

## NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025

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# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## AGENDA & REPORTS

### PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 17 FEBRUARY 2025

Planning Control Committee Agenda – 21 February 2025

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 24 FEBRUARY 2025

Planning Control Committee – 25 February 2025  
Council – 27 February 2025

### UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
28 Feb 2025 @ 7pm for 7:30pm	Chair's Civic Event and Awards Ceremony	Hitchin Town Hall

### UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
	None	

### UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
24 February 2025 @ 19:00	Member Briefing - Careline	Zoom
27 February @ 18:30	Member Briefing – Cyber Security	Zoom



## ENTERPRISE

# MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

### **North Herts Community Lottery 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Event**

We are delighted to invite you to the North Herts Community Lottery 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration event on **Thursday 27 March 11am-12pm in the Lucas Room, Hitchin Town Hall.**

We are looking forward to celebrating alongside our current good causes, however, are welcoming any new causes that may wish you sign up on the day. If you know of any local organisations that would be interested in signing up to the Lottery, then please invite and encourage them to attend the event.

The event will feature:

- Networking amongst local good causes
- A chance to hear from good causes about how they are spending their lottery fund
- Encouraging new causes to sign up
- £50 donation to one good cause who attends the event
- Celebrating 3 successful years of the lottery over cake and coffee

To celebrate our birthday, we also have 3 amazing prizes to give away to players of our lottery – club night tickets at the Town Hall, a season pass for Letchworth Lido and a 3-month North Herts full membership.

Book your space at the event: [Community Lottery Celebration – Hitchin Town Hall](#)

For more information please contact:  
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# You're invited to the



North Herts  
Community  
Lottery



## Birthday event!

Thursday 27 March,  
11am-12pm

We're celebrating the success of the  
*North Herts Community Lottery*  
and the vital part you play with a  
very special 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday event.

Join us at our Birthday celebration for:

An opportunity  
to win a



donation to  
your cause



Great causes  
to mingle and  
network with



Plenty of  
cakes and  
hot drinks

Feel free to bring a pull-up banner, flyers or posters  
with you as we're going to film our good causes  
on the day to help promote ticket sales.

Please let us know you're coming by  
registering here by Thursday 20 March:

Please use your good cause email address when applying for your free tickets



If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact:  
[amber.smith-howell@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:amber.smith-howell@north-herts.gov.uk)



**Legal and Community  
Committee & Member Services**

# MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

## **REMINDER: MEMBER BRIEFING SESSIONS**

A reminder for Members that we have arranged the following Member Briefing Sessions – please respond to Committee Services if you plan to attend.

**Monday 24 February 2025, 7pm to 8pm – Careline Briefing  
Via Zoom**

This session will cover who Careline are, what Careline do, the benefits of the service to the community and council, and ongoing developments within Careline. There will also be time for you view their new video and to ask any questions you may have.

**Thursday 27 February 2025, 6.30pm to 7pm – Cyber Security Briefing  
In person, Council Chamber (ahead of Full Council)**

As there has been an increase in spoofing (impersonating) and phishing attacks targeting staff and Councillors, this session has been arranged to highlight areas to look out for and raise awareness of this increasing issue. All Members are encouraged to attend this important session.

Please respond to the meeting invites from Committee Services if you are due to attend either of the above sessions.

These sessions will be recorded and uploaded to GrowZone, alongside any slides from the session, for any Members unable to attend.

For further information please contact:

Committee Services  
Tel: 01462 474655  
Email: [committee.services@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:committee.services@north-herts.gov.uk)



## WASTE MANANEGEMENT

# MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

We are pleased to share with you a copy of the flyer that will be accompanying this year's council tax bill. This flyer maybe the first time some residents are hearing about the planned changes to their refuse and recycling services, so we are anticipating it will generate a lot of interest. We have been working on a dedicated webpage and updating frequently asked questions in anticipation and working with our customer service staff to be able to provide guidance. We will also be contacting local press in advance with a press release and inviting them to ask any questions they may have.

NB This is the first of several items of correspondence residents will receive.

Document attached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to join us at the regular monthly Q &A sessions on Mobilisation:

The next session will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3pm to 4pm

Meeting ID: 335 050 619 999

Passcode: DV7CSe

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

### **Litterbin removals**

Litterbin removal has commenced, our contractor is starting with the bins that are more easily removed or are damaged first. This means we are able to plan resources and work efficiently on this project, removing litterbins across both districts is a large-scale project so will take a few months to complete.

For more information please contact:

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# IMPORTANT: Bin collection changes

In **August** a new three-weekly bin collection cycle is due to start which means some collection days will change.

And from **May**, our new recycling and waste contractor is due to start delivering new recycling bins for cardboard and paper to help you manage the new system. **Please do not use these bins until August.**

## WHY ARE CHANGES COMING IN?

When arranging a new waste contract to start from May 2025, we worked hard to get an environmentally sustainable service at a reasonable cost.

A three-weekly cycle makes collections more efficient, saves money and encourages everyone to recycle more.

Flats and communal bins will remain on their current collection cycle.

Support is available for certain households and we will be writing to all those we are currently aware of that have special medical requirements, larger families, or multiple babies in nappies, for example.

