

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BD  
6 January 2022 (7.00 - 9.15 pm)**

**Present:**

**COUNCILLORS 8**

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

Councillor David Durant was in attendance for the meeting.

There were nine members of the public at the meeting.

All decisions were taken with no votes against.

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

**14 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**15 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**16 P1013.21 - HARRIS ACADEMY RAINHAM, LAMBS LANE SOUTH**

The report before the Committee sought planning permission for the erection of part two and part three storey building to provide new sixth form building, with associated access and parking, following demolition of the existing swimming pool.

With its agreement Councillor David Durant addressed the Committee.

The report recommended approval of planning permission, however following a motion it was **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** consideration of the item to allow officers provide further information on the following issues:

1. Further details from applicant on what would be in the travel plan, including targets, and what particular enforcement aspects of the travel plan that the applicant is agreeable to be bound through the S106;
2. Further details from the applicant of the standard of accommodation for the students including details on what the minimum standards are for this type of provision and the ability to have sufficient spaces to deliver the varied subjects. Further evidence to justify that the proposal is the right provision for the Borough in terms of sixth form offer (from a need perspective) and it is in the right place;
3. Details from the applicant on what efforts have already and would in future be made to improve public transport in the vicinity of the site. Information from Transport Planning on any requirements or plans to improve public transport given the likely increased demand from the proposal (if there are any details from Transport Planning these will be forwarded on).
4. Commitment/details from the applicant on what measures they would consider in the future should there be parking problems in the surrounding area.

Councillor Keith Darvill proposed the motion to defer and this was seconded by Councillor Tim Ryan.

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**Chairman**