

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 25 NOVEMBER 2024

Extraordinary Council – 9 December 2024

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 2 DECEMBER 2024

Planning Control Committee – 3 December 2024

UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Event	Location
	None	

Community & Partnerships Executive Member briefing – Nov 2024

Democratic Services

Committee Services

- Youth Democracy Day took place on Thursday 14 November and was another successful event, with good feedback received from Members and young people in attendance. We had two local MPs in attendance, a presentation from the High Sheriff, as well as a debate on 'Should the railways be re-nationalised?'
- Ensured Member attendance at the required Remembrance Day events across the district.
- Dedicated pages for Scrutiny have been launched on the Hub for Officers and Members to support their involvement in scrutiny. This was supplemented with an article in Insight and the Scrutiny Officer will be leading a session at the next SMG meeting in December.
- Will be interviewing three people for the vacant Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer role, with interviews taking place on Thursday 21 November.
- Ongoing procurement review of our Committee Management System.
- Continuing with preparation for the Chair's Civic Event in February 2025, with formal invitations to be sent to relevant people and groups shortly. Tickets will be available via the Council website.

Electoral Services

- **Annual canvass**
 - Route 1 properties - have all been sent the CCA form which concludes their canvass cycle.
 - Route 2 properties – now undertaking personal visits by canvassers. 2200 properties outstanding.
 - Route 3 properties (these are properties such as care homes) - are canvassed separately and we have had around half of the properties respond to us so far.
 - Overall completion rate is 96%.
- **EU Voter Candidacy Rights**
 - 700 electors were sent letters in the confirmation review process – around 300 still outstanding.
 - Process now beginning to personal canvass those still outstanding via telephone and door knock.
- **Accounts**
 - Two sets of accounts to prepare and submit to the Electoral Claims

Unit – PCC 2024 and UKPGE 2024.

- Have also been preparing an estimate of election costs for the 2025 County Council elections to be sent to HCC.
- **Community Governance Review**
 - Consultation responses received.
 - CGR working group meeting on Monday 18 November to discuss the draft proposals to be presented to council.
- **Procurement**
 - Ongoing pre procurement market engagement exercise for Electoral Management Software (EMS) provider – we have been responding to correspondence around this and the window for responses to be submitted closes later in the month.
- **Scale of Fees**
 - We have been undertaking research with other Herts authorities to inform our proposals for the Scale of Fees for next year's polls and have drafted proposals to be considered.
- **Recruitment**
 - Democratic Services Apprentice has now started in her role and is settling into the team.

Policy & Community Services

Policy, Community & Partnerships

- **Community Forums/Grants** – Grant application review is ongoing for forthcoming grants.
- **Networking groups** – Westmill, Royston Wellbeing network, Walsworth Community Centre, Herts Migration, Food Provision, Hertfordshire Trustees meeting Wilbury, Jackmans and Westmill, Royston Integrated Neighbourhood Steering Group and other groups.
- **North Herts Prosperity Fund** – Grant panel meetings have now concluded, and payments are being made to the successful organisations.
- **Recruitment** - The Community & Partner Officer recruitment is ongoing.
- **Inclusion Group** -The topics cover further work on a neurodiversity forum in the workplace and the inclusion staff survey results. This tied in with the National Inclusion Week 26 – 28 September with additional resources available to staff.

- **Hive** – Launch of virtual Q&A session for public participation with the Executive Member of Waste. Updates on the Economic Strategy from Hertfordshire Futures, COP29, Green Grants for VCSE organisations, Thermal Imaging Cameras loan.
- **Events** – The Remembrance Sunday event was well attended, and the Traffic Management (stewarded by the team) was successfully delivered. Planning and advertising the White Ribbon Day 25 November for internal staff awareness raising and feeding into the Herts County Council 16 Days of Domestic Abuse Action. Members of the Team supported the Youth Democracy Event on the 14 November 2024.
- **Grants** – ongoing work on applying for various grant funding.