**More information will be coming to you in due course and we are updating our website.**

**For more information use the link below or scan the QR code**



**[www.north-herts.gov.uk/BinChanges](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/BinChanges)**

From **August** a new three-weekly recycling and waste collection cycle will start:

All recycling should be empty and clean

**BLUE LID**  
Cardboard & paper



**BLACK LID**  
Mixed recycling:  
Glass bottles & jars,  
plastic bottles, pots,  
tubs & trays, cartons,  
tins, cans, aerosols

**New!**

**From August:** soft  
plastic packaging



**PURPLE LID**  
Non-recyclable  
waste only



**BROWN LID**  
Garden waste  
for those who  
subscribe to  
the service



Food waste



This graphic is for illustrative purposes only. The colour of the bins may vary from the images shown.

[www.north-herts.gov.uk/BinChanges](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/BinChanges)





# Public Document Pack

## NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERONON ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS, SG6 3JF  
ON MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 10.00 AM

#### MINUTES

**Present:** *Councillors: Tim Johnson (Chair), Amy Allen, Bryony May and Stewart Willoughby.*

**In Attendance:** *Steve Cobb (Licensing and Community Safety Manager), Robert Filby (Trainee Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer), James Lovegrove (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager), Alina Preda (Trainee Solicitor) and Dimple Roopchand (Litigation and Regulatory Solicitor).*

**Also Present:** *At the commencement of the meeting approximately 13 members of the public, including registered speakers.*

#### 9 ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Councillor Stewart Willoughby proposed and Councillor Amy Allen seconded and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Tim Johnson be appointed as Chair for this meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee.

#### 10 ELECTION OF A RESERVE MEMBER

The Chair welcomed Members, Officers, Premises Licence Holder, Premises Licence Holder's Representatives, and Other Persons to the hearing.

Councillor Amy Allen proposed and Councillor Stewart Willoughby seconded, and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Bryony May be appointed as the Reserve Member for this meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee.

#### 11 HEARING PROCEDURE

The Sub-Committee noted the hearing procedure.

#### 12 REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF BYGRAVE PLANTATION

The Licensing and Community Safety Manager presented the report entitled Determination of Application in Respect of Bygrave Plantation, Land Adjacent to 1 Caldecote Road, Newnham, SG7 5JZ.

The report, together with verbal submissions and questions from the Premises Licence Holder, the Premises Licence Holder's Representatives, and Other Persons, as well as advice from Legal Advisors were considered.

The report of the Licensing and Community Safety Manager was noted.

**13 DECISION NOTICE**

The agreed decision notice is attached as part of the Minutes of this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm

Chair

## Decision Notice

Date of Hearing	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Members of Panel	Councillors Amy Allen, Tim Johnson (Chair), Bryony May (Reserve Member), Stewart Willoughby
Premises Licence Holder(s) Name	A E and W A Farr Limited
Premises Address	Bygrave Plantation Land adjacent to 1 Caldecote Road, Newnham, SG7 5JZ
Date of Application	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>APPLICATION FOR REVIEW</b>	<p>This is an application for a review of a Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee has read the material presented to it and has listened to all the evidence and submissions. The Sub-Committee has considered the National Guidance and the Statement of Licensing Policy and has come to the following decision:</p> <p><b>The Sub-Committee has decided to modify the conditions of the premises licence.</b></p>
<b>AMENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITY TIMINGS</b>	<p>Section F: Recorded Music (Indoors and Outdoors)</p> <p>Monday: 10:00 to 23:00  Tuesday: 12:00 to 23:00  Wednesday: 12:00 to 23:00  Thursday: 12:00 to 23:00  Friday: 11:00 to 01:00  Saturday: 11:00 to 01:00  Sunday: 11:00 to 23:00</p> <p>The timings for any evening leading into an English Bank Holiday shall be extended to 01:00.</p> <p>Section E: Live Music (Indoors and Outdoors)</p> <p>Monday: 10:00 to 23:00  Tuesday: 12:00 to 23:00  Wednesday: 12:00 to 23:00  Thursday: 12:00 to 23:00  Friday: 11:00 to 01:00</p>

	<p>Saturday: 11:00 to 01:00 Sunday: 11:00 to 23:00</p> <p>The timings for any evening leading into an English Bank Holiday shall be extended to 01:00.</p>
<p><b>CONDITIONS PROPOSED BY THE LICENCE HOLDER IN RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW</b></p>	<p>The premises licence holder has offered up the following conditions to assist in the promotion of the licensing objectives:</p> <p>Conditions 1 and 5 have been amended by the Sub-Committee to reflect the condition offered up and include wording from the existing condition on the licence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>NEW CONDITION:</b> The licence holder shall require that a telephone number be provided to the Bygrave Parish Council for the reporting of any complaints from persons living in the area related to licensable activities held under this licence on the licensed area. This number shall be monitored throughout the event and details of any complaints received, investigations undertaken and corrective actions taken shall be noted in an incident logbook. The number shall further be displayed on any website used by the licence holder for the promotion of the event. After the event, the incident logbook is to be provided to the licensing authority within 28 days.</li> <li>2. <b>NEW CONDITION:</b> The licence holder shall require the event organiser to offer to meet with Bygrave Parish Council on at least an annual basis to discuss events that are proposed or have taken place on the site since any previous meeting.</li> <li>3. <b>AMENDMENT TO CONDITION 1(a)(i)</b> - The premises licence holder will provide notification of such events to the licensing authority and Bygrave Parish Council no later than six (6) months prior to the commencement of the event, save where agreed with the Safety Advisory Group. This notification will provide the name of the event, the event type (including licensable activities and relevant zones to be used within the site), the date of the event (including start and finish times) and the anticipated capacity of the event.</li> <li>4. <b>AMENDMENT TO CONDITION 1(b)(i)</b> - For all other events, the premises licence holder will provide notification of such events to the licensing authority and Bygrave Parish Council no later than three (3) months prior to the commencement of the event save where agreed with the chairman or representative of the Safety Advisory Group. This notification will provide the name of the event, the event type (including licensable activities and relevant zones to be used within the site), the date of the event</li> </ol>

