing strategies/policies type activity with the postholder also leading on service analysis, informing the deployment of resources, corporate bulletins and DLUHC funding bids amongst many other important functions.

8.2 The benefits of these proposals include:

- Good customer service
- More efficient case management, with less risk of the volume for individual staff members becoming unmanageable
- More focus on homelessness prevention/relief activity to maintain demand for temporary accommodation within tolerable levels
- Continued focus on minimising hotel use whenever possible
- Proactive (rather than reactive) short- and longer-term service planning

8.3 The DLUHC has awarded the Council just under £340k of Homelessness Prevention Grant for 2022/23 to help it manage homelessness pressures and support those at the risk of homelessness. The proposals contained in this report are consistent with DLUHC's funding conditions.

8.4 The proposed allocation of £80.7k for these proposals represent five years' worth of additional staff cost that will be set aside on the understanding that any future staffing costs will be found within structural changes and/or available funding streams within/at the end of this five-year period.

## 9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Local authorities' homelessness duties are contained within the Housing Act 1996 Part VII, as amended by the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 which placed significant new duties on English local housing authorities.

9.2 When agreeing the Adoption of a new Housing Strategy (2019-2024) in March 2019, the Cabinet also resolved the following:

*In the event the MHCLG provides homelessness funding beyond the financial year 2019/20, the Cabinet authorises the Service Director – Regulatory, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, to decide on the specific allocation of the funds in order to meet homelessness priorities, for the duration of the Strategy.*

## 10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The cost of the proposal in this report (of £80.7k) would be funded from the Council's 2022/23 allocation of Homelessness Prevention Grant, which totals just under £340k.

10.2 There are no specific capital implications.

**11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There is a risk that case officers are asked to manage a high volume of initial general contacts, leading to a lack of preventative casework, higher levels of homelessness and increased numbers in temporary accommodation, including hotel placements.

**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 There are no equalities implications arising as a result of this report.

**13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this decision.

**14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

15.1 Should this proposal be agreed, the employment contracts of the two staff members will be reissued to reflect their new working hours.

**16. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16.1 None.

**17. APPENDICES**

17.1 None.

**NOTIFICATION DATE:**

**Signature of Executive Member Consulted:** 

**Date: 28 June 2022**

**Signature of Decision Taker:**



**Service Director - Regulatory**

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**Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

**EAST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
<b>Ashwell Parish Council</b>		
22/01326/FPH	Neil Gaskell Architects Mr Neil Gaskell 37 Whitehorse St, Baldock, SG7 6QF, United Kingdom	91 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NT  Mr A Walsh  Single storey rear extension, erection of detached store and erection of rear garden boundary wall following demolition of existing detached outhouses.
22/01327/LBC	Neil Gaskell Architects Mr Neil Gaskell 37 Whitehorse St, Baldock, SG7 6QF, United Kingdom	91 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NT  Mr A Walsh  Single storey rear extension, erection of detached store and erection of rear garden boundary wall following demolition of existing detached outhouses.
22/01395/TD	Dot Surveying Ltd Mr Tom Gallivan 14 Inverleith Place, Edinburgh, EH3 5PZ	Land Opposite 41 Ashwell Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5QT  Gallivan  Proposed 5G telecoms installation including H3G high street pole c/w wrap-around cabinet and 3 further additional equipment cabinets.
<b>Baldock</b>		
22/01328/FPH	Mr Damien Poulter Damien Poulter 9 Bakers Grove, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2DJ, United Kingdom	57 Weston Way Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6EZ  Mr Nigel Piggott  Single storey rear extension
<b>Barley Parish Council</b>		
22/01380/TCA	John Hewson Willowdown, Smiths End Lane, Barley, SG8 8LH	Willowdown Smiths End Lane Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8LH  John Hewson  T1 Ash - Lift and reduce the crown by 3.5 m over the road and 2m over the garden plus remove any major dead wood
<b>Letchworth Garden City</b>		