Health & Wellbeing

- Preparing for Older Adults Day at North Herts Leisure Centre next month booking instructors and activities, organising promo bags, distributing publicity.
- Royston Wellbeing Network scheduled for Thursday with presentations from Granta PCN, Citizens Advice and Cambs & Peterborough NHS Trust (organised by Community Wellbeing).
- Scheduled activities continuing through the week including events for older adults.
- Looking into Reaching Communities funding application for diversionary activities for young people and/or community wellbeing provision.
- Supporting social isolation projects that have run successfully for older people in Letchworth to now expand into Hitchin and Baldock until March 25.
- Two food education sessions for disabled adults running this week and supporting active communities apprentice to start a placement with Herts Disability Sport Foundation.

Safeguarding

- **Recruitment** – Interviews have been held for the Safeguarding Team leader. A provisional date for commencement will be the beginning of December.



PLACE DIRECTORATE – CLIMATE CHANGE

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Submission of application to UK Government’s Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 4

29 November 2024

An application has been submitted to Phase 4 of the UK Government’s Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) for a grant towards decarbonising Hitchin Town Hall and North Herts Museum, District Council Office and the learner pool at North Herts Leisure Centre. Hitchin Town Hall and North Herts Museum have been treated as one building due to sharing heating systems.

This application follows our successful bid for a grant from Phase 3c of PSDS towards decarbonising our three leisure centres. Like our application last year, our submission was supported by Wilmott Dixon Construction Ltd who provided the technical and feasibility assessments to inform the application.

The buildings were chosen due to being gas heated sites with boilers that are reaching end-of-life, according to the definition from Salix (the organisation delivering the scheme on behalf of Government) and due to their contribution towards the Council’s emissions.

Summary of the proposed project costs and carbon savings is set out below. Please note this is all subject to the application being successful.

Project summary	
Total project costs	£3,153,000
Grant applied for	£1,172,000
Council contribution	£1,981,000
CO2e emissions saving, annual - estimated	83 tonnes CO2e (net) Reduction of 190 tCO2e from gas use

	Increase of 107 tCO ₂ e from additional electricity use (this will reduce rapidly to 2030)
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Breakdown by buildings:

Learner Pool at North Herts Leisure Centre	
Contribution Council's emissions 2023/24 from gas use	3.4%*
Intervention proposed	Replace gas boilers with Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) LED lighting
Cost	£553,705
Impact on energy use	Save 331,685 kWh due to switch from gas to ASHPs
Impact on energy costs	Increase of £1418 based on current tariff

Hitchin Town Hall and North Herts Museum	
Contribution Council's emissions 2023/24 from gas use	2.8% 53% of our scope 1 emissions.
Interventions proposed	Secondary glazing Ventilation with heat recovery LED lighting Lighting controls Replace gas boilers with Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) Elec point-of-use hot water heating Solar PV
Cost	£2,172,489
Impact on energy use	Save 318,953 kWh due to switch from gas to ASHPs and solar PV
Impact on energy costs	Increase of £2438 based on current tariff

District Council Office	
Contribution Council's emissions 2023/24 from gas use	0.5% 9% of our scope 1 emissions.
Interventions proposed	Electric boilers
Cost	£427,642
Impact on energy use	Increase of 10,842 kWh due to use of electric boilers
Impact on energy costs	Increase of £14,748 based on current tariff

Timeline (subject to application being successful):

Financial year	Work planned
2025/26	Planning year – work up detailed designs. No draw down of grant funding
2026/27	Work delivered at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Council Office• Hitchin Town Hall and North Herts Museum - partial
2027/28	Work delivered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of work at Hitchin Town Hall and North Herts Museum• Learner Pool at North Herts Leisure Centre

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee (Local Authority Trading Companies' Shareholder) held in the Room 2, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF on Thursday, 28th November, 2024 at 5.30 pm

1 ELECTION OF A CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Daniel Allen be elected as Chair of the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tamsin Thomas.