	<p>(including start and finish times) and the anticipated capacity of the event.</p> <p>5. AMENDMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONDITION 4 - The premises licence holder shall ensure that a post event report is provided to the Licensing Authority, the Council's Noise Control Officer and Bygrave Parish Council no later than thirty- one (31) days after an event which required a noise management plan. This timescale shall remain in place unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council Noise Control Officer. The report shall include the results of all noise monitoring carried out during the event indicating whether or not compliance to all the noise criteria was achieved, details of all noise complaints received and any remedial action taken to minimise noise disturbance off site.</p>
<b>EFFECT OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS EXPLAINED TO APPLICANT</b>	<p>The effect of failure to comply with any of the conditions attached to the licence or certificate is a criminal offence, which upon conviction, would result in an unlimited fine or up to six months imprisonment or both.</p>
<b>STATUTORY GUIDANCE CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>The Sub-Committee has taken into account the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (December 2023 version) in reaching its decision. It has found the following sections to be of particular relevance in reaching this decision:</p> <p><b>Sections</b></p> <p>1.3; 1.4; 1.5; 1;17; 1.19; 2.1; 2.9; 2.16; 2.21; 2.22; 2.23; 2.24; 2.25; 2.26; 2.27; 2.28; 8.13; 8.14; 9.12; 9.30; 9.42; 9.43; 9.44; 10.8; 10.9; 10.10; 10.18; 11.10; 11.17; 11.19; 11.20; 11.23; 13.10.</p>
<b>LICENSING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>The Sub-Committee has taken into account the North Hertfordshire District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in reaching its decision. They have found the following sections to be of particular relevance in reaching this decision.</p> <p><b>Sections</b></p> <p>B6; B8; B10; D2.1; D2.4; D2.5; D2.6; D2.8; D2.9; D6.2; D6.3; D6.8; D8.1; D8.2; D11.1; D11.9; D14.1; E1.2.3; E2.1; E3.1.1; E.3.1.2; E3.8.1; E3.8.2; E3.8.3; E3.9.1; E3.9.3; E4.1; F2.1; F2.2; F2.3; F2.4; F4.1; F4.3; F.4.4; F5.1; F5.5; F5.6; F8.1; F8.2; G2.1; G2.2; G2.3; G2.4; G2.5; G5.1; G5.2; G5.3; G5.4; G5.5; G5.6; G6.6.1; G6.6.2; G6.6.3; G6.6.6; G7.6.1; G8.2.1; G8.2.2; G8.3.1; G8.3.2; G8.7.1; G8.7.2; G8.8.2; G11.1; G11.2; G11.3; H2.1; H2.2; O1.1; O2.2; O3.2; O3.4; O4.2.5; O4.5.2.</p>
<b>RATIONALE FOR DECISION</b>	<p>1. In coming to its decision, the Sub-Committee has listened to the comments addressed by both parties at this review hearing. The Sub-Committee is mindful to strike a healthy</p>

	<p>balance between the applicant of the review, the supporting parties and the premises licence holder to support their business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="550 353 1418 741">2. In addressing the public nuisance licensing objective, Members have taken a balanced approach and have considered the close proximity of the premises and the local residents. Members are satisfied that by varying the hours for the licensable activity of the recorded music (indoors and outdoors) and live music (indoors and outdoors), this will address many of the concerns raised within the representations.</li><li data-bbox="550 779 1418 1317">3. Members had regard to evidence given by the Applicant and those supporting the review in relation to unactioned complaints logged via the hotline relating to noise. In response, the premises licence holder indicated this was due to them addressing a traffic/pedestrian issue at the conclusion of an event. Members are satisfied that the decision to reduce timings for recorded and live music will address the public safety (dispersal), public nuisance and protection of children from harm licensing objectives. It is also anticipated that this will give the applicant and local residents more certainty and clarity over noise cessation.</li><li data-bbox="550 1355 1418 1525">4. Members have had regard to all the issues submitted as part of the review and submits that the earlier cessation in recorded and live music will address many of the concerns raised within this review application.</li><li data-bbox="550 1563 1418 1845">5. Members have noted the concerns raised with regard to traffic management, which has been heard and acknowledged by the Premises licence holder and it is hoped that further consideration will be given upon each planned event to minimise disruption to the applicant and local residents.</li></ol>
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	<p>6. Members are satisfied that they have heard no evidence relating to the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective.</p>
<b>COMMENCEMENT DATE</b>	<p>This decision will come into effect from the end of the period for appealing the decision (21 days starting tomorrow) or, if the decision is appealed, the point at which the appeal has been dealt with by the Magistrates' Court.</p>
<b>RIGHTS OF REVIEW</b>	<p>At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority, such as the Police, or any other person, such as a resident living in the vicinity of the premises, may ask the licensing authority to review the licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives. The review is a request for the Council to look at the existing licence and decide whether its conditions are adequate to meet the four licensing objectives defined under the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>Ordinarily, a further review would need to focus on matters at the premises following this review, it should not be used to re-visit issues raised at today's hearing.</p> <p>The licensing authority can refuse a further review on the grounds that it is repetitious</p>