22/01233/LDCLB	Mrs Ellen Barnes 29 Norton Way North, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 1BX	29 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BX	Mrs Ellen Barnes	Existing painted hardwood timber dormer window frame on north (side) elevation replaced like-for-like with salvaged existing leaded lights re-used in the new frame.
22/01276/FPH	Aria Design Mr Alan Hawkes 90 Chertsey Rise, Stevenage, Herts, SG2 9JL	22 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BX	Mr Julian Lucas	Part two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing outbuildings
22/01339/FP	Adcock Associates Mr Graham Adcock Elita House, Birmingham Road, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 0AQ, United Kingdom	Jackmans Service Station Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2EJ	Motor Fuel Group Ltd	Installation of self-service car wash bay
22/01341/FPH	Miss Poppy Hursey Miss Poppy Hursey 16 Freman Drive, Buntingford, SG9 9TD, United Kingdom	61 Lawrence Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2EZ	Ms Tara Baker	Single storey rear infill extension and roof alterations to existing garage to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation.
22/01344/AD	Technical Signs Miss Natalie Long Hille Business Centre, 132 St Albans Road, Watford, WD24 4AE, United Kingdom	The Three Horseshoes 102 Norton Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AG	MR JACK ROBSON	Erection of 3 sets of externally illuminated fascia text to replace existing, and erection of 2 externally illuminated post mounted signs to replace existing. Repainting external walls, doors and windowframes.
22/01345/LBC	Technical Signs Miss Natalie Long Hille Business Centre, 132 St Albans Road, Watford, WD24 4AE, United Kingdom	The Three Horseshoes 102 Norton Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AG	MR JACK ROBSON	Erection of 3 sets of externally illuminated fascia text to replace existing, and erection of 2 externally illuminated post mounted signs to replace existing. Repainting external walls, doors and windowframes.

22/01347/FP	Pentangle Design Group Mr Jonathan Read Suite 1, 21 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1JW, United Kingdom	10 Station Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3AU	Mr Mandeep Basra	Erection of boundary wall, railing and sliding gates.
22/01352/FPH	A.T. Design (Welwyn) Ltd Mr Adam Trigg 30C High Street, Welwyn, AL6 9EQ	44 Lordship Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2BL	Mr Lee Trevi	Single storey rear extension, replace existing attached garage door with a window to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and first floor extension over existing side elevation garage following demolition of existing rear conservatory.
22/01371/LDCP	Extend Mr Dave Pucknell 68 Queen Street, Hitchin, Herts., SG4 9TS	58 Waysbrook Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2DR	Mr Albon	Single storey rear extension and replace existing rear elevation extension flat roof with a pitched roof following demolition of existing rear conservatory.
22/01372/FPH	ArchiTech Ltd. Mr Richard Chambers 72 Lytton Avenue, Letchworth, SG6 3HY, United Kingdom	15 Crabtree Dell Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2TJ	Mr and Mrs Patch	Erection of front porch and single storey rear extension (as a resubmission of planning permission 22/00193/FPH granted on 15.03.2022).
22/01379/TCA	Mrs Karen Bliss Norton Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1AG, Hertfordshire	Norton St Nicholas C Of E (va) Primary School Norton Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AG	Mrs Karen Bliss	Ash, Holly - Remove
22/01421/TCA	Mr Alan Randall The Blue Tree Company 17 Shefford Road, Clifton, SG17 5RG	22 Sollersholt West Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PX	Anderson	T1 Cedar - Reduce the lower side limbs by up to 2.5 m and thin the upper Crown by up to 30%, removed dead wood

22/01257/FPH	Mr Roy Rowe Mr Roy Rowe 148 High Street, Barkway, Herts, SG8 8EG	6 Sorrel Close Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9TL	Mrs Claire Poolman	Replace existing front elevation attached garage door with bricks and a window to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation
22/01318/FPH	RT Design And Project Management Mr Robert Turner 42 The Moor, Melbourn , Royston, SG8 5TT, United Kingdom	15 Ostler Court Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5FH	Mr Kirk Woodford	Two storey side and single storey rear extension to existing attached garage to facilitate conversion into habitable accommodation.
22/01342/TD	Dalcour Maclaren Mr Rory Hollings 4 Bredon Court, Brockridge Road, Twynning, Tewkesbury, GL20 6FF	Land At The Rear Of 33 And 35 Coombelands Melbourn Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DW	Hutchison 3G UK Limited	Installation of 15m monopole tower to support antenna, associated radio-equipment housing and ancillary development hitherto.
22/01384/LDCP	Green Lantern Creative LLP Mr Ian Griffiths 1 Rose Farm Cottages, Shotley, Ipswich, IP9 1PH, United Kingdom	Old Orchard House 40 Melbourn Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DF	Emma Longmate	Permanent siting of caravan (St. George 540) at rear to provide ancillary domestic accommodation
<b>Sandon Parish Council</b>				
22/01307/FPH	Mrs Sandra Waddington Green End Farm, Green End, Sandon, Buntingford, SG9 0RQ, United Kingdom	Green End Farm Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RQ	Mrs Sandra Waddington	Replacement detached outbuilding with an oak framed carport, and all associated building works.

