

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
5 November 2020 (7.00 - 9.00 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS 8

Conservative Group	Dilip Patel (Chairman), Timothy Ryan (Vice-Chair), Ray Best and Maggie Themistocli
Residents' Group	Reg Whitney
Upminster & Cranham Residents' Group	Linda Hawthorn
Independent Residents Group	Graham Williamson
Labour Group	Keith Darvill

Councillors Judith Holt and Nisha Patel were also present for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated all decisions were agreed with no vote against.

76 PROTOCOL ON THE OPERATION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

The Committee considered the report and **NOTED** its contents.

77 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Graham Williamson disclosed a non-pecuniary interest on both application for consideration. Councillor Williamson stated that one of the speakers was known to him and that he could consider the items with an open mind.

78 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

79 **P0108.20 - 307-309 SOUTH STREET, ROMFORD, RM1 2AJ**

The application before the Committee was for the redevelopment of an existing commercial site to provide a new commercial single storey building providing 1,260sqm of Sui Generis Builders Merchants with external storage/racking.

It was noted that the application was of strategic importance and had been subject to pre-application presentation to Members of the committee.

In accordance with the public participation arrangements, the Committee was addressed by an objector with a response from the applicant representative.

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to **GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION** subject to the conditions contained in the report.

80 **P0109.20 - 307-309 SOUTH STREET, ROMFORD, RM1 2AJ**

The application before the Committee was for the redevelopment of a site to provide mixed-use scheme with 47 self-contained apartments, ground floor commercial space (Use Classes B2/B8 with trade counter) built over 4 – 7 storeys, and associated car parking and landscaping

It was noted that the application was of strategic importance and had been subject to pre-application presentation to Members of the committee.

It was noted that the application had been called in by Councillor Judith Holt.

In accordance with the public participation arrangements, the Committee was addressed by an objector with a response from the applicant representative.

With its agreement Councillor Judith Holt addressed the Committee.

The Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to **GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION** subject to the conditions contained in the report.

The vote for the resolution to grant planning permission was carried by 5 votes to 3.

Councillors Linda Hawthorn, Graham Williamson and Reg Whitney voted against the resolution to grant planning permission.

Chairman