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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,
ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2009,
STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

Councillor R G Kybird, Chairman
The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P A Spencer

Councillors:

G P Balaam	T J Lamb
R F W Brame	D G Mortimer
M Brindle	Mrs P P Quadling
J A Harding	B J Skull
T J Jermy	M G Spencer

295/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Committee Chairman, Councillor R G Kybird, declared a prejudicial interest in respect of item 297/09b owing to his family's ownership of two properties in the immediate vicinity. He absented himself from the Chamber whilst this was being discussed and voted on, with Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor T J Lamb, taking the chair.

296/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs M P Chapman-Allen, S H Chapman-Allen (work-related), A Paines and S N H Wright.

297/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

RESOLVED that the following observations be reported to the planning authority (Breckland Council):

(a) Plan No. 0973 Full

Application by Tesco Stores Ltd for extension to existing foodstore, revised access, extended car park, relocation of balancing pond, landscaping & associated works at Tesco Store, Kilverstone Lane.

Observation

The Committee was unable to support this application for the following reasons:

- i. This was a premature submission, given that a review of the Retail Study remained pending.
- ii. This surely constituted an over-allocation of additional retail space.

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- iii. There was a need for closer attention to be paid to retail activity in the town centre – this application would result in the diversion of potential retail growth way from the centre.

(b) Plan No. 0977 Full

Application by Norfolk NHS Primary Care Trust for conversion of original hospital building into 4 flats, demolition of remainder & residential development of remainder of site at former Thetford Cottage Hospital, Earls Street

Observation

The Committee was supportive, noting that this scheme would retain the character of the original building whilst seeing the disappearance of existing 'unfortunate' extensions. The sole proviso was that the commemorative stone removed some time ago and placed in safe-keeping be re-instated.

There was a presumption that the materials indicated in the documentation would indeed be those used.

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DECISION AT VARIANCE WITH TOWN COUNCIL'S VIEW

Application 3PL/2009/07322/Full by Mr Ismail Uzun for change of use to A3 (coffee bar including extractor pipe) at The Old Angel, 3 & 4 Market Place

RESOLVED that the issuing on 22nd October 2009 of a Refusal of Planning Permission notice, relating to the above application, be noted.

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INSPECTORS' REPORT ON THE BRECKLAND CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DOCUMENT

After some debate, in the course of which a representative from Shadwell Estate was given leave by the meeting to speak, it was:

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Committee Chairman, Councillor R G Kybird, be given leave to raise with the planning authority concerns over various points made in the Report; at this point, the Town Council was particularly concerned about possible consequences stemming from paragraphs 3.208 and 3.209 (under 'Environment').
- (b) the Town Council express to the Shadwell Estate its willingness potentially to support in principle the mounting by Shadwell of a legal challenge to views arrived at in the Inspectors' Report. However, the Town Council would first

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require the Shadwell Estate to be quite clear about what precisely it had concerns over

Councillor T J Lamb's was the sole dissenting voice.

Note: It was agreed to add the following item to the published agenda.

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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO FORM NEW
RESOURCE/STAFF ROOM AND TOILET AT QUEENSWAY INFANT
AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Information had been received under a covering letter from Norfolk County Council, dated 17th November 2009.

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the proposals.

Chairman