22/01308/LBC	Mrs Sandra Waddington Green End Farm, Green End, Sandon, Buntingford, SG9 0RQ, United Kingdom	Green End Farm Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RQ  Mrs Sandra Waddington  Replacement of a derelict outbuilding with an oak framed carport, and all associated building works. The outbuilding is within the curtilage of a listed building.
22/01309/FPH	Mrs Sandra Waddington Green End Farm, Green End, Sandon, Buntingford, SG9 0RQ, United Kingdom	Green End Farm Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RQ  Mrs Sandra Waddington  Retention of timber frame summerhouse
22/01310/LBC	Mrs Sandra Waddington Green End Farm, Green End, Sandon, Buntingford, SG9 0RQ, United Kingdom	Green End Farm Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RQ  Mrs Sandra Waddington  Retention of timber frame summerhouse
22/01311/FPH	Mrs Sandra Waddington Green End Farm, Green End, Sandon, Buntingford, SG9 0RQ, United Kingdom	Green End Farm Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RQ  Mrs Sandra Waddington  Retention of a timber frame nature wildlife hide
22/01312/LBC	Mrs Sandra Waddington Green End Farm, Green End, Sandon, Buntingford, SG9 0RQ, United Kingdom	Green End Farm Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RQ  Mrs Sandra Waddington  Retention of a timber frame nature wildlife hide

22/01389/FPH	Attfield And Jones Mr Lindsay Jones Church Farm Cottage, Rushden, Herts , SG9 0SG	Pollyanna Cottage Roe Green Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0QG
		Mrs M McElroy
		Single storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

**WEST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
22/01321/ADJ	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE	47 Codicote Road Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9TT  Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council  Erection of single garage following demolition of existing. NORTH HERTS DISTRICT COUNCIL : ADJACENT AUTHORITY : CONSULTEE ONLY
22/01376/ADJ	Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds, SG17 5TQ	Greenwoods, Land North Of Higham Road And East Of The A6 Bedford Road, Barton Le Clay, Bedfordshire  Central Bedfordshire Council  Outline Application: Erection of up to 3,750 residential units (Use Class C3); up to 80 extra care apartments (Use Class C2); care / nursing home of up to 70 bedrooms (Use Class C2); creation of a new local centre including provision of up to 600 sqm of retail floorspace (Use Class E(a) or E(b)), up to 12,000 sqm of employment floorspace (Use Class E(g)), health centre (Use Class E(e)) and community building (Use Class F.2(b)); provision of a Nursery, 4FE Primary School and 7FE Secondary School, including Sixth Form facilities (Use Class F.1(a)); provision of additional Nursery and 3FE Primary School (Use Class F.1(a)) and community building (Use Class F.2 (b)); provision of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station (Sui Generis); provision of landscaped communal amenity space including children's play space and sports facilities; creation of new publicly accessible woodland comprising up to 32 hectares; creation of solar park comprising up to 16 hectares; together with associated highways (including dualled section of A6), landscaping, drainage and utilities works. All matters reserved except for details of access to and from the A6, Higham Road and Gravenhurst / Barton Road. Environmental Impact Assessment

**Codicote Parish Council**

22/01301/LDCP	Codicote Tennis Club John Clements Sports And Community Centre, Bury Lane, Codicote, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 8XY	John Clements Sports And Community Centre Bury Lane Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8XY  Codicote Tennis Club  Replacement tennis court floodlight lamp heads
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**Great Ashby Community Council**

22/01316/FPH CROE Architects Mr Joe Reader 30 Cotswold Drive  
Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Great Ashby  
Hitchin, SG4 9SP, United Kingdom Stevenage  
Hertfordshire  
SG1 6GT

Mr Jujavarapu

Single storey side extension.

22/01329/LDCE Mr Hassan Djaffer PAD Architectural 36 Cotswold Drive  
Consultants Great Ashby  
71 St. Marks Road, St. Marks Road, Stevenage  
Enfield, EN1 1BJ, United Kingdom Hertfordshire  
SG1 6GT

Mr Floyd Dean

Retention of single storey rear extension.

**Hexton Parish Council**

22/01407/TCA Miss Hannah Seton Savills (UK) Ltd 1 Red Lion Cottages  
Wytham Court, 11 West Way, Barton Road  
Oxford, OX2 0QL, United Kingdom Hexton  
Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG5 3JJ

Mr Patrick Cooper

Douglas fir - Fell to ground level.

