

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

PUBLISHED WEEK COMMENCING 3 FEBRUARY 2025

None

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 10 FEBRUARY 2025

Cabinet – 11 February 2025
Planning Control Committee – 13 February 2025

UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
	None	

UPCOMING VICE-CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
	None	

UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025

Date	Event	Location
10 February @ 18:00	Members Development Session – Sustainability and Climate Change	Zoom



CUSTOMERS DIRECTORATE

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

IT Update Information Note February 2025

ICT Cyber Briefing

We would like to welcome you all to the Cyber Briefing taking place in the Council Chamber on 27th February 2025 18:30 until 19:00. Darren Edwards IT Manager and Mark Robinson Technical Operations Manager will be presenting content specifically relevant to Councillors.

ICT Helpdesk Staffing Changes

Many members may already know that the ICT Helpdesk Team Leader Kevin Abbiss, who has worked for NHC for 40 years, had decided to retire from his current role and officially stepped down on Friday 31st January. Kevin has taken the opportunity to take a temporary part time ICT Helpdesk Officer role when he returns in February.

Members and officers have understandably contacted Kevin directly over the years which is a testament to his excellent customer service. However, now he is taking a part time role and no longer the ICT Helpdesk team leader this is an opportunity to raise awareness for all that any call to the ICT Helpdesk to raise an issue should be to the telephone number 01462 474444 or logged on the Online Helpdesk Portal (link on the Intranet) and not directly to an officer.

Contacting the helpdesk through the key channels will ensure that your ticket is logged and picked up as quickly as possible by the team and avoids missing requests for support when staff are on leave or other projects.

Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

We are currently in the process of renewing our Microsoft Licensing Agreement for 2025-2028. We will be undertaking this via a procurement framework.

Some of you may be aware that the Crown Commercial Services are negotiating a blanket deal with Microsoft UK to obtain a price for all Local Government. We will be procuring before this will come into place.

I would like to assure all members that we have been instructed that we will our renewal will be at minimum the same deal currently in approval. We will however take this opportunity via the framework to see if we can benefit from any added value services included from suppliers.

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RESOURCES

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID (REGISTER OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE)

A nomination has been received for the following asset:

Great Wymondley Garden Plots

The nominations have been accepted and the asset will be placed on the list of successful nominations for a period of five years.

For more information please contact:

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RESOURCES

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Nominations to the Asset of Community Value register

Under the Assets of Community Value (Community Right to Bid) we may receive nominations to list assets within our District, whether they are NHDC owned or not. When a valid nomination is received, we will inform all Councillors. Subsequently we will also notify Councillors of whether the listing nomination was successful or not.

This note is to confirm that we have received a nomination, under the Localism Act, from Wymondley Parish Council for Wymondley Baptist Church

If a nomination for an asset is accepted, no further actions are taken until such time as the asset is to be put up for sale (or for disposal by a long lease).

If you have any queries regarding the interpretation of the "Right to Bid", please contact Douglas Traill-Stevenson in Legal Services. I would be very grateful for any comments you may have on this nomination by 7 March 25

Background:

The Dept of Communities & Local Government states that the initial requirements for a valid nomination are:

- A) a description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries for the purposes of the nomination.
- B) any information the nominator has about the freeholders, leaseholders and current occupants of the site.
- C) the reasons for nominating the asset, explaining why the nominator believes the asset meets the definition.
- D) the nominator's eligibility to make the nomination.

For more information please contact:

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Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone NORTH HERTS

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

Category Summary

Zone: Baldock

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Assault	ABH	1
Concern for Welfare	Mental Health	1
Police Request	Warrant or Wanted	1
Theft		1
Traffic Incident	RTC	1
Weapon	Knife	1

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 6

Zone: Hitchin

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Anti-Social Behaviour	Begging	7
Arson/Fire		2
Assault	ABH	1
Concern for Welfare	Mental Health	9
Criminal Damage		1
Deception/Fraud	Banking Protocol	1
Domestic		1
Other		1
Police Request	Warrant or Wanted	1
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	11
Suspicious Activity		1
Theft	Shoplifting	2
Vehicle		1

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 39

Zone: Letchworth

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Alarm Activation	Intruder Alarm	1
Anti-Social Behaviour	Begging	5
Assault		3
Concern for Welfare	Missing Persons	7
Domestic	Anti-Social	1
Drug Related		2
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	6
Theft	Shoplifting	5
Traffic Incident	RTC	1
Vehicle		1

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 32



Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

Zone: Royston

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Sub Category Name</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Police Request	Warrant or Wanted	1
Post Event Viewing	Download For Police	4
Suspicious Activity		1
Vehicle	Stolen	1

