

**MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING**  
OF HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LONDON ROAD, HALESWORTH, AT 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs S Leverett - Chairman  
Councillors: Mrs J Wright Mr J Clayton Mr E Leverett  
Mr M Smith Mrs A Dunning Mr A Holzer  
Mr R Woolnough

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs: Mr J Wagner, Mr P Widdowson, Mr T Goldson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** one member of the public.

**178. The Chairman:** opened the meeting.

**179. Apologies:** were received and accepted.

**180. Declarations of Interest:** were recorded

**181. Town Planning Applications:**

**DC/09/1203/FUL** Anglia regional Co-op Society, Rainbow Foodstore, Saxon Way, Halesworth

Extension to Rainbow Co-op Foodstore including demolition of existing petrol filling station [revised application following appeal against non-determination of DC/09/0128/FUL.

**REFUSAL** – for the following reasons:

- Demolition of the petrol filling station is contrary to policy on two aspects in the Statement of Executive Summary as follows:
- Ref. 1.4 - to promote viability and vitality of Town Centre by enhancing consumer choice.
- Ref 1.7 - self-containment in local provision. It is considered that the petrol filling station on the Rainbow site is a vital part of this provision. The proposals are damaging to the sustainability and well-being of the Towns independence. There is lack of clarification of impact on residential customers and to the sustainability vitality and viability for service and commercial vehicles, particularly in connection with the proposed development of the industrial estate at the north end of the town.
- There is no clear evidence that quantitative and qualitative improvements will be achieved by the proposals. Para. 8.30 Planning Supporting Statement and Retail Assessment document states *at constant market shares there is no quantitative need for additional convenience floor space.*
- Concerns regarding inadequate cycle/mobility buggy/pedestrian flow onto Swan Lane
- Clarification is sought of pedestrian access onto London Road North.
- Clarification of location of 22 cycle stands, inadequate cover of cycle stands.
- Concerns about the impact on Town Centre shops as stated page 60 of the Planning Supporting Statement and Retail Assessment document *it is anticipated in the short term around 6.6% of the town centre's convenience trade will be attracted to the extended store.*

**Pre-submission consultation on Waste Core Strategy Submission Draft and accompanying Final Sustainability Appraisal Report.**

*Consultation period ends 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 - Councillors agreed to look at and respond.*

Proposed Planning Application for George Maltings, River Lane, Halesworth- Proposed house and donation of land to Millennium Green – *as per circulated email 20/11/09- Application not received.*

**WDC PLANNING DECISIONS:**

**APPROVALS:**

DC/09/1058/FUL & DC/09/1052/LBC Mr D Hurren 1 Chediston Street, Halesworth

Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing storeroom, construction of two storey extension, alterations to first floor flat and provision of 2no. off road parking bays

DC/09/1055/VOC Mr Barry Burgess The Willows Wissett Road, Halesworth

Variation of Condition 5 of DC/09/0930/FUL – To allow single caravan to remain on site until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

DC/09/1028/FUL Mr Jim McLoughlin 65/67 Bedingfield Crescent, Halesworth

Construction of 1no. bungalow and garage revised plans

The meeting closed at 8.30pm