**Hitchin**

22/01299/LDCP Mr Simon Chadwick 27 Bearton Avenue  
27 Bearton Avenue, Hitchin, Hitchin  
Hertfordshire, SG5 1NZ Hertfordshire  
SG5 1NZ

Mr Simon Chadwick

Erection of rear single storey extension and insertion of rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.

22/01305/S73 Aitchison Raffety Nigel Ozier Oakfield Service Station  
The Granary, Spring Hill Office Park, Stevenage Road  
Harborough Road, Pitsford, NN6 Hitchin  
9AA, undefined Hertfordshire  
SG4 9DT

Nigel Ozier

Variation of condition 14 of planning permission 97/00008/1 granted 15/09/1997 to amend opening times to 0600 to 2300 weekdays and 0700 to 2200 on Sundays and including bank holidays.

22/01317/FPH	Architectural Design Ltd. Mr Daniel Chandler 61 Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3HS, United Kingdom	6 The Beeches Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9HU
		Mr & Mrs Potterton
		Single storey side extension to provide single garage and installation of front gates following demolition of existing garage. Installation of pitched roof over existing porch, roof lantern above music room, cladding to front elevation and solar panels in front roofslope. Alterations to fenestration.
22/01334/FP	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE	Land Adjacent To Unit 3 On The West Side Of Cadwell Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0SA
		Mr I Turness
		Use of land for the siting of 40 No. double-stacked steel shipping containers for self-storage (Use Class B8) with associated palisade security fencing, vehicular access gates, external lighting, CCTV and hard surface
22/01337/FPH	James Isaac Mr James Isaac 45 Hoo Road, Meppershall, Shefford, SG17 5LP, United Kingdom	35 Hawthorn Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2BP
		Mr Paul O'Shaughnessy
		Single storey side and rear extension including raised terrace area.
22/01356/FPH	Boscobelle Brockton Limited Mr Adrian Moore 85 Great Portland Street, Luton, W1W 7LT, United Kingdom	4 Queenswood Drive Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0LA
		MR AJIB BHUNGAL
		Single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension and detached garage. Front porch extension.
22/01374/TD	Dalcour Maclaren Mr Jack Howard The East Wing, The Quadrangle, Crewe Hall, Weston Road, Crewe, CW1 6UY, United Kingdom	Land At The Junction Of Bedford Road And North Of Bearton Pond Bearton Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1UP
		Hutchison 3G UK Limited
		Installation of 16m monopole tower to support antenna, associated radio-equipment housing and ancillary development hitherto.

22/01378/FPH Mr David Hunt 2 Cambridge Cottages  
2 Cambridge Cottages, Holwell Holwell Road  
Road, Holwell, Hitchin, Holwell  
Hertfordshire, SG5 3SL Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG5 3SL

Mr David Hunt

Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Insertion of rear dormer window and two front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion.

**Ickleford Parish Council**

22/01355/FPH Wastell & Porter Architects Ltd Mr 26 Cedar Avenue  
Mark Scott Ickleford  
Bancroft House, 34 Bancroft, Hitchin  
Hitchin, SG5 1LA, undefined Hertfordshire  
SG5 3XU

Mr R Woodman

Single storey side extension and insertion of front ground floor window to facilitate conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation.

**Knebworth Parish Council**

22/01256/FPH Home Extension Designs Mr S Cook 86 Pondcroft Road  
HED House, 60A Bridge Road East, Knebworth  
Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1JU, Hertfordshire  
United Kingdom SG3 6DE

Mr. M. Stubbings

Single storey rear infill extension.

22/01335/FPH Derek Lofty & Associates Mrs Lisa 22 Stevenage Road  
Dias Knebworth  
The Lodge Studio, Copthorne Road, Hertfordshire  
Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, SG3 6AW  
WD3 4AQ, undefined

Mr Andrew McFarlane

Part two storey and part single storey rear extension. Single storey side extension. Erection of detached garage.

22/01357/LDCP Derek Lofty & Associates Mrs Lisa 22 Stevenage Road  
Dias Knebworth  
The Lodge Studio, Copthorne Road, Hertfordshire  
Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, SG3 6AW  
Hertfordshire, WD3 4AQ

Mr Andrew McFarlane

Erection of timber clad garden outbuilding for ancillary use

**Offley Parish Council**

22/01358/NCS	Sanctury Design Limited Mr Philip Woolston 10 Stratford Road, Sandy, Beds, SG19 2AB	103 Mangrove Lodge Putteridge Park Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8LB
		Fowler Homes Limited
		Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear/side conservatory) with the following dimension: Length as measured from rear wall of original dwelling - 4.5 metres

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**St Ippolytts Parish Council**

22/00954/LBC	Figment Architectural Ltd L Alexander 218 Shefford Road, Clifton, Shefford, SG17 5QS	Avenue Farm Maydencroft Lane Gosmore Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7QD
		Carolyn Battersby
		Reconstruct 3no. existing dormers to front elevation and install new single-glazed windows. Replace existing single-glazed utility window with double-glazed window. Erect external handrail to cellar access.