Having given due notice, and at the discretion of the Leader under standing order 5.12.1, Councillor Daniel Allen substituted for Councillor Thomas.

3 MINUTES - 19 MARCH 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 19 March 2024 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded.
- (2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

7 ANNUAL REVIEW OF NORTH HERTS TRADING COMPANIES - BUILDING CONTROL

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Cabinet Sub-Committee noted the report.
- (2) That the Cabinet Sub-Committee made recommendations on the content of future reports and annual reviews.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To enable the Cabinet Sub-Committee to fulfil its role and responsibilities as shareholder in the local authority trading companies for building control.

8 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF NORTH HERTS TRADING COMPANIES - BROADWATER HUNDRED**

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Cabinet Sub-Committee noted the report.
- (2) That the Cabinet Sub-Committee made recommendations on the content of future reports and annual reviews.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To enable the Cabinet Sub-Committee to fulfil its role and responsibilities as shareholder in the local authority trading companies for property management.

9 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF NORTH HERTS TRADING COMPANIES - CCTV**

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Cabinet Sub-Committee noted the report.
- (2) That the Cabinet Sub-Committee made recommendations on the content of future reports and annual reviews.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To enable the Cabinet Sub-Committee to fulfil its role and responsibilities as shareholder in the local authority trading companies for CCTV.

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Planning Control Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF on Thursday, 21st November, 2024 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elizabeth Dennis.

2 MINUTES - 10 OCTOBER AND 24 OCTOBER 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 10 October 2024 and 24 October 2024 be approved as true records of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.
- (2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.
- (3) The Chair clarified matters for the registered speakers.
- (4) The Chair advised that Section 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution applied to the meeting.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair confirmed that the registered speakers were in attendance.

6 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

There were three questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11.

Councillor Ralph Muncer to Councillor Nigel Mason, Chair of the Planning Control Committee:

- (1) What is the Council's policy regarding the application of its powers under the Listed Building Act 1990, the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and the Buildings Act 1984, in respect of holding building owners to account for the dilapidation of Listed Buildings, especially for registered Assets of Community Value?
- (2) In particular, if the Council becomes aware that a Listed Building or building within a Conservation Area is at risk from dilapidation, to what extent will the Council allow the building to deteriorate before exercising its power to take formal legal enforcement action under the above acts?

- (3) If the owner's maintenance of a Listed Building falls below the Council's minimum standard requirement (as in (2) above), and indeed the minimum standard required by legislation, how much time will the Council give the owner to restore the building to comply with informal requests and comply with statutory requirements before taking formal legal action to protect the historic building?

7 22/02675/FP KIMPTON GRANGE, LUTON ROAD, KIMPTON, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG4 8HA

RESOLVED: That application 22/02675/FP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the reasons and conditions set out in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager.

8 23/02895/OP LAND ON THE NORTH EAST SIDE OF, THE CLOSE, CODICOTE, HERTFORDSHIRE

RESOLVED: That application 23/02895/OP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the reasons and conditions set out in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager with the removal of Condition 13, the amendments to Conditions 11,12 and 14 as set out in the supplementary document and the relevant renumbering of existing conditions.

“Condition 11:

Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)

‘Prior to commencement of the development, a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan shall be prepared, detailing how biodiversity will be incorporate within the development scheme and managed/monitored long-term. This should include details regarding who will have the management responsibilities. The plan shall include details of the landscaping proposed to achieve measurable gains to biodiversity, as well as a graphical plan which sets out the number, type and position of ecological enhancement features to be incorporated into the design scheme. This plan shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for written approval to demonstrate the expectations of the NPPF and Local Policy in achieving overall measurable net gains for biodiversity. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plan unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure sensible working practices which protect ecology on and adjacent to this site, in accordance with Policy NE4: Biodiversity and Geological Sites.