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(Including Withdrawn decisions)

**EAST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 24/01371/FP	<b>Location:</b> Hillcrest And Land At Tussocks The Causeway Therfield SG8 9PP <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr T Hanson Hanson Services Ltd <b>Description:</b> Erection of seven dwellings (4 x 3-bed and 3 x 4-bed) including creation of vehicular access off The Causeway, footpath, carport, parking, landscaping, and associated works following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings (as amended by plans and information received 22nd October 2024 and 18th November 2024).	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02547/PNW	<b>Location:</b> Land At Radwell Bury Farm Radwell Lane Radwell Hertfordshire <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Jonathan Northern Northern of Radwell <b>Description:</b> Installation of farm track	<b>Decision:</b> Prior Approval Given <b>Decision Date:</b> 19/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02790/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 5 Broadcroft Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3UA <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Peter Khera <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension.	<b>Decision:</b> Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 13/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02841/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 5 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EA <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs Will and Miranda Hughes <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension (development already carried out).	<b>Decision:</b> Unconditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 13/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02842/LBC	<b>Location:</b> 5 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EA <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr and Mrs Will and Miranda Hughes <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension (development already carried out).	<b>Decision:</b> Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 13/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02908/PNQ	<b>Location:</b> Fear End Fears Green Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0QY <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms Rosemary Campbell Sworders <b>Description:</b> Conversion of agricultural buildings into 7 residential dwellings	<b>Decision:</b> Prior Approval Given <b>Decision Date:</b> 13/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02909/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 77 Cowslip Hill Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4EX <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Caspar De Haes <b>Description:</b> Erection of detached outbuilding/home office.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 19/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02912/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 10 Sollershott East Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PL <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr & Mrs Stephen Bradley <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension following demolition existing single storey rear extension.	<b>Decision:</b> Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02913/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 9 Field Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LF <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms R Ryan <b>Description:</b> Single storey front porch extension following demolition of existing porch	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 19/02/2025

## EAST TEAM

<b>Application No:</b> 24/02917/LDCP	<b>Location:</b> 6 Holroyd Crescent Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6EH <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Zoe Sewell <b>Description:</b> Roof extension (south facing to gable end) and insertion of rear box dormer and front rooflight to existing roofslopes to facilitate loft conversion.	<b>Decision:</b> Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02918/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 49 Redhoods Way West Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4DD <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr N Minter <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension; insertion of rear rooflights and alterations to fenestration following demolition of existing rear element. Hardscaping works.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00031/NMA	<b>Location:</b> 19 Byrd Walk Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6LN <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Julie Skinner <b>Description:</b> Remove the proposed window to the front elevation of the original garage conversion and infill the existing door opening with cavity wall construction with a render finish to match existing and provide a white uPVC window to the rear elevation of the extension (as non-material amendment to planning permission 23/02702/FPH granted on 05.01.2024).	<b>Decision:</b> Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00050/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 121 Jackmans Place Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1RG <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Apryl Goodwin Settle <b>Description:</b> T1: 3x Conifers - Reduce the height by 3-4m	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00074/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 48 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PN <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Anne Madlung <b>Description:</b> Apple - Fell. 4 x Ellwoodii Conifer - Fell.	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00098/TPO	<b>Location:</b> 23 St Marys Park Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7XB <b>Applicant Name:</b> Oliver Dupuy <b>Description:</b> T1, T2: Sycamore, T3: Horse Chestnut, T4: Lime, T5, T6: Horse Chestnut, T7: Cherry - Prune back to previous points.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00124/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 68 Lawrence Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2EZ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms Emma Deering <b>Description:</b> T1: Field Maple, T2: Plum, T3: Cherry, T4: Sycamore - Fell to ground level. T5: Field Maple - Reduce overhang, max of 2.5m. T6: Silver Birch, T7: Cherry, T8 Hazel - Reduce the overhang by up to 2m.	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00238/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Moonrakers Garth Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3NG <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Blake <b>Description:</b> G1: Vine and Dead Apple - Fell to ground level and remove all arisings. T3: Silver Birch - Fell to leave a 2.5m stump	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00275/AG	<b>Location:</b> Land Off Ashwell Road Newnham Hertfordshire SG7 5JX <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr A Farr A E & W A Farr Ltd <b>Description:</b> Erection of agricultural building for storage of straw and machinery/equipment.	<b>Decision:</b> Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00327/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land Around Clothall Road Clothall Road Clothall Hertfordshire SG7 6RB <b>Applicant Name:</b> Samruddhi Bhandarkar Openreach <b>Description:</b> Installation of two 9m and one 10m light wooden poles together with associated ancillary works	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025