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**List of Planning Decisions  
Week Ending 01/07/2022**

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

**EAST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 22/00346/FP	<b>Location:</b> Land Between Cherry Holt And 2 Caldecote Road Newnham Hertfordshire <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Andy Bartlett <b>Description:</b> Erection of a detached one 3-bed dwelling and erection of detached workshop/shed following demolition of existing workshop/shed on adjacent owned land	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/00880/FP	<b>Location:</b> Land Adjacent To 4 Ashwell Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5QF <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs D Mynott <b>Description:</b> Erection of a detached 3 bedroom dwelling, and detached car port; ancillary works and new vehicular access onto Ashwell Street	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01080/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 6 Newmarket Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DY <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Steven Newhouse <b>Description:</b> Erection of detached double garage and replace existing front elevation boundary fence with a low brick wall with piers and railings to match existing wall.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01108/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 38 Avocet Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TH <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Nicola Woods <b>Description:</b> Addition of screening trellis to existing rear garden fence (as amplified by plans received 30 May 2022).	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01115/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 74 Broadwater Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HH <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Gavin Haslam <b>Description:</b> Single storey side extension to include an attached double garage following demolition of existing attached garage, carport and greenhouse.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01207/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 57 Green Drift Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BX <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Paul Durrans <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01276/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 22 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BX <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Julian Lucas <b>Description:</b> Part two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing outbuildings	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01288/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 46 North Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Ravinder Roopra <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01342/TD	<b>Location:</b> Land At The Rear Of 33 And 35 Coombelands Melbourn Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DW <b>Applicant Name:</b> Hutchison 3G UK Limited Hutchison 3G UK Limited <b>Description:</b> Installation of 15m monopole tower to support antenna, associated radio-equipment housing and ancillary development hitherto.	<b>Decision:</b>  Prior Approval Given <b>Decision Date:</b> 27/06/2022

EAST TEAM		
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01413/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 62 Chilvers Bank Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6HT  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Gemma Batters <b>Description:</b> Insertion of rooflights to existing front and dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation.	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01518/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 22 The Crescent Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG8 1SW <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Gary Howard <b>Description:</b> Mixed Conifers and Shrubs - Dismantled to low stumps. 2x Bamboo - Dismantled. Conifer - Dismantled to a low stump.	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01544/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 9 Howard Park Corner Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG8 1PQ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Paul McKenna LGCHF <b>Description:</b> T1 Ash - Reduce crown by 3m. T2 Ash - Reduce crown by 3m and raise lower limbs to 6m	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01546/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 11 Cross Street Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG8 4UD <b>Applicant Name:</b> MR BILL LINDSAY <b>Description:</b> T1 & T2 Conifers - Remove	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01564/TCA	<b>Location:</b> The Gables High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HY <b>Applicant Name:</b> Neil Cockrell <b>Description:</b> T1 Ginko - Remove all regrowth whitepost side of trunk, reduce height of left stem by approx 3m	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01586/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Westbury Farm House West End Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5PJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Jason Hough Canopy tree care <b>Description:</b> Fagus sylvatica - 30% reduction and thin. Juglans regia - 30% reduction and thin	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
WEST TEAM		
<b>Application No:</b> 21/02824/FP	<b>Location:</b> Land North Of The Depot 1A High Street Graveley Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Kenya c/o agent Ravenscourt Investments Limited <b>Description:</b> Erection of 9 affordable homes (2 x 1-bed, 5 x 2-bed, 1 x 3-bed and 1 x 4-bed) including alterations to existing vehicular access, creation of an additional vehicular access off The High Street and all associated works.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 27/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 21/02768/FP	<b>Location:</b> Oughton Head Pumping Station Hitchin Road Pirton Hertfordshire <b>Applicant Name:</b> Affinity Water Limited Affinity Water Limited <b>Description:</b> Upgrade of existing pumping station to provide nitrate removal plant and equipment including change of use of land for operational purposes and all associated works.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/00281/DOC	<b>Location:</b> St Katherines Parish Church Arlesey Road Ickleford Hertfordshire SG5 3UX <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr I Bundy St Katherines Parish Church <b>Description:</b> Condition 7 - Archaeological Investigation and Post Investigation Assessment (as Discharge of Condition relating to planning permission reference 16/01961/1 granted 27/09/2016).	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 27/06/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/00318/FP	<b>Location:</b> Baileys Close Farm Pasture Lane Breachwood Green Hertfordshire SG4 8NY <b>Applicant Name:</b> Cora Investments Limited Cora Investments Limited <b>Description:</b> Retention of industrial storage building.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/06/2022