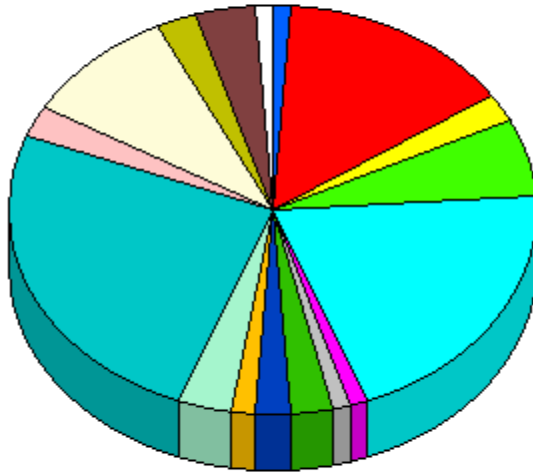
Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: **7**

Total No. of Incidents : **84**

Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

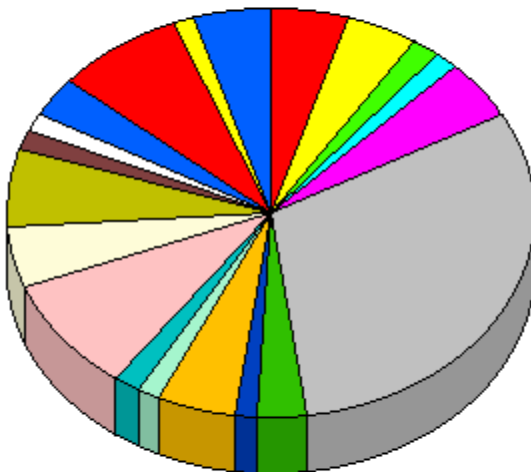
01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

No. of Incidents by Category



Alarm Activation	1.2%
Anti Social Behaviour	14.3%
Arson/Fire	2.4%
Assault	6.0%
Concern for Welfare	20.2%
Criminal Damage	1.2%
Deception/Fraud	1.2%
Domestic	2.4%
Drug Related	2.4%
Other	1.2%
Police Request	3.6%
Post Event Viewing	25.0%
Suspicious Activity	2.4%
Theft	9.5%
Traffic Incident	2.4%
Vehicle	3.6%
Weapon	1.2%
Total:	100.0%

No. of Incidents by Sub Category



	0.0%
ABH	4.6%
Affray	4.6%
Anti Social	1.5%
Banking Protocol	1.5%
Begging	4.6%
Download For Police	30.8%
Drunken Behaviour	3.1%
Handling Stolen Property	1.5%
Injury	4.6%
Intruder Alarm	1.5%
Knife	1.5%
Mental Health	9.2%
Missing Persons	4.6%
Nuisance	6.2%
Public Viewing Request	1.5%
Robbery	1.5%
RTC	3.1%
Shoplifting	7.7%
Stolen	1.5%
Warrant or Wanted	4.6%
Total:	100.0%

Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

Call Source Summary

Zone: Baldock

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Police Airwaves	6

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 6

Zone: Hitchin

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
_TEST	1
Controller	7
Police Airwaves	13
Police Control	2
Post Event Viewing	11
Town Link	5

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 39

Zone: Letchworth

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	7
Police Airwaves	19
Post Event Viewing	6

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 32

Zone: Royston

<u>Call Source</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
Controller	1
Police Airwaves	2
Post Event Viewing	4

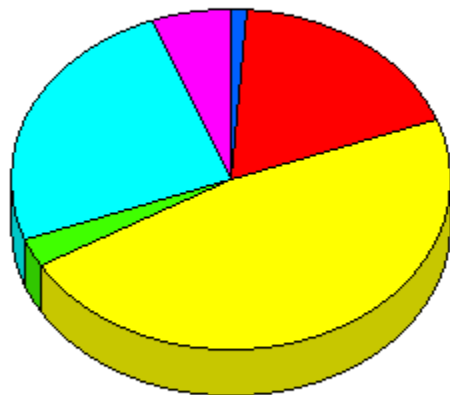
Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 7

Total No. of Incidents : 84

Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

No. of Incidents by Call Source



_TEST	1.2%
Controller	17.9%
Police Airwaves	47.6%
Police Control	2.4%
Post Event Viewing	25.0%
Town Link	6.0%
Total:	100.0%

Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

Camera Summary

Zone: Baldock

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00801	Mansfield Road	2
00802	Thurnall Close	1
00803	High Street Junc	4
00804	High Street Junc Hit	1
00805	Whitehorse Street	3

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Baldock: 6

Zone: Hitchin

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00300	Bancroft North	2
00301	Bancroft Park Car	4
00302	Bancroft Middle	6
00303	Bancroft	13
00304	Brand Street	10
00305	Market Place	12
00306	Market Place Sun	13
00307	Hermitage Road	8
00308	Woodside Car Park	1
00309	Churchyard South	7
00310	Churchyard North	4
00311	Sun Street	4
00312	Bucklesbury	4
00313	Biggen Lane Car	4
00314	Queen Street	9
00315	Portmill Lane Car	5
00316	Station Approach	2
00317	Nightingale Road	4
00822	Westmill John	1

