

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 18th JUNE 2003**

PRESENT

Mr Gray presided over Mesdames Harrison, Holmes and Collins, Messrs. Fisher, Leith and Steeples.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Mackin

2. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

03/00834/FULL

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of new conservatory
11 Clifton Road. SG17 5AA

No objection

02/02203/FULL

Erection of two storey detached classroom block with sports hall. Erection of first floor extension and two storey extension to existing school buildings and refurbishment of existing school buildings.

Samuel Whitbread Community College, Clifton Road

No objection

03/01092/TPO

Works to TPO trees. Remove epicormic shoots, deadwood, thin out crown and shorten overhanging branches to one oak tree.

No objection:- but note to say that the work must be carried out in accordance with the regulations.

3. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

03/00430/FULL

Substitution of house type and siting and revision to siting of garages previously approved under planning permission 02/1537/FULL dated 9/12/2002 for the erection of 9 detached houses.

Plot 7, Land off Midland Close.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

03/00389/FULL

Conservatory to rear.

6A Amphill Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

02/00927/FULL

Change of use of industrial unit to the distribution of car parts to the trade and occasional retail customer (Retrospective)

Unit 2A1 St Francis Way Industrial Park

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

03/00669/FULL

Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension.

72 Clifton Road SG17 5AN

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

03/00495/FULL

Installation of additional equipment on an existing Orange Mast and ancillary development equipment thereto.

Wren Park Industrial Estate, Hitchin Road. SG17 5JJ

Notice of Consent to Display Advertisements

03/00346/ADV

Internally illuminated projecting sign and ATM box panel sign.

Somerfield Stores, St Francis Way Industrial Estate. SG17 6DD

4. UPDATE - SITE OFF MIDLAND CLOSE

Costdeal Ltd. – the developers of this site – have informed the Council yet again that they are unhappy with the proposed name of this site being called ‘The Sidings’ and have asked if they can send in a list of alternative names that also have a rail-orientated theme.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that willow trees in the area of Powells Road are shedding their seeds and causing a nuisance to some householders. As there is a Tree Preservation Order on these trees there is nothing that can be done especially as this only happens for a comparatively short period of time. It was further reported that there was a piece of land in the same area that had become very overgrown. However, as this land is not owned by the Council but has several anonymous landowners, then nothing can be done to enforce those owners to tidy-up the area.

The problem of weeds growing in the area of St Francis Court has been reported to the County Council.

A bench in Hitchin Road is to be viewed to ascertain if it should be repaired or replaced.

Regarding the play area at Priory Gate it was stated that Lisa White (Play & Open Spaces Officer) has seen the plans and the play equipment should be installed in the near future. The delay has been because of drainage problems.

The Barratt side of Churchill Way should soon be coming up for adoption.

Bedfordshire on Sunday has asked the Council for their comments regarding a Planning Application for a playing field on the north side of Bedford Road. At the present time the Council has no knowledge but will make enquiries.

A hedge in the area of Priory Gate has become overgrown and is causing a nuisance to pedestrians.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.
