

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING 18 OCTOBER 2022

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 14 NOVEMBER 2022

Royston Area Committee – 30 November 2022
Planning Control Committee – 1 December 2022

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 21 NOVEMBER 2022

None

CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 21 NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 20 November 2022, 10.40am	High Sheriff's Justice Service (Sally Burton DL)	The Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albans

VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 21 NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

OTHER EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 21 NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Event	Location
	None	

Community Engagement Executive Member briefing – November 2022

Community Protection

Health & Wellbeing/Safeguarding

- The Healthy Hub drop-ins are now scheduled to the end of March 2023. Further information can be found [HERE](#)
- £50k from the Health Protection Board Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) is being used to support a food provision project in partnership with vulnerable families attending Fearnhill School in Letchworth and a Christmas event for older people in Letchworth, Hitchin & Baldock. The £50k is now all allocated.
- Offers have been accepted for both the Safeguarding admin assistant and Safeguarding Team Leader and we are hopeful both roles may join us in early December.
- The team have supported an application by Mind in Mind Herts to the Health Protection Board to fund a programme of outreach mental health support in Royston which would provide a dedicated worker to offer 1:1 support and develop peer support groups.
- Plans are progressing for a men's health programme delivered by Stevenage Leisure Limited at Royston Leisure Centre as well as funding referrals into Growing People, a horticultural project in Letchworth that support people with mental health conditions.
- The team are supporting the slipper swap sessions around the district and talking to local organisations about supporting Warm Hubs.
- Two new Safeguarding Officers have been recruited (administrative officer and Team Leader), will be starting shortly and that will conclude the recent reorganisation within this team.

Community Safety

- Hitchin market has seen another upsurge in anti-social behaviour and minor damage, including recent racist, homophobic, and obscene graffiti. This may also be linked to offences in the Lairage multi-storey car park, which have been committed whilst the car park is shut at night. Work is in hand to try and prevent unauthorised access to the multi storey car park after hours. Police are working to identify potential suspects to issue parents with warning notices.
- A date has been provisionally identified (Sunday 15 January 2023) to hold the inaugural 'Violence Against Women and Girls' safety presentation by the Community Security Trust. This will be available to all residents of North Herts. Promotional work will begin early December.
- Letchworth multi storey car park has commenced the trial closing time of 7pm and when the car park has been closed on time the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour have been reduced. This will be monitored to see if ASB reduces over time.

Policy & Community Engagement

Throughout October and November, the team have been busy coordinating and contributing to the Cabinet Panel for Community Engagement and Cabinet Panel for the Environment and ongoing Community and Member support.

- Cabinet Panel for Community considered the topic of the Cost of Living and Cabinet Panel on the Environment considered the issue of Carbon reduction in the district including the Green Growth Strategy from the Local Enterprise Partnership, the work of the Council and wider County wide partnership.
- Planning Chair's Awards – now called North Herts Heroes – and Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 events.
- Supporting colleagues from Transport with cycling and walking consultations across the district. (Baldock, Knebworth, Hitchin, Letchworth, and Royston).
- Sharing and signposting information regarding Warm Spaces with community groups.
- There has been a lot of time spent over recent months to provide support for Remembrance services but also others such as Snowman Trail, various fireworks events, Farmers on Christmas Lights Tour, Baldock Fair, *Home is Where the Hert Is* exhibition.
- Capital grant admin/assessment – if granted likely to use up the remaining Capital Grant budget.
- Initial planning for coordination of the third round of Household Support Funds.
- Secured £10k from the Community Renewal Fund to continue the Moving Forward Together project until the end of the year. Create Community, North Herts CV and Citizen's Advice are progressing this project to support economic inactive people back into work (paid or unpaid).
- Ongoing successful liaison with schools and councillors regarding local democracy visits.
- Ongoing CCIN Policy Lab - Arts & Culture working with Stevenage Borough Council, RedQuadrant, Oldham Council and Cardiff.
- Trainee policy officer interviews are due to take place on the 9th and 18th November.
- Reviewing the Council's Climate Change Strategy; both completed actions and proposed activity.
- Updating the Council's Equality Strategy with proposed objectives.
- Solar Together scheme update – 268 households have accepted their solar panel offer. 158 households have signed up to additional battery storage and 14 households have signed up to battery storage only.