## EAST TEAM

<b>Application No:</b> 25/00329/NMA	<b>Location:</b> 16 Hollies Close Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DZ  <b>Applicant Name:</b> J Adams <b>Description:</b> Proposed front wall & existing lounge window to remain in existing locations, proposed front wall to have two small windows and not three as approved, rear wall increased in height by approx 200mm to receive coping stone & flashing (as non-material amendment to planning permission reference 24/01597/FPH granted on 12.09.2024).	<b>Decision:</b>  Agreed <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00349/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Hanaper High Street Barley Hertfordshire SG8 8JA  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Doris Wilkerson <b>Description:</b> 3x Lime - Pollard	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00367/TCA	<b>Location:</b> Church Of St Mary Church End Bennetts Lane Rushden Hertfordshire SG9 0SG  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs KAREN Petyfer <b>Description:</b> G01: 7x Lime - Crown lift to 3m. G04: 2x Hawthorn - Crown lift to 3m. T02: Ash - Crown reduce by 50%. T05, T25: Field Maple - Crown lift to 3m. T03,T06, T07: Hawthorn - Crown lift to 3m. T09: Yew - Crown lift to 3m. T11: Ash - Remove limb overhanging path. T19, T26: Norway Maple - Remove deadwood. T23: Ash - Remove deadwood. T27: Norway Maple - Prune back to clear footpath. T32: Hazel - Crown lift to 3m.	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00382/TPO	<b>Location:</b> 1 Limekiln Close Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9XP  <b>Applicant Name:</b> wayne barker <b>Description:</b> T6: Yew - Reduce by 20%	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00410/EC	<b>Location:</b> Land Near 1 The Old Warehouse Park Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6DY  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Priti Bhalerao Openreach <b>Description:</b> Installation of one 9m light pole	<b>Decision:</b>  No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>WEST TEAM</b>		
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02223/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 20 Brook View Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NY  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Nick Davis <b>Description:</b> Two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions following demolition of existing detached garage. front open sided porch; enlarged and repositioned front and rear dormer windows. External render and alterations to fenestration. (Development has commenced)	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02266/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land To The South East Of Bury Farmhouse Bury Lane Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8XX  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Stephen Doherty <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 3 (Details of materials) of planning permission reference 22/03224/S73 granted 06.03.2023.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02267/DOC	<b>Location:</b> Land To The South East Of Bury Farmhouse Bury Lane Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8XX  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Stephen Doherty <b>Description:</b> Details reserved by condition 6 (Track Detail Surface Treatment) of planning permission reference 22/03224/S73 granted 06.03.2023.	<b>Decision:</b>  Approval of Details <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02596/FP	<b>Location:</b> Gun House Gun Lane Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6AU  <b>Applicant Name:</b> Duncan Craft Craft&Sons <b>Description:</b> Side roof extension and insertion of rear dormer window and side rooflight to facilitate conversion of loft into one studio flat. Side covered cycle store and provision of two parking spaces at the rear.	<b>Decision:</b>  Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 13/02/2025

**WEST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 24/02608/FPH	<b>Location:</b> Holly Tree Cottage High Street Gosmore Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7QG <b>Applicant Name:</b> Jo Charlton <b>Description:</b> Alterations to existing detached outbuilding to include alterations to fenestration and insertion of front and rear rooflights to facilitate conversion of garage into art studio.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02609/LBC	<b>Location:</b> Holly Tree Cottage High Street Gosmore Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7QG <b>Applicant Name:</b> Jo Charlton <b>Description:</b> Internal and external alterations to existing detached outbuilding to facilitate the conversion of outbuilding into art studio.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Consent <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02716/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 53 Uplands Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NL <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Blemkarn <b>Description:</b> Insertion of rear box dormer including Juliet balcony and 3no rooflights on front roof slope, and hip to gable conversion to facilitate extension of loft space. Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 19/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02800/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 210 Cambridge Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0JW <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mrs Shipp <b>Description:</b> First floor rear and side extension and single storey rear extension. Alterations to existing garage roof and fenestration to include insertion of front garage doors following removal of existing window	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02888/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 17 Redhill Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2NQ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Tom Slater <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear and side extension following demolition of existing rear and side elements	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 13/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02892/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 18 London Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9EW <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr. Dominic Myers <b>Description:</b> Part two storey and part single storey rear extension; front entrance porch with canopy and insertion of first floor side window following removal of existing canopy (as a variation of planning permission 24/01365/FPH granted 30.07.2024)	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 13/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02915/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 48a Pondcroft Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6DE <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Reynaldo Tapawan <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear element	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02916/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 37 Ickleford Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1TR <b>Applicant Name:</b> Forrow <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear element.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02929/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 17 Blackmore Way Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LJ <b>Applicant Name:</b> Zahra Clements <b>Description:</b> First floor rear extension.	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 18/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 24/02930/FPH	<b>Location:</b> 8 The Stables Pottersheath Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9GR <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Thomas Wilkinson <b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension linking existing garage to main dwelling with balcony area above following demolition of existing rear element, cladding to front of garage	<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025

**WEST TEAM**

<b>Application No:</b> 25/00210/AG	<b>Location:</b> Land Off Bedford Road Holwell Hertfordshire SG5 3RT <b>Applicant Name:</b> Flint <b>Description:</b> Siting of secure shipping container, water tank and diesel tank	<b>Decision:</b> Refused <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00257/TCA	<b>Location:</b> 36 Bridge Street Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2DE <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Nick Saywood <b>Description:</b> T1: Willow - Reduce by approx 25-30% to suitable growth points.	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00287/SO	<b>Location:</b> Land Between Stevenage Road And The A602 Wymondley Bypass Stevenage Road Hitchin Hertfordshire <b>Applicant Name:</b> Andrew Barton Axis <b>Description:</b> Battery energy storage system, access, landscaping and associated infrastructure	<b>Decision:</b> Not Required <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025
<b>Application No:</b> 25/00340/TCA	<b>Location:</b> The White House 30 High Street Graveley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7LA <b>Applicant Name:</b> Mr Peter Kelly <b>Description:</b> 2x Leylandii - Fell	<b>Decision:</b> No Objection <b>Decision Date:</b> 17/02/2025