**WEST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 22/01012/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 18 Witter Avenue Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3UF  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs S Crouch <b>Description:</b> First floor side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory (as amended by plan received 25 May 2022).	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 27/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01130/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 5 Poplar Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9LZ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr & Mrs Ajay & Leena Shah <b>Description:</b> Single storey (ground floor) front extension, insertion of three rooflights in existing side element to facilitate garage conversion (as amended by plans received 1 and 5 June 2022).	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01208/FP	<b>Location:</b> 27 High Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1AT  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Specsavers Specsavers Optical Stores UK <b>Description:</b> Installation of replacement shopfront, windows and access doors	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 27/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01231/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 18 Waterdell Lane St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7RB  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Rachel and Jason Wilkes <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01299/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 27 Bearton Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1NZ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Simon Chadwick <b>Description:</b> Erection of rear single storey extension, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and insertion of rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.	<b>Decision:</b>  Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01316/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 30 Cotswold Drive Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 8GT  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Jujjavarapu <b>Description:</b> Single storey side extension (amended plans received 20/05/2022).	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01317/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 6 The Beeches Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9HU  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr & Mrs Potterton <b>Description:</b> Single storey side extension to provide single garage and installation of front gates following demolition of existing garage. Installation of pitched roof over existing porch, roof lantern above music room, cladding to front elevation and solar panels in front roofslope. Alterations to fenestration.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01329/LDCE	<b>Location:</b> 38 Cotswold Drive Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 8GT  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Floyd Dean <b>Description:</b> Retention of single storey rear extension.	<b>Decision:</b>  Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 24/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01487/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land West Of Castlefield Preston Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Mark Wigley Osprey Homes Limited <b>Description:</b> Condition 16 - Construction Traffic Management Plan (as discharge of condition relating to planning permission 21/02076/FP granted 28.05.2022).	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 28/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01523/NMA	<b>Location:</b> Land On The South East Side Of Heath Lane Codicote Hertfordshire  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Miss Tessa Outram Taylor Wimpey <b>Description:</b> Non-material change to the wording of condition 5 (drainage) of planning permission 18/02722/FP to allow for the drainage scheme of the consented development to be phased.	<b>Decision:</b>  Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 27/08/2022

**WEST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 22/01558/NMA	<b>Location:</b> 34 Blackhorse Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9EG <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Nishan Silva <b>Description:</b> Removal of chimney stack to roof (as non-material amendment to planning permission 21/03440/FPH granted on 23.02.2022) as amended by plans received on 24 June 2022	<b>Decision:</b> Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 27/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01637/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 8 Pulfers Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9JJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Rossella Adamo <b>Description:</b> Single Story Rear extension	<b>Decision:</b> Granted Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/08/2022
<b>Application No:</b> 22/01672/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Gardeners Cottage Knebworth Park Old Knebworth Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6PY <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Charlotte Balaam Knebworth Estates <b>Description:</b> Cedar - Fell	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 29/08/2022

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**PR 3687**

**27 June 2022**

## **Botanical invasion at North Herts Museum!**

An interactive installation of giant inflatable plants and flowers is coming to Hitchin from **9 July to 2 October, encouraging kids to learn and have fun with botanicals.**

The museum in the centre of town has secured the special exhibition from visual artists Spacecadets Air Design whose hugely popular Blood and Bone exhibition was hosted by the museum in 2019. Exotic flowers from the botanical invasion and a giant cactus tunnel for children to walk through will take over the gallery and it's all free to see! Activities for children on a botanical theme will also be taking place, please book online: [www.northhertsmuseum.org](http://www.northhertsmuseum.org)

Cllr Keith Hoskins, Executive Member for Enterprise and Arts, said: "Following the brilliant Blood and Bone exhibition we had a few years ago, we are pleased to welcome back Spacecadets with their colourful and spectacular display of giant inflatable botanicals which travels all over to cultural venues and festivals."

Cllr Tom Plater, Deputy Executive Member for Enterprise and Arts, added: "The museum will also be taking inspiration from the special installation by exhibiting some pressed flowers from the herbarium."

