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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BD
27 February 2025 (7.00 - 9.03 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group	Timothy Ryan
Havering Residents' Group	Reg Whitney (Chairman), Bryan Vincent (Vice-Chair) and John Crowder
Labour Group	Jane Keane

12 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Ray Best.

14 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

15 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16 APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

The report outlined the application for decision and was **noted** by the Committee.

17 P1274.23 AND P1150.24 - LAND BOUND BY CHIPPENHAM ROAD, KINGS LYNN DRIVE & DARTFIELDS, HAROLD HILL

The Committee received a presentation on 2 applications for decision; the demolition of all existing buildings and structures relating to The Alderman Public House and the redevelopment of the site and the erection of 4 residential blocks to provide 138 affordable housing units, including landscaping, car parking and cycle parking.

It was noted the application had previously been presented to the Committee in January 2024. Members raised concerns over the demolition of the PH and the impact that would have on residents who use it for social purposes to which officers explained a temporary PH would be created with future plans to build a permanent one into the redevelopment of the local shopping centre. Members also raised concerns regarding the replanting of trees and expressed they believe new trees should be mature and not replanted as young saplings. Finally, members questioned the availability and location of mobility scooter storage; officers considered adapting the condition of cycle storage to alter the available storage to enable residents to store their mobility scooters safely and securely.

Members asked for further strengthening of the landscape condition, flexibility within the cycle storage to accommodate mobility scooters and to retain internal parts of The Alderman PH to repurpose (which would be taken as an informative as opposed to an obligation).

The Committee:

1. **Approved** application P1274.23 unanimously
2. **Approved** application P1150.24 with 4 votes for and 1 abstention

Cllr Jane Keane abstained from the second vote.

18 **QUARTERLY PLANNING PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Committee considered the quarterly reporting of performance to the planning committees and **RESOLVED** to note the contents of the report.

Members were advised to contact officers directly if there are any enquiry on any item.

Chairman