**EAST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
<b>Baldock</b>		
25/00173/LBC	Intouch Planning Ltd Mr James Gran 4 Ennismore Close, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 2SU, United Kingdom	Coach Yard 2 Hitchin Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6AE  Mr Wilsher  Retention of replacement windows to first floor of front elevation and ground floor of side elevation.
<b>Barley Parish Council</b>		
25/00463/TCA	Mr James Cantle Shire tree limited 1A Trigg Way, Melbourn, Royston, SG8 6HX	Foxacre High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HX  Veronica Smith  T1: Maple - Crown reduce by 30%.
25/00476/TCA	Mr James Cantle Shire tree limited 1A Trigg Way, Melbourn, Royston, SG8 6HX	5 High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HX  Veronica Smith  T2: Ash - Remove branch to boundary.
<b>Hinxworth Parish Council</b>		
25/00253/FPH	Mr Colin Eades Mr Colin Eades Rose Cottage, High Street, Gosmore, Hitchin , Hertfordshire, SG4 7QQ, United Kingdom	Cammocks Chapel Street Hinxworth Hertfordshire SG7 5HN  Mr Afsheen  Conversion of part of barn to form additional annexe ancillary to main dwelling
25/00254/LBC	Mr Colin Eades Mr Colin Eades Rose Cottage, High Street, Gosmore, Hitchin , Hertfordshire, SG4 7QQ, United Kingdom	Cammocks Chapel Street Hinxworth Hertfordshire SG7 5HN  Mr Afsheen  Internal and external alterations to barn to facilitate part barn conversion to form additional annexe ancillary to main dwelling

25/00437/TCA	Mr Paul Watler 4 High St, Baldock, SG7 5HQ, United Kingdom	4 High Street Hinworth Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5HQ  Mr Paul Watler  Pine - Remove
<b>Kelshall Parish Meeting</b>		
25/00297/FP	Mr David Osborn David Osborn Architect 10 Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington, Cambridge, CB21 6BJ, United Kingdom	Rectory Farm Church Lane Kelshall Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9SP  Mrs Janet Ward  Partial change of use of existing barn to one self-contained dwelling including replacement raised roof
<b>Letchworth Garden City</b>		
25/00279/FP	Smith Jenkins Ltd Baldip Basi 1st Floor, 7 Canon Harnett Court, Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes, MK12 5NF	Land At Corner Of Protea Way And Pixmore Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire  C/O Agent  Erection of commercial buildings (flexible B2 and B8) including access, parking, landscaping and associated works
25/00420/TCA	Mrs Georgina Gentry Robinson Tree Services Ltd Beech Farm, Coopers Green Lane, St. Albans, AL4 9HP, United Kingdom	8 The Ridge Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PP  Mr Tony Greenwood  TR1: Whitebeam - Crown reduce by 2-3m to maintain size and shape for the area.
25/00422/TCA	Mrs Georgina Gentry Robinson Tree Services Ltd Beech Farm, Coopers Green Lane, St. Albans, AL4 9HP, United Kingdom	78 Rushby Walk Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1RX  Mr Tony Greenwood  RW32: Sycamore - Crown reduce by 3-4m. RW19: Conifer - Fell to ground level
25/00460/TCA	Mr Mark Gibson 4Seasons Specialist Tree Surgeons Ltd 19 Tansy Avenue, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4GJ	2 Hillpath Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1RL  Mr Andrew Gooding  T1: Sycamore - Pollard to previous points

25/00467/TCA	Mrs Allison Sparrow Arborcare Unit N, Shangri- La, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 2JE	45 South View Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JJ  Mr Pattison  T1: Scots Pine - Fell to ground level. T2 Holly - Fell to ground level.
25/00486/TCA	Miss Georgia Hayes Home Extension Team 4 Brand Street, Hitchin, SG5 1HX, United Kingdom	39 Lytton Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HU  Tipping  Cypress - Remove
<b>Radwell Parish Meeting</b>		
25/00241/RM	Zerum Miss Meghan Gleeson South Central, 4th Floor, 11 Peter Street, Manchester, M2 5QR, United Kingdom	Baldock Services Great North Road Radwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5TR  --  Reserved matters application for approval of layout, scale and appearance of buildings and landscaping pursuant of outline permission 21/03374/OP granted 31.01.2022
25/00443/AG	Mr Jonathan Northern Radwell Bury Farm, Radwell, Baldock, Baldock, SG7 5ES, United Kingdom	Radwell Bury Farm Radwell Lane Radwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5ES  Mr Jonathan Northern  Extension to existing potato store following demolition of existing open fronted general purpose barn.
<b>Royston Town Council</b>		
25/00213/FPH	RBA Richard Bayley 12A Church Circle, Farnborough, GU14 6QH, United Kingdom	10 Gower Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5DU  Isabella and Kurt Hellicar Antenen & Moroz  Single storey rear infill extension and insertion of rear dormer window
25/00294/FPH	Miss Romy Desmarais Miss Romy Desmarais 32 Rock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5EU, United Kingdom	32 Rock Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5EU  Miss Romy Desmarais  Single storey rear extension and installation of rooflight and box dormer to existing rear roofslope to facilitate conversion of loftspace into habitable accommodation. Alterations to existing rear patio.



