

MINUTES of the PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held at Epping Hall, St. Johns Road, Epping on **Tuesday, 27th February 2024 at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr N Avey (Chairman)
Cllr C Burgess (Mayor - *ex officio*)
Cllr C McCredie (Deputy Mayor - *ex officio*)
Cllr G Scruton
Cllr R Sharif
Cllr M Wright (Vice Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the press was present. No members of the public were present.

OFFICER: Geraldine Vallis (Planning & Events Officer)

406 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

407 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7 Planning Applications (Non-Pecuniary)

Cllr C McCredie and Cllr R Sharif requested an entry to be made in the minutes, to make it clear, that as members of both the Town and District Councils, they will reconsider all matters at District level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at the District tier. Therefore, they cannot be bound in any way by any view expressed in the parish tier or by the decisions of this Committee.

There were no other declarations of interest.

408 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

409 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Committee **RESOLVED** that:

the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, 13th February 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

410 PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

411 NOTICES AND INFORMATION

There were no notices or information.

412 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Committee **CONSIDERED** the following planning and tree applications received from Epping Forest District Council since the date of the previous meeting until the date of this agenda.

EPF/0200/24	40 Bower Hill Epping CM16 7AL Mrs Jess Sakthi	Crossover application
Committee have NO OBJECTION to this application.		
EPF/0226/24	7 Griffins Wood Cottages High Road Epping CM16 4DH Mr M Allen	TPO/EPF/06/18 T1 & T2: Leylandii Cypress - Crown reduce, as specified.
Committee have NO OBJECTION to this application provided the tree work is carried out under the supervision of the arboricultural officer at EFDC.		

413 CONSULTATION

Full Variation of current premises licence Eden Cocktail Bar 88 High Street Epping Essex CM16 4AE

This was for a Full Variation of an existing premises licence at the above location. The variation is for an amendment of the hours and licensable activities for The Sale by Retail of Alcohol and The Provision of Regulated Entertainment for the following:
Live Music Monday to Sunday 11.00 – 01.00am Indoors
Recorded Music Monday to Sunday 11.00 – 01.00am Indoors
The Sale by Retail of Alcohol Monday to Sunday 11.00 – 01.00am On Sales only (currently Monday to Sunday 11.00 – 23.00pm)
Opening Times Monday to Sunday 09.00 – 01.30am
The Consultation period for this started on 7th February 2024 and ends on 5th March 2024 and any representations or comments must be submitted within this time period.

Committee **CONSIDERED** the above consultation and **DECIDED** to make a part-representation objection against the application under the Licensing Act 2003 on the grounds of the licensing objectives regarding the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance.

The objection relates to the specific times on Mondays to Sundays when the applicant is proposing to vary the hours and licensable activities for the sale by retail of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and opening times.

The Committee **DECIDED** it was acceptable to have the sale by retail of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and opening times on normal licensing hours to be closed by midnight on Mondays to Saturdays; closed by 11pm on Sundays except on special occasions for example New Year's Eve until 1am.

414 CONSULTATION**Street Trading Consent at Car Park of Epping Train Station, Station Approach, CM16 4WH**

This application is to renew a Street Trading Consent at this location. The consultation runs from 13th February 2024 to 4th March 2024, and any comments or representations must be submitted within this time period.

Committee **CONSIDERED** the above consultation and **DECIDED** that no further action should be taken with regard to this consultation.

415 EFDC PLANNING DECISIONS

Committee **NOTED** that no planning decisions had been received from Epping Forest District Council for this period.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.32pm.

Signature of Chairman

Date