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Hitchin: 39

Zone: Letchworth

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00401	Eastcheap Car Park	10
00402	Broadway Hotel	4
00403	Station Place	9
00404	Station Road West	6
00405	Station Road	2
00406	Station Road East	6
00407	The Wynd	2
00410	Eastcheap Middle	7
00411	Broadway Gardens	4
00412	Broadway South	1

Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

00413	Gernon Road	6
00414	Howard Park Car Pa	1
00415	Norton Way South	1
00417	Leys Avenue Top	6
00419	Leys Avenue	1
00420	Letchworth MSCP	1
00421	Letchworth MSCP	1
00422	Letchworth MSCP	1
00423	Letchworth MSCP	1
00821	Grange Estate Rear Sh	1

Total No. of Incidents in Zone Letchworth: 32

Zone: Royston

<u>Camera Name</u>	<u>Camera Location</u>	<u>No. of Incidents</u>
00810	Lower King Street	4
00811	Lower high street	4
00812	Upper High Street	2
00813	Corn Exchange Junc	4
00814	Market Hill	4
00815	Fish Hill Opp NU	3

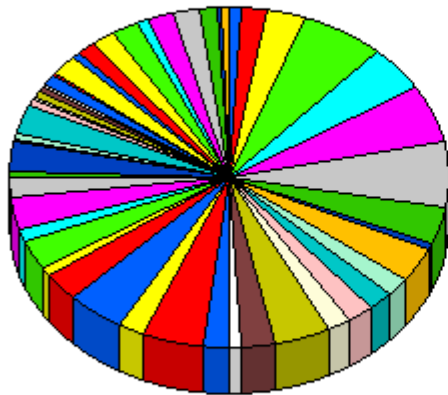
Total No. of Incidents in Zone Royston: 7

Total No. of Incidents : 83

Incidents Summary Analysis by Zone

01/01/2025 to 01/02/2025

No. of Incidents by Camera



0300	Bancroft North	0.9%
00301	Bancroft Park Car Park	1.9%
00302	Bancroft Middle	2.8%
00303	Bancroft Heritage Rd	6.0%
00304	Brand Street	4.6%
00305	Market Place High St	5.6%
00306	Market Place Sun St	6.0%
00307	Heritage Road	3.7%
00308	Woodside Car Park	0.5%
00309	Churchyard South	3.2%
00310	Churchyard North	1.9%
00311	Sun Street	1.9%
00312	Bucklesbury	1.9%
00313	Biggen Lane Car Park	1.9%
00314	Queen Street	4.2%
00315	Portmill Lane Car Park	2.3%
00316	Station Approach	0.9%
00317	Nightingale Road	1.9%
00401	Eastcheap Car Park	4.6%
00402	Broadway Hotel	1.9%
00403	Station Place	4.2%
00404	Station Road West	2.8%
Total:		100.0%

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [*if applicable*]: None

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: RESOURCES

1. DECISION TAKEN

Agreement to suspend collection of £63,920.26 clawback in respect of the disposal of Property at 14, West View, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 3RQ to allow settle the opportunity to comply with the terms of an exemption namely applying the proceeds towards the provision of Social Housing or Community Benefit in the District of North Hertfordshire.

2. DECISION TAKER

Ian Couper, Service Director: Resources

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

5/2/2025

4. REASON FOR DECISION

To allow settle the opportunity to comply with the terms of the exemption by applying the funds to the development of Social Housing.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The decision is in accordance with the protocol entered into between North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) and North Hertfordshire Homes (NHH), now known as settle, in respect of a proposed disposal by settle of an asset transferred under the Stock Transfer. Therefore, no other alternative options are applicable.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

Settle have been consulted regarding the level of the potential clawback payment and the details of the social housing scheme to which the funds will be applied. There is no obligation on the Council to carry out any wider consultation.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 NHH changed its name to settle in May 2018.

8.2 Settle have submitted a request to agree an exemption to clawback in respect of Property at 14, West View, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 3RQ for the proceeds from the disposal to be used for the provision of Social Housing or

Community Benefit in the District of North Hertfordshire. Settle are relying on exemption *xi* in the deed of covenant dated 31 March 2003 which imposes the obligation to pay clawback.

8.3 The proposed project to which the proceeds will be applied is the John Barker Place regeneration project. Whilst it is still considered appropriate to suspend payment of the clawback for three years to allow settle the opportunity to invest the proceeds into Social Housing, The Council cannot at this stage agree the specific details of the Social Housing provision as until the precise proposals for the later phases of the John Barker Place regeneration project is known the clawback cannot be committed to those projects. Once the detail of the Social Housing to be provided by the John Barker place regeneration is known, together with the financial modelling, then the Council will determine whether this clawback should be allocated to that scheme or an alternative scheme.