**WEST TEAM**

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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**Codicote Parish Council**

25/00004/S73	Mrs Mrinalini Rajaratnam Southview, Potterheath Road, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 9SY, United Kingdom	Southview Pottersheath Road Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9SY  Mrs Mrinalini Rajaratnam  Removal of condition 3 of planning permission 10/00693/1 granted 04.06.2010 for Replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling, amendment of planning permission 09/02154/1 granted 15 January 2010
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25/00319/FPH	Hemingstone Design Rob Hutton Unit 1, Claydon Business Park, Great Blakenham, IP6 0NL	172 High Street Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8UB  Mrs M Chapman  Insertion of front dormer window to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation
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25/00320/LDCP	Rob Hutton Hemingstone Design Unit 1, Claydon Business Park, Great Blakenham, IP6 0NL	172 High Street Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8UB  Mrs M. Chapman  Insertion of rear L-shaped box dormer window with Juliet balcony and front rooflight to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation.
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**Great Ashby Community Council**

25/00262/FPH	Mr Lewis Ames Unit 1, Caxton Gate , Caxton Way , Stevenage , Hertfordshire , SG1 2GF, United Kingdom	137 Mendip Way Great Ashby Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 6GD  Mr Lewis Ames  Single storey rear extension
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**Hexton Parish Council**

25/00440/TCA	Andrew Peters Savills Wytham Court, 11 West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QL, United Kingdom	3-4 Dairy Cottages Mill Lane Hexton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3JE  Mr Andrew Peters  2x Conifer - Fell to ground level.
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### Hitchin

25/00293/FPH	Improve It Design Ltd Mr John Williams 9 Broadstone, Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Devon, TQ6 9NR, United Kingdom	203 Whitehill Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9HY  Mr M Khan  First floor front extension and replacement raised roof.
25/00295/FPH	Mr Charlie Blackburn 33 Keats Way, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 0DP	33 Keats Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0DP  Mr Charlie Blackburn  Two storey side extension to include front porch following demolition of existing porch. Alterations to existing fenestration.
25/00298/FPH	Arkiplan Architectural Ltd Mrs Arita Beqiri Lytchett House,, 13 Freeland Park,, Wareham Road,, Poole, Dorset, BH16 6FA, United Kingdom	32 York Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1XB  Victoria Barton  Single storey rear extension. Alterations to existing roof to include raised roof height, L-shaped dormer and insertion of front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion into habitable accommodation
25/00299/FPH	PLANS TO EXPAND Mr Geoffrey Phillips PLANS TO EXPAND, 97 Mildmay Road, Stevenage, SG1 5RS	7 Bearton Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1NZ  Mr Richard Elders  First floor rear extension and part two storey and part single storey side extension. Alterations to roof including hip to gable roof extension and insertion of rear box dormer and front rooflights to facilitate loft conversion. Alterations to fenestration
25/00301/FP	Lyster Grillet & Harding Ltd Mr David Carmichael Suite 5,, Middle Court, Copley Hill Business Park, Babraham, Cambridge, Cambs, CB22 3GN, United Kingdom	Hitchin Girls School Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RS  Mrs Julia Shaw  Change of Use of existing caretaker's cottage from residential (Use Class C3) to educational (Use Class F1).

### Kimpton Parish Council

24/02820/FPH	Howard Pease Architects Limited Howard Pease The Studio, 4 Barlings Road , Harpenden, AL5 2AN	27 Beech Way Blackmore End St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 8LY  Mrs Liuba Innes  Erection of detached triple garage with office space above following demolition of existing garage.
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25/00146/LDCP	Planning Geek Ltd Mr Colin Tebb 3 Lyndhurst Road, Weymouth, Dorset	9 High Street Kimpton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8RE  Mr Neil Cain  Conversion of ground floor GP Surgery E(e) into office space E(g)(i)
<b>Knebworth Parish Council</b>		
25/00255/FP	Your Plans UK Mr Harrison Eales Suite A2, Stevenage, Stevenage, SG1 3UN	150-152 London Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6EY  Mr Cem Alkan  Change of use first floor office space to create two flats and conversion of second floor to create one flat including roof extension and alterations to fenestration.
25/00256/PNMA	Your Plans UK Mr Harrison Eales Suite A2, Stevenage, Stevenage, SG1 3UN	148 London Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6EY  Mr Cem Alkan  Change of use from commercial unit to one 1- bed flat.
<b>Offley Parish Council</b>		
24/02891/LBC	John Halliwell 2 Westbry Farm Close, Gt Offley, Hitchin, SG5 3FL, United Kingdom	2 Westbury Farm Close Offley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3FL  John Halliwell  Installation of 1 No rooflight to southwest elevation roofslope
25/00288/FPH	Mrs Victoria Page 9 The Green, Tea Green, LU2 8PS, United Kingdom	9 The Green Lower Road Tea Green Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8PS  Mrs Victoria Page  Two storey rear extension; front porch and insertion of first floor rear window and rooflight to existing side roofslope.
25/00292/FPH	AP Consulting Engineers Paul Allen 3 Amherst Rise, Maulden, Bedford, MK45 2RF, United Kingdom	64 Garden Fields Offley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3DF  S Harvey  Single storey rear and side extension linking existing garage to main dwelling

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PLANNING CONTROL  
COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS SG6 3JF**

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 21/02/2025  
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 13/03/2025**

25/00296/FPH Mr Justin Crossland Home Farm Cottage  
Home Farm Cottage , Putteridge Putteridge Park  
Park, Luton, Hertfordshire, LU2 8LD Luton  
Hertfordshire  
LU2 8LD  
  
Mr Justin Crossland  
  
Erection of detached timber framed double car port.