Democratic Services

Electoral Services

- The annual canvass is drawing towards its conclusion ahead of the publication of the new register on 1 December. Our completion rate is now at 96.8%.
- Other registration activities remain at high volume – including Invitations to Register which continue in large numbers, partly due to the annual canvass and partly due to some work undertaken to process data from County Council on attainers/young voters (16 year olds can go onto the Register).
- We are continuing with our work to prepare for the incoming Elections Act changes. The Statutory Instruments, which provide some more detail on the workings of the changes, were laid last week and we await Electoral Commission guidance on implementation. In the meantime, we have been contacting our polling stations ahead of next year's elections to see if they are 'Elections Act ready' and attending workshops on communications plans for voter ID.
- Other preparation work ahead of the May 2023 polls is also ongoing. We are reviewing our elections scale of fees in line with the government's latest recommendations, ahead of next year.
- We are also continuing to contribute to two ongoing boundary reviews – for the district wards and for the parliamentary constituency boundaries. We have been working alongside comms to tailor the messaging around these reviews which are happening simultaneously.

Committee Services

- The advertised Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer post closed on 7 November. Applications are being shortlisted with the interviews taking place on 22 November. As of 3 December, *there will be three vacant Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer posts* – the entire Team (Louis Mutter and Abigail Hamilton - the two remaining Officers) are going to other Authorities. The Apprentice also leaves on 30 November.
- 7 applicants were interviewed for the Independent Remuneration Panel – we are currently going through the process for confirming the new Panel.
- The programme for the Youth Engagement event continues to be finalised, such as, chasing outstanding permissions to enable the individual to attend and to be part of any photographs. We've about 20 students that have expressed a wish to attend thus far.
- Given the current staffing situation we will need to pause the development of the Mod.Gov system - the way reports are generated. This will not affect how reports are viewed as it is a back-office function within the system that will require report authors to generate reports different to current practice.

EAST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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Ashwell Parish Council

22/02780/LBC	Jessica Hird Jessica Hird 6 Springhead, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, SG7 5LL	6 Springhead Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5LL Mr Martyn And Mrs Sue Hird Replace two pairs of single-glazed doors and single-glazed window on rear elevation of later addition with similar timber, double-glazed doors and window
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22/02888/PNQ	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1QE	Slip End Farm Royston Road Slip End Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6SG Mr J Northern Class Q: change of use of one agricultural building to four dwellinghouses (2 x 2-bedroom dwellings, 1 x 3-bedroom dwelling & 1 x 4-bedroom) together with associated building operations and the formation of private gardens and car parking associated with the proposed dwellinghouses.
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22/02889/PNQ	Peter George Town Planning Mr Tom Donovan Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1QE	Slip End Farm Royston Road Slip End Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6SG Mr J Northern Class Q: change of use of one agricultural building to one two-bedroom dwellinghouse together with associated building operations and private garden and car parking associated with the proposed dwellinghouse
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Barley Parish Council

22/02868/FPH	Mrs Belinda Greenwell Mrs Belinda Greenwell 22 Church Street, Cambridge, CB4 1DT	Belfrey Barn Manor Farm Church End Barley Hertfordshire Mr And Mrs R Inglis Insertion of rooflight to existing first floor to south (front) elevation, insertion of ground floor window to north (rear) elevation, installation of No.2 EV charging points to existing driveway and relocation of existing shed to rear garden.
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Letchworth Garden City

22/02895/LDCP	RTM Design Mr Richard Collins 27 St Andrews Close, SLIP END, LU1 4DE	34 Firecrest Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4YF	Mr & Ms Bunker & Brookes	Single storey rear extension
22/02913/FPH	Rejig Homes Ltd Mr Abdul Haque 167 Heathfield Road, Hitchin, SG5 1TE	11 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BY	Mr & Mrs Jenks	Single storey rear extension, replace and raise existing attached garage roof and insertion of French windows to rear and a window to side elevation to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation (as a resubmission of planning application 22/00022/FPH, withdrawn).
22/02921/LDCP	Home Extension Team Georgia Hayes 4 Brand Street, Hitchin, SG5 1HX, United Kingdom	28 Oaktree Close Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3XY	Stecker	Replace front elevation door and insertion of window to existing side elevation of attached garage to facilitate partial conversion of garage into habitable accommodation. Replace existing front entrance door.
22/02923/FPH	CROE Architects Mr joe Reader Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP, United Kingdom	8 Waysbrook Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2DX	Mrs Rasche	Part single part two storey rear extension and relocate existing detached side elevation garage.
22/02939/TCA	Mr Robert Hales Hales Marshall Design Architects Walnut House, The Green, Teston Road, Offham, ME19 5NJ, United Kingdom	5 Hitchin Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LL	Mr Robert Hales	T1 Sycamore - Remove branches over growing road, crown raising, crown reduction removal of outer trunk. T2 Sycamore - Remove branches over growing road, crown raising, crown reduction. T3 Elm - Remove branches over growing road, reduce height back to height of hedge. T4 Western Red Cedar - Removal
22/02948/FPH	Norman Mole Associates Mr Norman Mole 9 Westfield Road, Henlow, SG16 6BN, United Kingdom	166 Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4AE	Mr & Mrs Mike Armstrong	Single storey rear extension and insertion of rooflights to existing rear extension roofslope.