8.4 Clawback is 25% of the greater of the Disposal Gain or the Development Gain. In this transaction, there is no Development Gain to consider, so the only relevant calculation is the Disposal Gain. The clawback calculation for the property has been agreed between the parties as follows:

Property	Disposal Gain	Clawback @ 25%
Property at 14, West View, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 3RQ	£255,681.04	£63,920.26

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Service Director: Resources has delegated authority for 'Approvals for any overage, claw back or similar arrangement pursuant to the Stock Transfer Agreement'.

9.2 The value paid by settle for the housing at stock transfer was based on its continued use as Social Housing. The deed of covenant provides compensation to the Council for property disposals by settle that are above the equivalent value at stock transfer. As the principle of this is to protect the volume of Social Housing in the District, there is an exemption that allows settle to reinvest this money into Social Housing or Community Benefit (as defined by the agreement) schemes within 3 years. The parties have entered into a protocol which governs how this exemption will operate in practice. The protocol permits the Council to suspend collection of clawback to allow settle the opportunity to comply with the terms of the exemption. As long as the request is reasonable then it should not be refused. So, this does not provide an opportunity for the Council to obtain additional funding.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 A significant amount of clawback has been suspended for use on the John Barker Place scheme. This clawback would take the total to £4,254,104.03. It has also been agreed that £1,760,000 of previously suspended clawback will be used on phases 1 and 2 of the John Barker Place scheme. Within its capital programme, the Council has also allocated £1.096 million towards this scheme. The overall value of the Social Housing within the scheme will need to be reviewed when a final proposal is in place. This will determine whether it is appropriate to confirm the use of the suspended clawback and also the use of the Council's own funding.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 No security is being sought to ensure payment of the clawback in the event that the social housing scheme is not delivered. Therefore, there is a risk that settle will not

have the funds to pay the clawback if they are unable to deliver the scheme. However this is considered unlikely.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 *In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.*

12.2 *There are no equalities implications arising from this decision.*

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this decision.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this decision.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 There are no HR implications arising from this decision.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 *None.*

17. APPENDICES

17.1 None.

NOTIFICATION DATE

7/2/2025

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedN/a.....

Date

Signature of Decision Taker 

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Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted: none

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Enterprise

1. DECISION TAKEN

Grant of a further temporary licence arrangement of 6 months to Cash Access UK of two rooms within the Royston Town Hall annex to provide a temporary banking hub.

2. DECISION TAKER

Philip Doggett, Principal Estates Surveyor

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

4th February 2025

4. REASON FOR DECISION

Lloyds Bank closed the last bank in Royston in December 2024. A decision was taken last year and prior to the closure of Lloyds Bank to allow Cash Access UK Ltd to use two rooms as a banking hub within the annexe, which is owned by North Herts Council, but managed by Royston Town Council. The two rooms have an external door which provide direct access for the public without access being required through the annexe. The annexe also houses the Citizens Advice Centre, Royston Bid, Royston Town Council, and the parking manager also has an office in the building. A licence arrangement was entered into with Cash Access UK to allow them to occupy the two rooms for 6 months from 20th August 2024 until 19th February 2025. They have not managed to finalise their arrangements for a permanent banking hub and have requested a 6-month extension on the same terms as previously agreed. To ensure that the public are not left without banking facilities we have agreed to a 6-month extension from 20th February 2025.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative options were considered as Cash Access UK are already in occupation of the two rooms in the annexe.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

All the Ward Councillors in Royston have recently been contacted by email to advise of the extension and remain supportive of the proposal.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has not therefore been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Cash Access UK is a not-for-profit company owned and funded by nine major high street banks. The banking hub offers a counter service operated by the Post Office and a community banking service where customers can talk to their own banking provider on a rotation basis. Cash Access UK are setting up banking hubs in numerous towns throughout the Country where banks have closed their branches. According to the Government website the 100th banking hub was opened prior to Christmas 2024.

With the closure of the Lloyds Bank in December this would have left the town with no banking facilities.

Cash Access UK searched within the town for a suitable location for a temporary banking hub and consulted Royston Town Council. The use of two rooms within the annexe was the best solution available.