Condition 12

Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP)

No development shall take place until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for biodiversity has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP shall include the following:

- a) *Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities.*
- b) *Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements). This must include:*
 - i. *Best practice measures to ensure the protection of retained vegetation during construction;*
 - ii. *Best practice measures to ensure any invasive species listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 encountered within the site will be removed and disposed of as controlled waste;*
 - iii. *A precautionary working method for hedgehogs.*

- c) *The location and timings of sensitive works to avoid harm to nesting birds.*
- d) *Details of a translocation programme for slow-worms.*

The CEMP should include a statement to the effect that if any protected species are encountered during any stage of the development, then works must cease immediately and advice be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist on how best to proceed. Development shall proceed in accordance with the approved CEMP, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure sensible working practices which protect ecology on and adjacent to this site, in accordance with Policy NE4: Biodiversity and Geological Sites.

Condition 13:

Lighting Strategy

No development shall take place until an external lighting scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This scheme should follow guidance from the Bat Conservation Trust and Institution of Lighting Professionals (2023), and be designed to minimise light spill, in particular directing light away from boundary vegetation to ensure that dark corridors remain for use by wildlife as well as directing lighting away from potential roost / nesting sites. This should be accompanied by a short statement from a suitably qualified ecologist showing how the design meets the level of protection required.

Reason: To ensure protected species are not disturbed by the development in accordance with National Legislation (Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)) and Local Planning Policy NE4 – Biodiversity and geological sites.”

9 APPEALS

The Development and Conservation Manager provided an update on Planning Appeals.

10 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

The Principal Planning Officer (Conservation and Enforcement) provided an update on the Planning Enforcement Quarterly Report.

11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

12 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT TEAM QUARTERLY UPDATE - PART 2

The Principal Planning Officer (Conservation and Enforcement) provided an update on the Planning Enforcement Team.

EAST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
Ashwell Parish Council		
24/02651/TCA	Mr Fred Burkitt The Blue Tree Company 50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN	7 Silver Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QJ Mr Duncan Wardrop T2: Silver birch - Crown reduce to previous points to leave viable growth where possible. Reduction of approx 1-1.5m
24/02671/NHC	Mrs Ruth Ten Hove St Marys Church, Mill Street, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, SG7 5LY	St Marys Church Mill Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5LY Mrs Ruth Ten Hove Removal and disposal of the current choir stalls, platforms and chairs and replace with new choir stalls and benches
Letchworth Garden City		
24/02548/FPH	PicklePlanning Stuart Judd 1 Sale Drive, Clothall Common, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6NS	64 Southfields Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4LZ Matt Dilley Single storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension
24/02549/LBC	Mrs Elizabeth Battarbee 12 Westholm, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 4JB	12 Westholm Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4JB Mrs Elizabeth Battarbee Replace 2no. existing first floor single-glazed timber windows (1no. front and 1no. rear) with timber double-glazed windows.
24/02576/LDCE	Mr Carl Kent 5 Penfold Close, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6UT	30 Glebe Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DR Mr Carl Kent Continuous use of outbuildings as a day nursery (Use Class E(f))
24/02590/FP	Mr Carl Kent 5 Penfold Close, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6UT	30 Glebe Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DR Mr Carl Kent Continuous use of main dwelling as a day nursery (Use Class E(f)) ₁₂

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

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 29/11/2024
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 19/12/2024**

