

# GREAT ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY 17th AUGUST 2020 USING ZOOM**

Parishioners were invited to attend the meeting via zoom using the website (zoom.us) with the access details available from the Clerk.

Present: Bernie Talbot (connection was lost for some of the meeting), Jane Bowen, Stephen McDonnell, Tony Orgee, the Clerk and three members of the public

### **Meeting started at 7.35pm**

Peter Harding explained the history of the building, the depot, that more recently he had operated his business from and was now seeking change of use for to convert into a dwelling. He had owned the site for 12 years and stated that he was exercising his right to have the buildings use changed from B1-B3 and he felt that the Neighbourhood Plan did not apply to this application.

### **42. Planning Applications to be considered:**

**Ref, 20/03344/PRI03Z - Prior approval for a change of use of Light Industrial (Class B1(c)) to a Dwelling house (Class C3) - Depot Cutting Road**

Tony Orgee explained that the general principle of Prior Approval was based on the Town & Country Act 2015, and this element was for the Planning Officer to decide whether the application conformed to the legal requirements.

Councillors felt that this was the type of development that they had hoped to prevent, with the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan. When the Neighbourhood Plan was created the base line used was when the Land Settlement Association was sold off, at which time the depot building had not been built, so it does not meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan. There were a lot of light industries on this estate, so many could use prior approval, which could mean the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan was a waste of time, if it was not used to prevent such developments. The Neighbourhood Plan stated that if the site did not have a dwelling originally, at the time of the Land Settlement Association was sold off, the location could not get approval for a new dwelling.

**Jane Bowen proposed the Council recommend refusal of the application, which was seconded by Stephen McDonnell, with the support of Tony Orgee (Bernie Talbot had lost is internet connection during the discussions and so did not vote on this application).**

**Ref. 20/02930/LBC - Repairs to rear and side elevations of dwelling - 5 Linton Road**

The conservation officer would be involved in this application, as it was a listed building. Councillors noted that the building was in a poor state of repair.

Bernie Talbot missed much of the discussion due to poor internet connection.

**Tony Orgee proposed the Council recommend approval of the application, which was seconded by Stephen McDonnell, with the support of Jane Bowen (Bernie Talbot did not participate in this item, as he was absent for much of this part of the meeting).**

**43. Name for the new Laragh development under construction on Linton Road.**

Councillors agreed to seek a time extension to enable the Council to consult the community for ideas to name this new development, via the 'Abingtons and Hildersham News' publication.

**Action: Clerk** to contact Diane Duncan to explain this would be discussed again at a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September (from 7.30pm).

**Meeting closed at 8.00pm**