In return for agreeing to the extension Cash Access UK Ltd have agreed to provide better signage to assist the public in finding the banking hub and to minimise disturbance to staff working for Royston Town Council.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. This delegation is made under section 14.6.2(c) of the Scheme in the Constitution. The Scheme and the delegation operate under Section 9E of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other enabling powers applicable to the Council.
- 9.2. The Service Director for Enterprise has sub-delegated the following powers to the Principal Estates Surveyor: The Granting, negotiating and settling terms of leases, licences, easements, wayleaves, rent reviews, assignment of leases, the appointment of arbitrators / experts, consents, guarantees and all other minor land matters where the initial annual rent (after the expiry of any rent free period) does not exceed £25,000 or the calculation of the premium is based on an annual rent not exceeding £25,000
- 9.3. The licence will commit the Council to allow the use of the two rooms by Cash Access UK as a banking hub for a minimum period of 6 months from 20th February 2025.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Cash Access UK Limited will pay the Council a licence fee, which includes rates and all services.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Good risk management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2. The licence arrangement is in an agreed form but is still to be signed. There is, therefore, a small risk it will not be completed.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no equalities implications.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this decision. However, providing a banking hub in the annexe will clearly be of great benefit to the public in Royston.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 No Human resource implications.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 No background papers.

17. APPENDICES

17.1 No appendices.

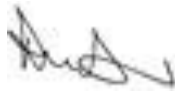
NOTIFICATION DATE

7th February 2025

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot applicable.

Date: 4th February 2025

Signature of Decision Taker



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PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted: None

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Enterprise

1. DECISION TAKEN
Agreement of a long outstanding rent review from 2011 of Site 8, Blackhorse Road, Letchworth Garden City at a rent of £38,000 per annum.

2. DECISION TAKER
Steve Crowley, Service Director - Enterprise

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:
6th February 2025

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The rent reviews effective from 13th December 2011 and from 13th December 2022 in respect of this property are outstanding. Various attempts have been made to settle the 2011 rent review, but this has not proved possible. The last attempt to agree the rent review was not successful for the reasons detailed in section 8. Negotiations have been undertaken with the tenant and we have now reached agreement, subject to approval, at a rent of £38,000 per annum backdated to 2011. This includes payment of the back rent in full prior to the financial year end. Discussions can then commence on the 2022 rent review and the tenant’s desire for a new lease.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

We have now reached an impasse in negotiations and the only other alternative would be to refer the matter to arbitration. This would delay the matter further, incur costs and may not achieve a better outcome.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

Not applicable.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 This is a long outstanding matter where two attempts had been made in the past to settle the rent review due in 2011. It was agreed last year to credit invoices raised in error as the tenant had stopped paying any rent following the last attempt to settle this

matter. Advice was obtained from legal department at the time that it would not have been possible to pursue forfeiture of the lease for the non-payment of rent as the invoices had been raised without formal agreement to the revised rent by the tenant.

- 8.2 In 2011 a provisional agreement had been reached with the previous tenant to settle the rent review at £37,000 per annum based on the evidence available at the time. This agreement was never formalised, and it is not clear why this was the case. The previous tenant assigned the lease to Ludos Properties in August 2013. They were given details of the provisional agreement and acquired the property on the assumption that the review would be settled at £37,000 per annum.
- 8.3 A further attempt to settle the rent review was not made until 2020. A higher rent was provisionally agreed but the tenant made this conditional upon receiving a new longer lease. However, this resulted in an impasse as the Council refused to grant a new lease until the rent review was first agreed and the arrears due based on the revised rent had been paid. The tenant was adamant that their agreement to the revised rent was conditional upon them being granted a new longer lease.
- 8.4 Despite no new lease being granted at the time, the Council began charging the revised rent. The tenant advised that they would only pay rent at the figure they had previously been paying and requested revised invoices. The Council continued to issue invoices at the higher figure, and this resulted in the tenant refusing to pay any rent until they were issued with invoices for the correct amount. This resulted in substantial 'arrears' showing against their account and in May last year it was agreed to cancel the invoices on the basis that they had been 'raised in error'. Revised invoices were then issued at the rent payable pre 2011 and the tenant has now paid all rent due on that basis up to to-date.
- 8.5 Having resolved the above issue, negotiations could begin to settle the outstanding 2011 review. Limited comparable evidence is now available from 2011, but based on what is available an agreement has been reached with the tenant at a figure of £38,000 per annum. This is £1,000 per annum more than was provisionally agreed with the tenant in 2011 based on the evidence available to the Council's surveyor at that time. The tenant is not prepared to pay any more than this and, if not agreed, the matter would need to go to arbitration resulting in further delay, additional costs and may not achieve a better outcome.
- 8.6 We would recommend acceptance of the December 2011 rent review at a rent of £38,000 per annum to settle this long outstanding matter. The tenant has advised that they would be prepared to pay the increased rent due back dated to 2011 by the end of the financial year.
- 8.7 A settlement of the 2011 rent review will enable discussions to commence on the rent review outstanding from December 2022 and the tenant's desire for a new lease.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. This delegation is made under section 14.6.2(c) of the Scheme of delegation to officers set out in the Council's Constitution. The Scheme and the delegation operate in accordance with Section 9E of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other enabling powers applicable to the Council.
- 9.2. Under section 12.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations the Service Director is responsible for rents that are payable under tenancies. Under section 14.6.7 (b) (i) B of the Council's Constitution the approval of the revised rent is delegated to the Service Director – Enterprise as the revised rent is below £50,000 per annum, so the approval of this settlement is within the Service Director's remit.