24/02645/TCA	Mrs Apryl Goodwin Settle Blackhorse Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1HA, United Kingdom	176 Rushby Place Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SH Mrs Apryl Goodwin T1: Ash - Fell
24/02694/TCA	Mrs Apryl Goodwin Settle Blackhorse Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1HA, United Kingdom	25 High Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QS Mrs Apryl Goodwin T1 Sycamore - Fell
24/02697/TCA	Mrs Georgina Gentry ROBINSON TREE SERVICES LTD Beech Farm, Coopers Green Lane, St. Albans, AL4 9HP, United Kingdom	66 Glebe Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DR Mr Tony Greenwood GB25: Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level
24/02698/TCA	Mr Ben Waterman Waterman Tree Co. 26 Passingham Avenue, Hitchin, SG4 9LD, United Kingdom	14 Sollershott West Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PX Mr Ben Lavender T1: Maple - Repollard back to boundary.
24/02702/TCA	Mrs Apryl Goodwin Settle Blackhorse Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1HA, United Kingdom	11 The Crescent Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SN Mrs Apryl Goodwin T1: Group of Sycamores - Removal of deadwood in canopy
Royston Town Council		
24/02677/TCA	Mr James Cattle Shire tree limited 1A Trigg Way, Melbourn, Royston, SG8 6HX	27 Barkway Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9EE Neil Evans T1 Yew - Crown reduce height by 2m and sides by 1.5m
24/02689/TCA	Mr Jonno Record Shelford Tree Service Ltd Rectors Cottage, High Street, Fowlmere, Royston, SG87SJ, United Kingdom	2 The Priory Fish Hill Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9LB Mrs Sheila Parmee T1: Sycamore - Overall crown reduction to growth points where possible. Removal of major deadwood over 3inches in diameter. T2: Leylandii - Remove to ground level.

WEST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
Hitchin		
24/02514/FPH	Marlin Design Ltd Mr Mark Wiffen 37 Plaw Hatch Close, Bishops Stortford, CM23 5BL, United Kingdom	12 Bowlers End Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2EA Mrs Jemima Irisik Single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration to existing detached garage to include insertion of rear Juliet balconies to facilitate conversion of garage into gym/study.
24/02515/LDCP	Marlin Design Ltd Mr Mark Wiffen 37 Plaw Hatch Close, Bishops Stortford, CM23 5BL, United Kingdom	12 Bowlers End Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2EA Jemima Irisik Installation of hardstanding (ground guard) to north side of dwelling to provide two additional car parking spaces
24/02607/FPH	Boyd Seddon Architect Mr Boyd Seddon Old Kitchin's Farm, 31 Horslow Street, Potton, Beds, SG19 2NS	38 Browning Drive Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0QR Mr & Mrs Graham Single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing shed
24/02662/TCA	Mr Martin Oak Longacre Tree Surgery 4 Norwood Close, Hertford, SG14 2EX	5 - 6 High Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1BH Mr Tim Kidd T1-T7: Lime - Re-pollard back to previous pruning points. Remove approx 2-3m all round. T8: Pine - Reduce crown re alleviate weight, removing 1.2m all round.
Holwell Parish Council		
24/02586/AG	Roebuck Land And Planning Ltd Mrs Stacey Rawlings 3 High Street, Stoke Goldington, MK16 8NP	Land Off Bedford Road Holwell Hertfordshire SG5 3RT Flint Erection of grain store
Knebworth Parish Council		

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

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 29/11/2024
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 19/12/2024**

24/02605/FPH JPT Design Consultants Ltd. Mr Jason Tyers
50 Orchard Way
Knebworth
The Studio, 23 Halifax Road, Upper Hertfordshire
Cambourne, CB23 6AX SG3 6BU

Mrs Burr

Installation of external cladding to front and side elevations. (Development already carried out).

Preston Parish Council

24/02666/TPO Mr. Piers Bradburn Autumn Gold Tree Care
34 Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, SG5 1PB, United Kingdom
The Cedars
Back Lane
Preston
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 7UJ

Mr John Langrish

G1 Pine, G2 Pine, G3 Pine, G4 Pine, G5 Pine, G6 Pine, T7 Blue Cedar - Max 30% reduction of over-extended lateral branches back to suitable side-growth. Remove dead wood. Resolve chafing branches. Remove existing branch stubs back to branch collars. G6: Pine -Add bracing to support extended lateral branch, if still required following reduction

Wymondley Parish Council

24/02577/FPH Ms Rebecca Tinoco Ms Rebecca Tinoco
4 Arch Road
Great Wymondley
2 Whitman Close, Stamford, PE9 3EL Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 7EP

Mr Shaun Doughty

Erection of office/gym outbuilding adjoining existing garage.