North Herts Museum is located in Brand Street, Hitchin, open Tue-Sat 10.30am-4.30pm and Sun 11am-3pm, and general admission and this exhibition is free. For more information check out [@northhertsmuseum](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), [@nhertsmuseum](#) on [Twitter](#), visit the [Museum website](#) or call 01462 474554.

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# PRESS RELEASE

**PR 3688**

**30 June 2022**

## **Join the plastic free revolution this July**

What are you doing in July? Why not start or continue your quest for reducing plastic waste and share your #PlasticFreePledge with us! Plastic Free July is a global movement urging everyone to limit their use of single-use plastic. Don't worry, no one is expecting you to go completely plastic-free, it's all about reducing, reusing and recycling what we do use.

The problem with plastic is that it's derived from fossil fuels and much of it, especially single-use plastic such as drink bottles, carrier bags and takeaway containers, if not sent for recycling ends up being incinerated – its production and disposal emits millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, contributing to climate change. In addition, plastic doesn't biodegrade, it breaks down into micro particles that could contaminate our environment, with microplastics polluting our water and wildlife and even our food.

## **What has the council done to reduce plastic?**

In 2019, we declared a climate emergency and are committed to become carbon neutral by 2030, as well as become a net zero carbon district by 2040. We follow a Climate Change Strategy and action plan and specifically around plastic we:

- have worked with our contractors Stevenage Leisure Limited to reduce single-use plastic from our leisure facilities in Royston, Letchworth and Hitchin such as swapping blue plastic overshoes for flip flops. And did you know if you use a reusable cup in one of our leisure centre cafes we'll top it up to large for free!
- swapped disposable cups to glassware at the council offices and Hitchin Town Hall.
- as well as providing a kerbside recycling service, we have installed more recycling bins in our parks and high streets so you can also recycle plastic on the go.
- support county campaigns such as Herts Sustainable Periods and real nappies.

## **What can I do?**

Firstly, even little changes can help make a big difference – try to give up one to three items of single-use plastic, even for a month will have an impact:

- Use a refillable water bottle rather than buying bottled water and take a reusable cup when you go for that coffee – you can refill your water bottle at lots of places (check out the Refill app: [www.refill.org.uk](http://www.refill.org.uk)) including water fountains in parks and leisure facilities:
  - Avenue Park, Baldock
  - Bancroft Park, Hitchin
  - Hitchin Outdoor Swimming Pool
  - Letchworth Outdoor Swimming Pool
  - North Herts Leisure Centre, Letchworth
  - Priory Memorial Gardens, Royston.
- We are all getting better at reducing our use of plastic carrier bags but make sure you always remember to take your cloth bags shopping – maybe leave them in your car – or if you get your food delivered refuse bags if you can.
- Did you know period products can contain 90% fossil fuel-based plastic? There are lots of benefits to [sustainable period products](#) – they'll save you money and are better for you and the planet. Or perhaps you have a child in nappies? Did you know avoiding just one day of disposable nappies saves around 17 plastic bags worth of plastic! Switching to [reusable nappies](#) is easy, sustainable and needn't cost the earth – Hertfordshire residents get 15% discount on both schemes: [WasteAware campaigns | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Cllr Steve Jarvis, Executive Member for Environment and Leisure, said: “We can all reduce our use of single-use plastics which cause untold devastation to the world’s environment, polluting our oceans and destroying wildlife. With everyone making small changes, we can all reduce our reliance on plastic – follow our top tips throughout July on social media to help you reduce your plastic use for the future.”

Cllr Amy Allen, Executive Member for Recycling and Waste, added: “Although recycling plastic is important, and we have all the information about what you can recycle and where, reducing and even stopping the use and therefore production of certain types of plastic is vital in making a real difference to our planet. For instance, my family has swapped to getting milk delivered in glass bottles instead of buying it in single-use plastic bottles.”

We'll be tweeting information about reducing, reusing and recycling plastic and our top tips every day throughout July [@NorthHertsDC](#). Share your #PlasticFreePledge with us on Twitter, or on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Nextdoor](#).

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# PRESS RELEASE

**PR 3689**

**30 June 2022**

## **Plastic Free July – local groups and events**

Plastic Free July is a global movement urging everyone to limit their use of single-use plastic. Don't worry, no one is expecting you to go completely plastic-free, it's all about reducing, reusing and recycling what we do use.

There are a number of local groups throughout North Herts working to help their communities, including businesses, schools, organisations and individuals, to reduce plastic waste and live more environmentally friendly.