9.3. The settlement of this review should not have any other legal implications arising from the decision and will not have a bearing on any future rent reviews that need to be agreed.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1. Settlement of the rent review at £38,000 per annum will enable the Council to receive additional back income of over £39,000 prior to the financial year end as it is an increase of £3,000 per annum over and above the current rent payable.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Good risk management supports and enhances the decision-making process increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.

11.2. The Council is still at risk prior to the tenant signing the rent review memorandum as they could change their mind at agreeing to a rent of £38,000 from December 2011 and the matter may then be further delayed or need to be referred to arbitration.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no equalities implications.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to this decision.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 There are no human resource implications

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 None.

17. APPENDICES


17.1 None.

NOTIFICATION DATE

7th February 2025

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot applicable

Date: 6th February 2025

Signature of Decision Taker 

**Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.
Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Planning Control Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF on Thursday, 30th January, 2025 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Brown, Amy Allen, Ian Mantle and Sadie Billing.

Having given due notice Councillor Jon Clayden substituted for Councillor Brown, Councillor Val Bryant substituted for Councillor Allen and Councillor Mick Debenham substituted for Cllr Mantle.

2 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.
- (2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.
- (3) The Chair clarified matters for the registered speakers.
- (4) The Chair advised that Section 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution applied to the meeting.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair confirmed that the registered speakers were in attendance.

5 24/01604/FP TEMPLE DINSLEY, (FORMERLY THE PRINCESS HELENA COLLEGE), SCHOOL LANE, PRESTON, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG4 7RT)

RESOLVED: That application 24/01064/FP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the reasons and conditions set out in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager subject to:

- (a) The completion of a satisfactory legal agreement and the applicant agreeing to extend the statutory period in order to complete the agreement if required.
- (b) The Committee to delegate powers to the Development and Conservation Manager to resolve and amend matters as is appropriate and necessary.
- (c) The conditions and the additional section 106 agreement requirements and updated conditions as outlined in the original report and the Supplementary Document, including the addition of Condition 59.

“Condition 59

Permissive footpaths

Prior to the proposed new permissive path from the Dower House being first brought into use, details of alterations to existing boundary wall and gate where new access is proposed onto Hitchin Road shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Thereafter, the alterations and gate shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and be made available for pedestrian use in accordance with the phasing plan approved under condition 4.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to protect the setting and appearance of heritage assets.”

6 24/01605/LBC TEMPLE DINSLEY, (FORMERLY THE PRINCESS HELENA COLLEGE), SCHOOL LANE, PRESTON, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG4 7RT)

RESOLVED: That application 24/01065/LBC be **GRANTED** listed building consent subject to the reasons and conditions set out in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager subject to:

(d) The Committee to delegate powers to the Development and Conservation Manager to resolve and amend matters as is appropriate and necessary.

(e) The inclusion of the additional Condition 64, as follows:

“Condition 64:

Prior to the proposed new permissive path from the Dower House being first brought into use, details of alterations to existing boundary wall and gate where new access is proposed onto Hitchin Road shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Thereafter, the alterations and gate shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and be made available for pedestrian use in accordance with the phasing plan approved under condition 4.

Reason: in the interests of visual amenity and to protect the setting and appearance of heritage assets.”

7 APPEALS

The Development and Conservation Manager provided an update on Planning Appeals.

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

EAST TEAM

Application No: 23/02560/FP	Location: 54 Station Road Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5LS Applicant Name: Ashwell Property Limited Description: Erection of one detached 4-bed dwelling including vehicular access, landscaping, and ancillary works (as amended by plans received 25th June 2024, 11th September 2024 and 9th December 2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 04/02/2025
Application No: 24/02215/FP	Location: St Marys Church Hall Church Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5AE Applicant Name: Revd Phillipa Maddox Description: Removal and replacement of windows and dormer structures to front elevation (south), removal and replacement of double opening emergency exit door set to side elevation (east) and creation of concrete pad to form level-threshold access point forward of emergency exit.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 04/02/2025
Application No: 24/02728/LBC	Location: 21 Lytton Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HT Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Burton Description: Installation of timber French door to rear elevation following removal of existing window and internal alterations. Replace existing UPVC soil vent pipe with cast iron.	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 04/02/2025
Application No: 24/02732/FP	Location: Yew Tree Farm Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RG Applicant Name: Mr Robert Wornham Description: Installation of a small domestic-scale Vertical Axis wind Turbine.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 04/02/2025
Application No: 24/02836/TPO	Location: Land Between Hampshire Road And Baldock Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9FT Applicant Name: Mr Saunders Redrow Homes Description: T1, T2: Field Maple - Remove to ground level. T3: Alder - Remove to ground level. G1: Group of whips - Remove to ground	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 30/01/2025
Application No: 25/00046/TPO	Location: 5 Downlands Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BY Applicant Name: Mrs Vicky Neale Description: T7: Sycamore - Pollard back to previous pruning points (4m). T8: Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2-3m back to previous pruning points and thin. Cornice - Remove to ground level. T6: Crown reduce by 1.5m. T4: Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2m. T2: Cherry - Crown reduce by 2m and remove all major deadwood. T1: Contoniaster - Reduce by 4m in height and re shape, Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2m height and 2-3m width and thin canopy (as amended by plan received on 27/01/2025).	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 30/01/2025
Application No: 25/00086/TCA	Location: 66 Glebe Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DR Applicant Name: Mr Tony Greenwood FGCH Ltd Description: GB29: Ash - Fell to ground level. GB28: Beech - Fell to ground level	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 30/01/2025

