

## Planning Licensing and Finance Committee

### Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the held at the Guildhall, Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday 04 May 2022 at 6pm

**Present:** Cllrs Iannelli-Popham (Chair), Chung (BSETC Deputy Town Mayor, ex-officio with full voting rights), Hind, Murray, Rout and Whittingham

**Also present:** Greg Luton (Town Clerk), Jacqui Howells (Temporary Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), Julie Sturgeon (Allotments and Administrative Assistant) and two members of public.

#### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Thompson.  
Cllr Bouché was absent but no apologies received.

#### **2. Declarations of interest and additions to registers**

Cllrs Chung, Hind and Rout declared a local non-pecuniary interest as District Councillors.

#### **3. To consider written applications for a dispensation relieving members from the restrictions in section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011, and to specify the period for which dispensation is granted**

None.

#### **4. Public forum**

Two members of public attended the meeting to give their views regarding application DC/22/0593/HYB

#### **5. To consider planning application DC/22/0593/HYB**

DC/22/0593/HYB | Hybrid planning application - a. outline application (means of access to be considered) for a new hospital (use class C2) of up to 100,000 square metres and surface and multistorey car park with associated infrastructure, structural landscape buffer, temporary construction compound and demolition of existing hospital buildings. b. full planning application - change of use of Hardwick Manor from a single residential dwelling (use class C3) to health related uses associated with the new hospital (use class C2) | Land At Hardwick Manor Hardwick Lane Bury St Edmunds IP33 2RD Suffolk

#### Resolution Record (Delegated Powers): **PL&F/01/04/MAY/22**

Bury St Edmunds Town Council wishes to express its 'in principle' support for the construction of a new hospital on the Hardwick Manor site. The construction of a new hospital is important for the Town and none of the comments below should detract from that aspect

However,, the Town Council has a number of concerns with the outline application that are expressed as objections on the following grounds:

1. Environmental and ecological concerns with a potential loss of habitat and wildlife and the impact on the adjacent SSSI site. The Town Council would like to see an improvement to the onsite mitigation and an increased ecological buffer between Hardwick Heath and the hospital site.
2. Transport infrastructure objections and the capacity of the surrounding roads and traffic junctions: the Spread Eagle, Cullum Road and Southgate roundabouts. The Town Council

would wish to see a strategic transport plan that foresees a reduction in the onsite parking and the possible provision of a park and ride facility for both staff and public. There are also concerns about the proposed new roundabout where Hardwick Lane meets Vinery Road as this may exacerbate the existing traffic issues and further encourage the use of Gypsy Lane as a 'rat run'.

3. The Town Council would also seek assurances that no part of the existing hospital site should be developed for future commercial gain, as residential development or for other uses.

#### **6. Date of next meeting**

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 11 May 2022**

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

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