Royston Town Council

22/02928/FPH Altaras Architecture Ltd Ms Dolores Owls Haunt
Altaras Newmarket Road
41 High Street, Barkway, Royston, Royston
SG8 8EA, United Kingdom Hertfordshire
SG8 7HB

Mrs Tina Lamb

Extension of dormer to existing front roofslope.

Weston Parish Council

22/02883/FP Wastell & Porter Architects Ltd Mr Friends Green Farm
Mark Scott Friends Green
Bancroft House, 34 Bancroft, Damask Green Road
Hitchin, SG5 1LA Weston
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 7BU

Mrs H Gilbert

Change of use of barn adjacent to West Barn to a 2 bedroom dwelling including single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing side extension and outbuilding and partial demolition of single storey barn. Erection of detached oak framed garage/workshop.

22/02884/LBC Wastell & Porter Architects Ltd Mr Friends Green Farm
Mark Scott Friends Green
Bancroft House, 34 Bancroft, Damask Green Road
Hitchin, SG5 1LA Weston
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Hertfordshire
SG4 7BU

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Codicote Parish Council

22/02899/LDCP	Mr Robert Thomas 34 Grange Rise, Codicote, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 8YR	34 Grange Rise Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8YR
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Mr Robert Thomas

Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory

Graveley Parish Council

22/02894/AD	Hancock Town Planning Mr Joel Hancock Hancock Town Planning Ltd, Hope Cottage, The Green, Claverdon, CV35 8LL, United Kingdom	Chesfield Downs Golf Club Jacks Hill Graveley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7EQ Mr Mark Warne Retention of two replacement externally illuminated monolith advertisement signs
Hitchin		
22/02872/FPH	Rejig Homes Ltd Mr Abdul Haque 167, Heathfield road, Hitchin, SG5 1TE	3 Uplands Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NH James Toone and Wincy Choi Single storey rear extension including following demolition of existing detached rear garage. Change to land levels in rear garden and rendering of side and rear elevations of dwelling
22/02874/FPH	ELA Design Mr Chris Ellerbeck Beechcroft, Riverside Avenue, Broxbourne, EN10 6RA	53 Nursery Hill St Andrews Place Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9GD Mr Thomas Grounds Insertion of two rooflights to existing front and rear roofslopes to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation.
22/02875/FPH	Green Code Architects Mr Sumade De Silva 12 Berghem Mews, Blythe Road, London, W14 0HN, United Kingdom	11 Wellingham Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2UJ Michele Vermeulen Single storey rear extension (as a variation of planning permission 20/02741/FPH granted 20.01.2021)
22/02892/FPH	JDBdesign Mr James Batchelor 71 Tatlers Lane, Aston End, Stevenage, SG2 7HL, United Kingdom	3 Mount Pleasant Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2BG Mr Danny Cormack Single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory and store outbuildings
22/02902/TCA	Mr Mark Gibson 4Seasons Specialist Tree Surgeons Ltd 19 Tansy Avenue, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4GJ, Herts	Greyfriars Hitchin Hill Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AJ Mr Paul O'Neil T1 Robinia - Pollard below the cavity