EAST TEAM

Application No: 25/00131/DOC
Location: Land Adjacent To Red Brick Cottage The Street Kelshall Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9SQ
Applicant Name: Mr Bill Brede
Description:Details reserved by Condition 6 (External Materials) of planning permission reference 24/01962/FP granted on 10.12.2024
Decision: Approval of Details
Decision Date: 03/02/2025

Application No: 25/00133/TPO
Location: The Coach House Radwell Lane Radwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5ES
Applicant Name: Mr Anthony Woodman
Description:T1: Lime - Pollard at crown break
Decision: Conditional Consent
Decision Date: 30/01/2025

WEST TEAM

Application No: 24/01738/DOC
Location: Land On The North Side Of Pirton Road Holwell Hertfordshire SG5 3SN
Applicant Name: Andrew Davidson
Description:Details reserved by condition 10 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) Details reserved by condition 22/01687/FP granted 17.06.2024
Decision: Approval of Details
Decision Date: 03/02/2025

Application No: 24/01948/LDCE
Location: 28 And 28A Nightingale Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QU
Applicant Name: Mr Jiang He
Description:Continuous use as a hot food takeaway on the ground floor with ancillary living accommodation on the upper floor.
Decision: Granted Permission
Decision Date: 04/02/2025

Application No: 24/02372/FP
Location: St Marys Church Churchyard Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1HP
Applicant Name: Reverend Christopher Bunce The Rector and The Par
Description:Installation of replacement North wall and boiler house roof following demolition of existing.
Decision: Conditional Permission
Decision Date: 04/02/2025

Application No: 24/02739/FPH
Location: 16 Westmill Lane Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3RN
Applicant Name: Mr R Levene
Description:Erection of front porch, single storey rear extension with balcony to first floor and two storey side extension following demolition of existing front porch and existing rear conservatory (as a variation of planning permission 22/01737/FPH granted 16.08.2022)
Decision: Conditional Permission
Decision Date: 04/02/2025

Application No: 24/02794/FPH
Location: 3 Highover Cottages Highover Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0RQ
Applicant Name: Mr Vikram Singh
Description:First floor rear extension. Single storey front and side extensions including porch. Extension and alterations to existing conservatory. Insertion of rear box dormer and side rooflights to facilitate loft conversion. Alterations to fenestration
Decision: Refused
Decision Date: 04/02/2025

Application No: 24/02822/FPH
Location: 3 Langbridge Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9EL
Applicant Name: Mr CM Battle
Description:Single storey rear extension, single storey front extension with open porch. Two storey side extension. Insertion of rear dormer including Juliet balcony and front rooflight to facilitate loft conversion.
Decision: Conditional Permission
Decision Date: 04/02/2025

Application No: 24/02823/LBC
Location: Keepers Cottage 2A Orchard Way Breachwood Green Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8NT
Applicant Name: Mr John Gass
Description:Replacement of 16no. single-glazed timber-framed windows with slim profile timber double glazed windows (in accordance with the Secretary of States decision of 10th December 2024 ref PUR/3342127).
Decision: Conditional Consent
Decision Date: 04/02/2025