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

EAST TEAM

Application No: 24/01384/TPO	Location: Land Adjacent And To The East Of McDonalds Restaurant Baldock Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9NT Applicant Name: Mr Bourne Redrow Homes Description: T1, T3, T4, T6 Sycamore, T2, T5 Hornbeam, T7 Hawthorn - Remove.	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 27/11/2024
Application No: 24/02019/FP	Location: 29 Creamery Court Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2UA Applicant Name: Mr & Miss Mr Poku and Miss Agyemang Description: Replacement to front, side and rear elevation fenestration.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02108/FPH	Location: 2A Coombelands Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DW Applicant Name: Mr Roy Stoneman Description: Front porch infill extension and erection of outbuilding to rear garden following demolition of existing shed.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02164/LDCP	Location: 39 Barkway Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9EA Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Peltier Description: Insertion of roof lights to existing front roofslope and box dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation.	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 27/11/2024
Application No: 24/02216/FPH	Location: 21 Linnet Close Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4FA Applicant Name: Mr Vikram Singh Description: Part two storey and part single storey rear extension and alterations to existing garage to facilitate garage conversion into habitable accommodation	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02236/FPH	Location: 20 Sollershott East Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JN Applicant Name: Mr Luke Dodd Description: Two storey rear extension, alterations to existing fenestration and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing garage (as amended by plans received on 18th, 19th and 24th November 2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02293/FPH	Location: 34 Lammass Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4LW Applicant Name: Mr John Moss Description: Installation of rear elevation air source heat pump.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 27/11/2024
Application No: 24/02345/LDCP	Location: 12 Highfield Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QD Applicant Name: Paula Pallister Description: Replacement of 3 No. outbuildings in rear garden following demolition of existing outbuildings	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02349/TCA	Location: 172 Wilbury Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4JA Applicant Name: Mrs Alison Moulds Description: T1 & T2 Conifer - Reduction of approx 6-7ft.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/11/2024

EAST TEAM

Application No: 24/02354/TCA	Location: 16 Meadow Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JB Applicant Name: Mr Tony Greenwood First Garden City Homes Description: 2 x Holly - Fell to ground level.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02367/TPO	Location: Strathmore 12 Hitchin Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LL Applicant Name: Mrs Tara Belcher Description: Beech - Reduce by up to 3m.	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02377/DOC	Location: Moonshine Southern Green Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0SX Applicant Name: Mr Nicholas Mitchell Description: Details reserved by Condition 3A (Archaeological WSI) of planning permission reference 23/01163/FP granted on 19.06.2024.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02386/TCA	Location: 25 High Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QS Applicant Name: Miss Khathu Mikosi Description: Sycamore - Fell	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02426/TCA	Location: 95 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NT Applicant Name: Mr Simon Bettany Description: T1: Silver Birch - Lightly pollard and reduce crown by up to 25% to a height of 20ft. T2: Maple - Lightly pollard and reduce crown by up to 25% to a height of 18ft.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02431/TCA	Location: Roebury Cottage Roe Green Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0QG Applicant Name: Colin Mitchell Description: 6 x Sycamore and Beech - Reduce by 50%. Plum - Remove	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02441/TCA	Location: St Marys Church Mill Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5LY Applicant Name: Mrs Nicky Forrester Ashwell Parish Council Description: T380: Holm Oak - Cut back branch over hanging the roof of 4 Swan Street.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02476/TCA	Location: Dalnyveed Bakers Lane Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HJ Applicant Name: Williams Description: T1: Horse Chestnut - Reduce and shape removing 2m. G2: 2x Lime - Reduce middle and lower crown over lawn area by 2m. T3: Robinia - Reduce crown spread over lawn by 3m. T4: Catalpa - Crown raise removing 1.5m, reduce middle and lower crown spread by 1.5m. T5: Laburnum - Remove. T6: Sycamore - Crown raise over veg patch, removing 3m. T7: Horse Chestnut - Crown raise over veg patch, removing 3m.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02567/TCA	Location: The Gates 24 High Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6AX Applicant Name: Mr Rob Bugler Description: T1: Lime - Crown reduction and thinning by 30% (11-feet). T2: Cotoneaster - Cut back away from the shed.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/11/2024