22/02911/FPH	Ceta Architectural Consulting Ltd Cengiz Ozdemir 124 Wymondley Road, Hitchin, SG4 9QG, United Kingdom	Mr Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9QG	Mr Christopher Mee Erection of detached office outbuilding
22/02918/FPH	Cregan Architecture Mr Dave Cregan 42 Chapel Lane, Southill, Biggleswade, SG18 9HT, United Kingdom	Mr Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2BS	Mr Daniel Schad Two storey side extension and replacement rendered front dormer window. Single storey rear extension, Single storey front extension and alterations to fenestration including reposition front door and insertion of front ground floor windows following removal of existing garage door to facilitate conversion of existing garage into office/study.
Holwell Parish Council			
22/02929/OP	Roebuck Land And Planning Ltd Mrs Stacey Rawlings 3 High Street, Stoke Goldington, MK16 8NP	Land South Of Holwell Road Holwell Hertfordshire SG5 3SG	Mrs H Flint Outline application for 10 dwellings (all matters reserved)
Kimpton Parish Council			
22/02941/TPO	Mr Michael Graham 2 Beech Way, Blackmore End, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 8LY	2 Beech Way Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LY	Mr Michael Graham Silver birch - Reduce by 30%
Kings Walden Parish Council			
22/02871/FP	Pentangle Design Group Jonathan Read Suite 1, 21 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1JW, United Kingdom	Land On The West Side Of Lower Road Breachwood Green Hertfordshire SG4 8NS	Mr & Mrs Long Erection of six dwellings comprising of two pairs of semi-detached dwellings (2 x 2-bed and 2 x 3-bed) and two detached 3-bed dwellings with detached double garages (plots 3 and 4) including parking, landscaping and creation of vehicular access off Lower Road.
Lilley Parish Council			

22/02914/FPH	Fod Architects Mr Stuart Palmer 21, Dunstable Street, Ampthill, BEDFORD, MK45 2NJ, United Kingdom	30 East Street Lilley Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8LW	Mrs K Cox	Erection of detached two storey annexe ancillary to the main dwelling following demolition of existing outbuildings
Pirton Parish Council				
22/02927/TCA	Mrs Diane Bailey Pirton School , High Street, Pirton, Hertfordshire, SG5 3PS, United Kingdom	Pirton School High Street Pirton Hertfordshire SG5 3PS	Mrs Diane Bailey	T30 Laburnum - Reduce by 30%. T9 Apple - Reduce by 30%. T1 Norway Maple - Reduce by 30% and remove dead branches
St Ippolytts Parish Council				
22/02893/FPH	Glover And Company Mr John Thomas Haig Glover 127 Lambley Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham, NG14 5BN, United Kingdom	Warriors Millfield Lane St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7NH	Ms Prue Freeman	Single storey front, side, and rear extensions, two storey extension and alterations to roof to facilitate additional habitable space at first floor level including creation of first floor terrace. Replacement swimming pool enclosure, erection of decking, timber fencing and demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. Alterations to fenestration and external finishing materials.
22/02919/TCA	Mr Derek Matthews Victoria House, High Street, Gosmore, SG4 7QG, United Kingdom	Victoria House High Street Gosmore Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7QG	Mr Derek Matthews	T1 Thuja Plicata - Remove. T2 Cupressocyparis Leylandii - Remove. T3 Chamaecyparis Lawsoniana - Reduce height by 0.7m to below telephone wire. T4 Coppice Corylus Avellana - Reduce by 70%. T5 Common laurel and Cupressus Leylandii - Reduce height to 2.5m.
Wymondley Parish Council				



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**NORTH HERTS COUNCIL
PLANNING CONTROL
COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS SG6 3JF**

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 18/11/2022
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 08/12/2022**

22/02881/FPH	Wastell & Porter Architects Ltd Wastell & Porter Architects Ltd Bancroft House, 34 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1LA	Beech Cottage Stevenage Road Titmore Green Little Wymondley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7JT
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Searle