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**Pirton Parish Council**

25/00144/LDCP Charlotte Fausset 30 Shillington Road  
30 Shillington Road, Pirton, Hitchin, Pirton  
Hertfordshire, SG5 3QL Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG5 3QL  
  
Charlotte Fausset  
  
Single storey rear extension

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## Press release

20 February 2025

# World record holder and European medallist among local athletes set to benefit as Olympic-backed talent scheme returns

Up-and-coming athletes across North Herts are being urged to follow in the footsteps of world record holder Mark Evens and European bronze medallist Sophie Thrussell as Everyone Active's prestigious Sporting Champions scheme launches its ninth year.

The talent development programme, which has already helped more than 6,000 aspiring athletes nationwide, has opened up applications for its 2025-26 intake.

Hitchin-based swimmer Mark Evens, a member of Hitchin Swimming Club and the Down Syndrome Swimming - Great Britain squad, has established himself as one of Britain's most accomplished para-swimmers.

The multiple world record holder successfully defended his British Down Syndrome Swimming Championship titles in November 2024 and currently holds Open World Records in the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events.

"As a distance swimmer, I need to get as much pool time as possible to ensure that I have the fitness, stamina and correct training to participate in my chosen events," says Evens. "To supplement the training I do with my club, I use my Sporting Champions membership to attend extra pool sessions each week at Hitchin Swimming Centre."

Evens was extremely proud to captain the GB Team at the 2024 World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships in Turkey, where he gained individual gold medals in the 1500m, 800m, and 400m Freestyle events, as well as a silver in the 100m Butterfly and a bronze in the 200m Freestyle. He also led the GB relay team to multiple podium finishes.

Looking ahead, Evens shared his plans for the coming year: "I'm now training hard for the 2025 European Down Syndrome Swimming Championships which will take place in Albufeira, Portugal in October. Once again, I'm aspiring to achieve individual and relay medals."

Letchworth athlete Sophie Thrussell has also thrived with scheme support. "I won bronze in the European age group Aquathlon championships in Portugal 2024 in my first race for GB!" says Thrussell, who uses facilities across North Herts. "Having access to the swimming pool has been amazing. My sport is pretty much self-funded, so this membership really helps me afford kit and pay for races."

Sophie also added: "I also love using lidos in the summer. These are great facilities to have and really help to replicate open water swimming and train properly."

Now in its second year in North Herts, the scheme offers successful athletes free access to Everyone Active facilities nationwide, including all local centres managed in partnership with North Herts Council: North Herts Leisure Centre, Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre, Royston Leisure Centre, and Letchworth Lido.

Athletes will benefit from free access to state-of-the-art training facilities and exclusive mentoring sessions with Olympians and Paralympians, covering crucial topics like nutrition, fitness, event preparation, mental health and social media.

The scheme's return comes off the back of an exceptional summer for British sport, with 26 Sporting Champions athletes competing in the Paris Olympics and Paralympics, bringing home nine gold, six silver and eight bronze medals. Fourteen of these athletes were making their debuts on the international stage.

Olympic silver medallist Colin Jackson CBE returns as the scheme's ambassador for 2025-26, leading a star-studded lineup who have starred on the Olympic and Paralympic stage – Lauren Steadman, Lutalo Muhammad, Richard Kilty, Maisie Summers-Newton and Harry Aikines-Aryeetey.

Paul Francis, General Manager at Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre, said: “We are delighted to support up-and-coming athletes in North Herts on their journey to success.

“As a leisure provider working in partnership with North Herts Council, we believe it is crucially important to cater for all sections of the community, ensuring all budding athletes have access to the same facilities and opportunities.

“The Sporting Champions scheme has supported thousands of athletes over the years, and we are proud to be continuing this again in 2025. We hope to continue making a real difference to our athletes’ success.”

Cllr Mick Debenham, Executive Member for Leisure at North Herts Council, said: “It was fantastic to meet Mark and Sophie and hear first-hand how the Sporting Champions scheme has supported their journeys. Their dedication and achievements are really inspiring, and we’re proud to see talented athletes in North Herts benefiting from this initiative. Providing access to high-quality training facilities and expert mentoring is vital in helping our local sportspeople reach their full potential, and we encourage all eligible athletes to apply.”

Applications are now open and close on Tuesday 11 March 2025. Aspiring athletes can apply via [easportingchampions.com](http://easportingchampions.com).

For more information, follow @easportingchamps on Instagram.

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### **Everyone Active**

Everyone Active is the trading name for Sports Leisure Management (SLM), which operates leisure centres in partnership with local councils across England. SLM Ltd was formed in 1987, managing just one leisure centre in the Midlands. Today, Everyone Active manages in excess of 240 leisure facilities and cultural services in partnership with more than 70 local authorities. These stretch from Sunderland in the north to Mid Suffolk in the east, Chichester in the south to Bristol in the south west. The company’s growth is due to the ability to deliver well-managed leisure facilities and an activity offering which provides great value for money. Everyone Active aims to increase the participation of local people in leisure activities, advocating a minimum of 30 minutes exercise, five times per week. [www.everyoneactive.com](http://www.everyoneactive.com)