

# NEEDHAM MARKET TOWN COUNCIL

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## Planning Committee Minutes

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 7pm in the Green Room

**Attendees:** - Cllr O'Shea (in the chair); Cllrs Cooke, Darnell, Goodchild, A Reardon, J Reardon. Cllr Mason arrived part way through the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: - Cllrs Cave, Lawrence and Ost.
2. To receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting: 13.05.2024  
Agreed by all present as a correct record of the meeting.
3. To receive any Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members  
None declared.
4. To approve any Dispensations with respect to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests  
None required.
5. To consider Applications for Planning Permission
  - a. New Applications available at time of agenda

**APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT - DC/24/02772** Construction of 1No. externally illuminated double sided hanging sign; 1 no. externally illuminated individual letter sign; 1No externally illuminated directional sign, 1No. externally illuminated amenity sign; 1No. externally illuminated plaque sign and 1No. non-illuminated disclaimer sign. **Location:** The Swan, 9 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8AL. **Response deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/24/0277** Application for Listed Building Consent - Construction of replacement externally illuminated and non-illuminated signage, new lanterns to entrance and car park ANPR camera with associated equipment and cabling. **Location:** The Swan, 9 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8AL. **Response deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> July.

*Councillors noted that the application is retrospective and believe all items are already in situ. Councillors are concerned that the number of lights seems excessive and that not all signs require them. Councillors would like consideration given to requesting the issue is reviewed by the conservation area officer for guidance to be issued if required.*

**Appeal Reference:** APP/W3520/W/24/3345132

**Appeal by:** Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd **Proposal:** Full Planning Application - Installation of a solar array, associated infrastructure and construction of new vehicular access **Location:** Land At Woodlands Farm, Stowmarket Road, Badley, Suffolk. The Public Inquiry into the above appeal is proposed to open at 10:00 am on 8 October 2024 and scheduled for 6 day(s). **Response deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Councillors referred to their initial consultation response to application DC/22/01530 which was as follows: Needham Market Town Council supports approval of the application and makes the following recommendation for conditions for any approval the LPA may grant:

1. That any new hedgerow planting is placed closer to fencing to maximise the available width for the public rights of way.
2. That zone A is completely removed from the scheme as it will seriously impact the experience of approaching the church and adjacent cluster of listed buildings from this direction.
3. That further set back is provided along the entire southern edge so that it does not wrap around the existing woodland.

Councillors commented that their comments upon DC/22/01530 remain the same. The matter of noise impact was discussed as well as the solar array being of a comparatively temporary nature, that the site may still permit some animal grazing and the energy production will contribute to reducing climate change. With these in mind and subject to our comments on the above Planning Application, NMTC supports the proposal.

b. Applications for which responses were made between meetings as notifications were received after the last meeting and had response deadlines prior to this meeting:

REF	Response
DC/24/02318 49 Hargrave	There are no external alterations and all the amenities of the original two bungalows remain unaltered. We recommend approval.
DC/24/02306 Garnham's Field	Needham Market Town Council are supportive of approval for this application. We recognise the value to the community and its passing members that the existing facility provides. The site is also on a public footpath and is much used by walkers and local community groups. The large petition accompanying the application shows the extent of local support. We would however recommend that permission be on a personal basis granted solely to the applicant rather than the land in order to avoid any major corporate development. We would further recommend that there is limit to the amount, size and location of signage.
DC/24/02517 3 Stowmarket Rd	Needham Market Town Council recommend approval of this application.
DC/24/02457 5 Station Yd	This application is supported by a preapplication to BMSSDC which is to be commended, so often ignored by applicants. This application appears to cover all the points which we would usually comment on and would be an acceptable adaptation/redevelopment use of a largely derelict building. We would recommend approval. We note that the application quotes from and uses the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan as a justification for the development.

6. To receive any specific items from the Town Clerk or Presenting Officer  
There were none.
7. To receive a report from the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan Review Group, if applicable  
Nothing to report.
8. It was agreed that future Planning Committee Agendas would include Planning Decision notifications received from the PLA since the previous meeting.

Meeting closed: 20.20