### **Hitchin**

[Plastic Free Hitchin](#) aims to free the town from unnecessary single-use plastics and reduce the town's environmental impact. They are keen to recruit more people to take a pledge to stop using up to three single-use plastic items and have three events in July that everyone is welcome at:

**Thursday 7 July** – Hitchin Street Food Monthly at Market Square 4-9pm – Meet Myrtle the turtle and find out more about how to get involved with Plastic Free Hitchin.

**Sunday 10 July** – Triangle Garden Party – crafting with Myrtle the turtle.

**Sunday 31 July** – Pick'n'Nic at Windmill Hill – a litter pick followed by a plastic-free picnic for all the family.

### **Baldock**

[Baldock Beats Waste](#) welcomes all helpers to a litter pick on **Sunday 24 July** from 10am to 12pm meeting in the High Street outside The White Lion.

### **Royston**

[Plastic Free Royston](#) is brought to you by Royston Environmental Group (REG) with support from Royston Town Council. It **currently has** five businesses and three community allies signed up but needs more to achieve plastic free status! Chair of REG Cllr Carol Stanier said: "This doesn't mean you have to be 100% plastic-free, that would be practically impossible! But we can all make big reductions in the amount that we consume – if every local business or group were to give up just one piece of single-use plastic, Royston and the world would

be a better place. Whoever you are, if you're interested in helping Royston work towards the official plastic free status please get in touch via our website."

**Sunday 3 July** – Litter pick 2-4pm – please register your interest: [frierley.com/roystonenvirogroup](http://frierley.com/roystonenvirogroup)

## **Letchworth**

Plastic Free Letchworth is managed by [Transition Town Letchworth](#), a local group of volunteers who are working to build a more sustainable Letchworth. Recently their focus has been on persuading more businesses to be 'refill-friendly' and promote this via the [Refill app](#). In preparation for World Refill Day on the 16 June they undertook an audit of the town to encourage cafes to refill people's own bottles, cups and containers. For instance, Vutie Beets, Miss Green Fingers and David's Books café will fill up your reusable receptacles including your own lunch box! Fairhaven Wholefoods in Jubilee Road has a refill station for toiletries and household liquids, as has Bamboo Turtle, who additionally offer many foods through a refill service.

For Plastic Free July, the team will be challenging local people to 'refuse' single-use plastic and share their ideas and solutions on social media on how to replace four common household objects: shampoo, deodorant, laundry liquids and cleaning sponges and cloths.

Recognising that there is a way to go in reducing and eliminating single-use plastic, Transition Town Letchworth have a separate Terracycle project providing collection boxes in Morrisons, so that local people can drop off (clean and separated) hard to recycle plastic with Terracycle rewards going to local schools. Items collected include crisp packets, confectionary packaging, Pringles tubes, toothpaste tubes and some other dental products, and **Aqua Optima Water Filters** – please check the full details:

[www.transitionletchworth.org/terracycle](http://www.transitionletchworth.org/terracycle)

Plastic Free Letchworth also have a stock of litter pickers that they are keen to lend to any community groups wanting to do their bit.

**To find out more about any of the groups search for them online and on social media.**

## **North Herts community surgeries**

Our [Councillor Community Surgeries](#) will have a plastic-free theme in July so why not pop along to find out more about reducing, reusing and recycling plastic:

**Saturday 2 July** – Royston, Angel Pavement, 10-11.30am

**Saturday 2 July** – Hitchin, Market Place, 10.30am-12pm

**Saturday 16 July** – Letchworth, Garden Square Shopping Centre, 10.30am-12pm

Plastic Free Communities Surfers Against Sewage, which runs the plastic free initiative in England and Wales, said: “We do not expect communities to be totally plastic free. Our aim is to tackle the single-use plastic crisis, so that’s the avoidable stuff that’s everywhere. Things like plastic drinks bottles, disposable coffee cups, sachets, bathroom plastics, excessive food packaging, takeaway containers etc. These are the things that have a huge impact on our environment and which we can make changes to eliminate.”

Councillor Steve Jarvis, Executive Member for Environment and Leisure, added: “We can all reduce our use of single-use plastics which cause untold devastation to the world’s environment, polluting our oceans and destroying wildlife. With everyone making small changes, we can all reduce our reliance on plastic – follow our top tips throughout July on social media to help you reduce your plastic use for the future.”

We’ll be sharing these events and lots of information on our social media channels throughout July to help you reduce, reuse and recycle your plastic in July and beyond – please share your #PlasticFreePledge with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Nextdoor](#).

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