



PLANNING ADVISORY AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Advisory and Highways Committee held on Wednesday 17th December 2025 in the Public Hall.

In light of the large number of public present the Chairman stated that the first 30 minutes would be set aside for public participation and he asked that each speaker limit their question to 3 minutes each.

Six members of the public had previously expressed an interest in addressing the Committee and the Chairman permitted them to speak first, each speaker expressed their concerns with regard to the planning applications to be considered.

The Chairman then invited any further comments, during this time opinions were expressed in the strongest terms.

The Chairman invited the applicant or his representatives to address the concerns expressed, the applicant's architect and senior projects manager described aspects of the proposals and the reasons for them. However due to the level of vocal reaction from many of those attending it had not been possible for them to continue speaking.

2356 MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Gillings (Chairman), Cllr Anderton, Cllr Benton, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Gunning and Cllr Watts; also Christine Bright (Town Clerk) and approx. 160 members of the public including the applicant, Mr Perkins and his consultants.

2357 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Biggs.

2358 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

2359 PLANNING ISSUES

(a) To CONSIDER the following PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Prior to considering the applications the Chairman read a briefing paper (copy attached) however there was increasing disquiet at some of its content culminating in a disruption to the meeting. The Chairman reminded the meeting that it was a Council Committee meeting and the public should allow the Council to continue with their official business.

Unfortunately the Committee were not afforded the opportunity to fully consider all aspects of these applications without interruption.

1. **P/FUL/2025/06865**

SITE OF PARNHAM HOUSE, PARNHAM

Conservation and restoration works to the fire damaged South Wing of Parnham House including reinstatement of the roof, floors and walls, and refurbishment.

Enabling development to fund the overall conservation and restoration works at Parnham House (as a private home with a hospitality offering), involving the erection of 82 dwellings and two visitor accommodation lodges, together with the provision of associated infrastructure including bridge crossing of the River Brit, leisure facilities, surface water drainage features, landscape and biodiversity works, alteration to existing vehicular access and diversion of existing right of way.

The Chairman asked members whether there was a proposal to approve the application, with no proposer or seconder he then asked whether there was a proposal to refuse the application. Cllr Dawkins expressed his objection to the bridging of the River Brit and development of Mill Ground and proposed to recommend refusal, seconded by Cllr Corbett.

The recommendation was carried 4 votes in favour, none against and three abstentions.

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL.

2. **P/LBC/2025/07037**

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It was **AGREED** the decision also applied to this associated application.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND REFUSAL**.

2360 THE MEETING

The meeting which began at 7.00pm was concluded at 8.20pm

Chairman
3rd March 2026