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Application No: 24/00449/FPH	Location: The Coach House Todds Green Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 2JE Applicant Name: Mr D Huggins Description: First floor rear extension and single storey side extension with terrace above following demolition of existing conservatory. Alterations to fenestration	Appeal Decision: Appeal Dismissed Decision Date: 27/11/2024
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Application No: 24/00860/DOC	Location: Land Adjacent To Oaklea And South Of Cowards Lane Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8UN Applicant Name: Mr William Nicholls Croudace Homes Description: Details reserved by Condition 30 (Materials) of planning permission reference 17/01464/1 granted on 02.11.2022.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/01443/DOC	Location: Land Adjacent To Oaklea And South Of Cowards Lane Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8UN Applicant Name: Miss Lauretta Nabawanda Croudace Homes Ltd Description: Details reserved by condition 11 (Electricity Substation) of planning permission reference no. 23/00743/RM granted 18.06.2024	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 27/11/2024
Application No: 24/01920/FP	Location: Land To The East Of Old Hale Way Hitchin Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Mr Bruce Parker Description: Altered vehicular access to facilitate the use of land as a community car park together with the installation of new gates and fencing and associated landscaping.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/01980/AD	Location: Land At The Corner Of Walsworth Road And Cambridge Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9UN Applicant Name: Ms Malgorzata Demetriou Hitchin Advertising Description: Erection of billboard to replace existing fence (Development completed)	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02202/FPH	Location: 140 Bedford Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2UP Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Cooper Description: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02275/FPH	Location: 26 The Ridgeway Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8YP Applicant Name: Mr Russell Kane Description: Raise roof height and replace garage door with window to facilitate garage conversion into habitable living space	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02361/DOC	Location: 27 Wymondley Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PN Applicant Name: Ms Harvey & Mr Coombes Description: Details reserved by condition 3 (External Materials) of planning permission reference no 23/02420/FPH granted 10.01.2024	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02400/LDCP	Location: The Cottage 73 Park Lane Old Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6PP Applicant Name: Gary Withers Description: Erection of single storey side and rear extension	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02401/LDCP	Location: The Cottage 73 Park Lane Old Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6PP Applicant Name: Gary Withers Description: Replace 3no garage doors with windows to facilitate conversion of existing detached garage into habitable accommodation	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 26/11/2024
Application No: 24/02415/TCA	Location: 3 Mews Court Rear Of 22 Bancroft Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1JW Applicant Name: Woods Description: T1: Oak - Crown thin by 30% and reduce away from flats by 2m and reduce away from no 3 by 2m.	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22/11/2024
Application No: 24/02438/DOC	Location: Pirton Sports And Social Club Walnut Tree Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3PX Applicant Name: Mr Roberts Description: Details reserved by condition 5 (Construction Management Plan) of planning permission reference no 24/00207/FP granted 25.04.2024	Decision: Agreed Decision Date: 26/11/2024

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Application No: 24/02498/LDCP
Location: 69 Periwinkle Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1TY
Applicant Name: Mr Matthew Coleman
Description:Roof extension to form gable end. Insertion of rear box dormer window including Juliet balcony and 4no front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion.
Decision: Granted Permission
Decision Date: 22/11/2024

Application No: 24/02539/LDCP
Location: Craiglithy Gipsy Lane Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6DJ
Applicant Name: Mr Mark Williamson
Description:Erection of detached garden room
Decision: Granted Permission
Decision Date: 27/11/2024

PRESS RELEASE

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27 November 2024

North Herts tourism thrives with record recovery in both overnight stays and economic impact

According to data published today, **North Herts has emerged as a top choice for overnight stays, with the latest tourism statistics showing a significant rebound post-pandemic, underscoring the district's appeal as a must-visit destination.** Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) Visit Herts commissioned the study which uses the industry-respected Cambridge Economic Impact Model to measure the volume and value of tourism within a destination, as well as the effect of visits and visitor expenditure on the local economy.