Single storey side extension

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

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Application No: 22/00874/DOC	Location: Draytons Garage High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HT Applicant Name: Mr George Roche Description: Discharge of Condition 9 (1 and 2) (Remediation strategy) as attached to Planning Application 19/03064/FP granted on 18.11.2021 (as amended by details received 20th October 2022).	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 16/11/2022
Application No: 22/01752/AD	Location: Coach And Horses Kneesworth Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AA Applicant Name: Star Pubs Star Pubs and Bars Description: Installation of external illuminated and non-illuminated signs (as amended by plans received on 21/10/2022 and Design and Access Statement received on 01/11/2022).	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 10/11/2022
Application No: 22/01768/FP	Location: Manor Farm Wymondley Road Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AH Applicant Name: Mr Tom Williams Maydencroft Limited Description: Retention of change of use of existing agricultural buildings (Sui generis) and stables (Use Class F2(c)) to office (Use Class E(g)(i)) and storage (Use Class B8), with accompanying changes to building facade, soft landscaping alterations and temporary siting of one portacabin for 3 years.	Decision: Withdrawn Decision Date: 15/11/2022
Application No: 22/01778/LBC	Location: Coach And Horses Kneesworth Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AA Applicant Name: Star Pubs Star Pubs and Bars Description: Installation of external illuminated and non-illuminated signs, other external lighting. Change of colour to render and to window and door joinery (as amended by plans received on 21/10/2022 and Design and Access Statement received on 01/11/2022).	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 10/11/2022
Application No: 22/02200/FPH	Location: Mole End The Close Hinxworth Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5HS Applicant Name: Mr David Eddell Description: Retention of two timber framed outbuildings.	Decision: Unconditional Permission Decision Date: 16/11/2022
Application No: 22/02534/LDCP	Location: Old Bakery Maiden Street Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7BG Applicant Name: Mr and Mrs Skentelbery Description: Replace front elevation doors with windows, insertion of window to rear elevation and installation of rooflights to roof to facilitate conversion of existing detached garage into habitable accommodation.	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 16/11/2022
Application No: 22/02565/FPH	Location: Mill Corner Farm Jacksons Lane Reed Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8AB Applicant Name: Mr J Walters Description: Development A: First floor side and single storey side extension and insertion of rear dormer window to facilitate conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation (as a variation of planning permission 21/03003/FPH granted 17.12.2021). Development B: Erection of single storey extension adjoining existing garage to provide home gym.	Decision: Split Decision Decision Date: 15/11/2022
Application No: 22/02580/TCA	Location: Spring House 7 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NL Applicant Name: Habben Description: Mature Ash - Reduce two lowest limbs over property side by 3m to suitable growth points. 2x Lime - Crown lift to 5m	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 10/11/2022

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Application No: 22/02642/TCA **Location:** 29 Campers Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3SR **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Miss Laura Dowse **Decision Date:**
Description: Willow - Remove 16/11/2022

Application No: 22/02739/TCA **Location:** 52 Back Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5PE **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Ms Karen Law **Decision Date:**
Description: T1 Sycamore - Reduce back close to old pollard points. Reduction of up to 5m 14/11/2022

Application No: 22/02794/TCA **Location:** 65 The Crescent Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SW **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Mr Paul McKenna LGCHF **Decision Date:**
Description: T1 Sycamore - Fell 16/11/2022

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Application No: 22/02181/FPH **Location:** The Chapel The Green Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8RZ **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Mr Neil Burns Bureau Floyd Ltd **Decision Date:**
Description: Single storey side extension. 10/11/2022

Application No: 22/02235/FPH **Location:** 37 York Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XB **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Mr Hugo Christie **Decision Date:**
Description: Rear roof extension. Insertion of rear dormer window including Juliet balcony and three front roof lights to existing roofslope to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation. 16/11/2022

Application No: 22/02290/LBC **Location:** Bibbsworth Hall Farm Bibbs Hall Lane Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8EN **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Knights Bespoke Build Limited Knights Bespoke Build **Decision Date:**
Description: Underpin south-west corner and install helical bars followed by repointing. Re-roofing works including re-battening and installation of TLX Gold breathable roof insulation coupled with 50mm mineral wool between rafters. 14/11/2022

Application No: 22/02379/PNAA **Location:** 62 Arlesey Road Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3UU **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Mr Mark Taylor **Decision Date:**
Description: Enlargement of detached bungalow by the construction of an additional storey to result in an overall height of 8.1 metres. 11/11/2022

Application No: 22/02436/FP **Location:** Oakfields Farm Stevenage Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7JX **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Ms L Shipley **Decision Date:**
Description: Erection of two detached four-bedroom dwellings together with associated hard and soft landscaping, vehicular access, parking and private amenity areas following the demolition of the existing dwelling (as amended by plans received 08/11/22) 10/11/2022

Application No: 22/02472/FPH **Location:** 1b Benslow Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RE **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Carl Sherwood **Decision Date:**
Description: Insertion of replacement garage door 14/11/2022

Application No: 22/02494/FPH **Location:** 2 Green Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0BU **Decision:**
Applicant Name: Mr Amir Hossein Akbari **Decision Date:**
Description: Addition of a first floor to the existing bungalow and part two storey and part single storey rear extension and provision of an additional car parking space (as a variation of planning permission 22/00946/FPH granted 22.07.2022) 14/11/2022

