

# Hampstead Norreys Parish Council

## Planning Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held in the Memorial Room, Hampstead Norreys Village Hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Commencing at 7:30 pm.

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- Members Present: Councillor Ros Maskell, Vice-Chairman  
Councillor Fiona Bennett  
Councillor Colin Layton (acting as a substitute for Councillor David Barlow)
- Members Absent: Councillor David Barlow, Chairman  
Councillor Caroline Herman  
Councillor Harriet McCalmont
- Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk
- In Attendance: 1 Member of the Public

## Minutes

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ros Maskell, chaired the meeting.

- PLN22/23-007 To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Planning Committee**  
Apologies were received from Councillors David Barlow, Caroline Herman and Harriet McCalmont.
- PLN22/23-008 To receive any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk and to consider any requests for dispensation**  
No declarations of interests or requests for dispensation were made.
- PLN22/23-009 To receive questions or comments from members of the public or representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**  
No questions, comments or representations were made.
- PLN22/23-010 To approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
Resolved: Members agreed the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- PLN22/23-011 Matters arising from the previous meeting.**  
There were no matters arising.
- PLN22/23-012 To consider the following new planning applications:**
- 22/02844/FUL Land North Of M4 On East Side Of Hampstead Norreys Road, Hermitage - Change of use of land to residential Gypsy/Traveller site with 2no plots, 2no mobile homes, stables and associated fencing, hardstanding and package treatment plant.**

Resolved: To object to the application and to include the following comments.

West Berkshire Council already has a suitable allocation for gypsy/traveller sites. Under the Council's Core Strategy Development Plan Document (2006-2026), as per policy CS7, this site is outside of the settlement boundary.

Within the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment 2021 Update, which feeds into the Local Plan Review 2022-2039, it is noted that this site is considered, as of April 2021, to be unauthorised and unoccupied and should therefore be deleted from the list of sites.

The site sits within the North Wessex Downs AONB. This application fails to conserve and enhance the AONB and is therefore inappropriate for this site.

The site is currently a greenfield site and it is therefore not appropriate for development due to its impact on the environment.

Access to the site is from the B4009 which has a 60mph speed limit. The B4009 is a national HGV route. The entrance to the land will now involve crossing the Eling Way, a route for pedestrians, cyclists, and horses that runs between Hampstead Norreys and Hermitage, creating safety issues.

The applicant has failed to provide an integrated water supply and drainage strategy in advance of development to ensure the provision of adequate and appropriate infrastructure for water supply and wastewater, both on and off site as per policy TS3 of the Housing Site Allocations DPD (2006-2026).

There is no mains sewerage available on this site. The socio-economic cost benefits to the local economy of having the main utilities extended to this site are far less than the gain to the wider community.

The site is immediately adjacent to the M4 leading to concerns regarding noise pollution and vehicle emission pollution affecting residents and horses/other animals on the site.

There are numerous inaccuracies in the planning application submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:58 pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_