The detailed report confirms that North Herts' tourism industry is nearing pre-pandemic levels, **with 190,900 overnight stays recorded in 2023.** This demonstrates 37% growth versus stays in 2021.

The latest findings also reveal that **overnight visitors to North Herts contributed £51 million to Hertfordshire's economy in 2023,** marking an impressive 13% increase versus 2019. Notably, spending per overnight trip has also risen by 14% since 2019, emphasising a growing trend toward extended stays and weekend breaks.

Visit Herts also reports strong gains in total visitor numbers, with **2.9 million people choosing to visit North Herts in 2023,** representing a 19% increase compared to 2021.

The **value of tourism in North Herts reached £221 million in 2023,** which is now on par with pre-pandemic levels. With such impressive recovery figures, the district's tourism sector is once again proving its vital role within the local economy.

Tourism also continues to boost local employment, supporting 4,126 jobs across North Herts, representing 6% of total employment within the district. This growth reflects the pivotal role of tourism in North Herts' economic health and its strong recovery trajectory.

Cllr Tamsin Thomas, Executive Member for Enterprise at North Herts Council, said: "It's great to see how North Herts is becoming a real draw for visitors. These figures show just how much people enjoy exploring our district, whether it's for the stunning countryside, historic towns, or welcoming atmosphere. Tourism plays a key role in boosting our local economy and supporting jobs, and we're committed to helping it thrive even more in the future."

Visit Herts Chief Executive, Deirdre Wells, OBE, said: "Hertfordshire's resurgence as a top destination for overnight stays is a testament to its unique charm, rich history, and beautiful countryside that resonates with visitors seeking both relaxation and discovery. These strong recovery figures affirm the vital role tourism plays in our local economy, not only in driving visitor spending but in sustaining thousands of jobs. As we continue to celebrate Hertfordshire's growing appeal, it's crucial to acknowledge the industry's ongoing challenges, particularly with the current economic pressures and operational costs that our local businesses face daily. While we're encouraged by the progress in overnight stays, the sector is still navigating recovery in international visits with factors like inflation and the cost-of-living impacting traveller spending.

Through our newly launched [Destination Management Plan](#), we're committed to addressing these challenges head-on, supporting our partners, and advocating for policies that help sustain the industry. It's clear that, despite the strides we've made, there is more work ahead to ensure full recovery and continued growth for tourism in Hertfordshire."

To access the full North Herts Economic Impact Study 2023 report, please see PDF attached.

For more information about North Herts district, please visit: www.north-herts.gov.uk

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About Visit Herts

Visit Herts is the destination management organisation for the county of Hertfordshire and was awarded Local Visitor Economy Partnership status by VisitBritain in April 2023. Visit Herts works with a range of public and private sector businesses and organisations to raise the county's profile as a leading destination. Activities include targeting UK and overseas markets through consumer marketing and PR campaigns, forging strong relationships with the travel trade, improving quality and skills within the industry, and growing investment in tourism.

Visit Herts is a public/private sector partnership supported by Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Futures and is delivered by destination management specialists Go To Places. For further information visit: www.visitherts.co.uk

About the Cambridge Economic Impact Model

The figures were derived using the Cambridge Economic Impact Model undertaken by Destination Research on behalf of Visit Herts. The Cambridge Economic Impact Model is an industry-respected tool for measuring the economic impact of tourism in a given area. It utilises information from national tourism surveys and regional/local data (e.g.,

accommodation stock, domestic and inbound trips) of the level of tourism activity within a given local area. Please note that all figures in the research reports have been rounded, therefore there might be marginal discrepancies in subtotals and totals.

Please note this press release references comparative data from the 2023, 2021 and 2019 reports commissioned by Visit Herts.