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Application No: 22/02504/FPH	Location: 24 St Johns Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9JP Applicant Name: Koumourou Description: Retention of replacement rear garden fence and soft landscaping.	Decision: Unconditional Permission Decision Date: 10/11/2022
Application No: 22/02633/TCA	Location: Wedelee Church Lane Preston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7TP Applicant Name: Mrs Carolyn Hill APA Contract Services Ltd Description: G1 Ash, Hornbeam, Holly - Reduce to 10ft. T1 Apple - Reduce to shape thin and dead wood. T2 Plum - Reduce back off roof by 1m	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 16/11/2022
Application No: 22/02646/FPH	Location: 33 Brampton Park Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XF Applicant Name: Mr Chris Fitzjohn Description: Extensions and alterations to existing roof including insertion of rear dormer window and four rooflights to front roofslope to facilitate loft conversion to create habitable space at first floor level. Single storey rear/side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 15/11/2022
Application No: 22/02649/DOC	Location: Ashburn Burge End Lane Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QN Applicant Name: Mr And Mrs Winfield Description: Condition 4- Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (as discharge of condition relating to planning permission 22/01652/FPH granted 11.08.2022)	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 14/11/2022

PRESS RELEASE

PR 3724

16 November 2022

Learning about democracy

The council's chamber was filled with students aged 16 to 18 this week, as we celebrated UK Parliament Week, 14-20 November.

On Tuesday, 15 November, around 25 young adults from schools around the district, visited the main council offices in Letchworth to meet local councillors, hear from local MPs and learn about the importance of local democracy.

The day included an introduction from Leader of the Council Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg and Executive Member for Community Engagement Councillor Judi Billing, a short quiz on politics, democracy and elections, presentations from local MPs Oliver Heald (North East Herts) and Daisy Cooper (St Albans). There was also a 'speed dating' session which gave small groups of students the opportunity to ask questions directly to a cross-party group of district and county councillors. Ending with a presentation by the Youth Council.

Councillor Judi Billing, Executive Member for Community Engagement, said: "It was a great day! The students were really engaged and keen to get involved and ask questions. It's so important for young people to learn about local and national politics and how it affects their everyday lives. We want to encourage them to use their voice and it was great to see the group work together as well as some individuals speaking with passion and determination about what they thought."

To really help the young people get to grips with democracy, a council-style debate was held about whether the legal voting age should be lowered to 16, with a lively discussion about the pros and cons. Students put forward a successful motion as well as an amendment which were carried. The amendment put forward was that schools should include political education as part of the curriculum.

One student commented: "It was really interesting and informative. The quiz was a good icebreaker and provided us an opportunity to demonstrate prior knowledge. Hearing from MPs was really helpful and we had some good discussions. Getting the chance to talk to councillors one-on-one was also really interesting. The debate was really good as we got to see how heated they can become and how different topics are discussed and voted on in the council."

Another said: "I had a great time and feel more confident after the workshop. The environment was safe and welcoming. My favourite parts were the Q&A with the MP and the speed dating with the councillors. It was really engaging."

As part of UK Parliament Week as well as Local Democracy Week last month (10-16 October) a number of primary and secondary schools across the district have had visits from local councillors in the last few weeks. Special assemblies and sessions were organised to raise awareness of the workings of local government which included a question and answer session with councillors and a voting exercise using election ballot boxes.

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STATEMENT

ST 239

18 November 2022

Statement – Planning applications for sheltered housing accommodation in Baldock

The planning applications (22/00927/FP and 22/01498/FP) made by Haven First to continue to provide sheltered housing accommodation to local people experiencing homelessness at 20 High Street, Baldock, are on the agenda for the Planning Control Committee on Thursday 1 December at 7.30pm. The two applications, one for the retention of 19 rooms and one of an additional 10 rooms (29 rooms in total) – is for temporary permission for three years.

All comments already submitted are summarised in the committee reports. If local residents have any new concerns these can be submitted via email and post using the details below:

- planning.control@north-herts.gov.uk
- PO Box 10613, NG6 6DW

One person can speak for and against each application for a maximum of five minutes. If you wish to speak at the meeting on 1 December, please email a request to committee.services@north-herts.gov.uk.

Interested parties can attend but it is recommended that only those people who have a speaking role attend in person and anyone else can watch online via our [YouTube channel](#).

More information: [Pre-meeting report](#)

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For more information please contact Sarah Jenkinson, Senior Communications Officer – pressoffice@north-herts.gov.uk