

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BD
11 October 2018 (7.30 - 9.00 pm)

Present:

COUNCILLORS 8

Conservative Group	+Philippa Crowder, Jason Frost, +Carol Smith and Melvin Wallace (Chairman)
Residents' Group	Reg Whitney
Upminster & Cranham Residents' Group	Linda Hawthorn
Independent Residents Group	Graham Williamson
Labour Group	Keith Darvill (Vice-Chair)

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Ray Best and Maggie Themistocli.

+Substitute Members: Councillor Philippa Crowder (for Maggie Themistocli) and Councillor Carol Smith (for Ray Best).

Councillors Joshua Chapman and Ciaran White were also present at the meeting.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency and the procedure for the meeting.

21 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 13 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23 **P1156.18 - ALBANY SCHOOL, BROADSTONE ROAD**

The Committee was addressed by Councillor Ciaran White.

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to agree the recommendation to **GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION** and that the Head of Planning is delegated authority to issue the planning permission and impose conditions and informatives to secure those matters as set out in the report.

24 **P0048.18 - 112-116 SOUTH STREET**

The Committee was addressed by Councillor Joshua Chapman.

The report recommended that planning permission be granted, however following a motion to refuse the granting of planning permission it was **RESOLVED** that planning **PERMISSION BE REFUSED** for the following reasons;

- The proposal, by reason of its design, would fail to integrate satisfactorily with the retained non-designated heritage asset, thereby resulting in harm to its visual integrity, contrary to Policies CP18 and DC67 of the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD, the Council's Heritage SPD, Policy 7.8 of the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- The proposal, by reason of its height and the lack of comparably tall buildings nearby, would fail to respect the character of Romford Town Centre, contrary to Policies DC61 and DC66 of the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD, ROM19 of the Romford Area Action Plan and 2.15 of the London Plan.

Councillors Linda Hawthorn and Keith Darvill voted against the resolution.

Councillor Graham Williamson abstained from voting.

25 **P1057.17 - 165-193 NEW ROAD**

The Committee received an update on the application from Officers.

Following a motion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** consideration of the application.

Chairman