WEST TEAM

Application No: 24/02827/FPH	Location: 8 The Stables Pottersheath Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9GR Applicant Name: Mr Thomas Wilkinson Description: Replacement raised roof including hip to gable roof extension; rear rooflights and insertion of side window at second floor level to facilitate loft conversion.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 04/02/2025
Application No: 24/02828/FPH	Location: 7 Cromwell Way Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3RD Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Smith & Dyer Description: Single storey rear extension	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 04/02/2025
Application No: 24/02911/LDCP	Location: 27 Grange Rise Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8YR Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs James & Vicky Curnow Description: Insertion of rear box dormer, second floor side window and 2no front roof lights to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 30/01/2025
Application No: 25/00035/DOC	Location: Land At Heath Road Breachwood Green Hertfordshire SG4 8PL Applicant Name: Mr O Doyle Blakeney Homes (Breachwood Green) Ltd Description: Details reserved by Condition 11 (B and C) (Phase II Ground Investigation) of outline planning permission reference 22/02942/OP granted on 18.09.2024).	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 30/01/2025
Application No: 25/00070/EC	Location: Rabley Heath Water Tower Rabley Heath Road Codicote Hertfordshire Applicant Name: John Tsoi Telent Technology Services Ltd Description: Remove and replace 3no antennas with associated equipment works	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 04/02/2025
Application No: 25/00145/NMA	Location: Land At Turnpike Lane And Adjacent To 4 Manor Close Turnpike Lane Ickleford Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Mr C Quirk Troy Homes Description: Amendment to the wording of Condition 12 (as Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 24/02563/S73 granted 10.01.2025.	Decision: Agreed Decision Date: 03/02/2025
Application No: 25/00189/DOC	Location: Land At Heath Road Breachwood Green Hertfordshire SG4 8PL Applicant Name: Mr O Doyle Blakeney Homes (Breachwood Green) Ltd Description: Details reserved by Condition 12 (Noise Report) of outline planning permission reference 22/02942/OP granted on 18.09.2024).	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 30/01/2025

EAST TEAM

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

24/02816/FP	Pinnacle Architecture Mr Matthew Haynes Deanesgate, 62-70 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 4TH, United Kingdom	15 Royston Road Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6NW Mr Lee Caswell Replacement external cladding and fenestration
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Letchworth Garden City

24/02887/FPH	Hunter Devine Architects Mr Hunter Devine 15 Glebeland, Hatfield, AL10 8AA, United Kingdom	257 Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4UE Gibbs Alterations to existing detached garage to include alterations to fenestration and insertion of side rooflight following removal of existing garage doors to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable accommodation at first floor level. External render
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25/00315/TCA	Mrs Kerrie Morris Branching Out Tree and Garden Services 38 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JL	Paynes Farmhouse Croft Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AS Mr Richard Gianfrancesco 10x Pine - Fell, Process and Remove
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25/00335/TCA	Mr Thomas Oakley Oakley Arboriculture Ltd 115 Western Way, Letchworth Garden City, SG64TF, United Kingdom	Rosthwaite 29 Willian Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2HQ Mr Thomas Oakley T1: Oak - Reduce overall canopy by 2-2.5m. T2: Hornbeam - Reduce to previous pruning points.
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Newnham Parish Meeting

25/00275/AG	Acorus Rural Property Services Louise Gregory Old Market Office, 10 Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3AA	Land Off Ashwell Road Newnham Hertfordshire SG7 5JX Mr A Farr Erection of agricultural building for storage of straw and machinery/equipment.
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Royston Town Council

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

LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 07/02/2025
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 27/02/2025

25/00027/FPH Mr Paolo Colagiovanni 2 Old North Road
46 Stancliffe Way, Kirkheaton, Royston
Huddersfield, Huddersfield, West Hertfordshire
Yorkshire, HD5 0JY, England SG8 5DS

Mr Paolo Colagiovanni

Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension.

25/00028/LBC Mr Paolo Colagiovanni 2 Old North Road
46 Stancliffe Way, Kirkheaton, Royston
Huddersfield, Huddersfield, West Hertfordshire
Yorkshire, HD5 0JY, England SG8 5DS

Mr Paolo Colagiovanni

Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension. Alterations to existing kitchen area in basement.

Rushden And Wallington Parish Council

25/00024/LDCP Mr Mark Pearson Old Well Cottage
Old Well Cottage , Southern Green, Southern Green
Rushden, Hertfordshire, SG9 0SY Rushden
Hertfordshire
SG9 0SY

Mr Mark Pearson

Replacement of existing fenestrations

Therfield Parish Council

25/00150/FPH Cameron Bosque Brookes 1 Fordham Terrace
Architects Mr Grant Cameron The Causeway
49 York Street, Cambridge, CB1 Therfield
2PZ Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 9PP

George Osborne

Part two storey and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory. Installation of vehicular crossover

WEST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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Clothall Parish Meeting

25/00105/FPH	Hertford Planning Service Mr Paul Cavill Westgate House, 37-41 Castle Street, Hertford, SG14 1HH, United Kingdom	Walnut Tree Farm Luffenhall Luffenhall Stevenage Hertfordshire SG2 7PX
		Mr & Mrs M & S Ward
		Replacement front rear and side dormer windows with pitched roofs above

25/00106/LBC	Hertford Planning Service Mr Paul Cavill Westgate House, 37-41 Castle Street, Hertford, SG14 1HH, United Kingdom	Walnut Tree Farm Luffenhall Luffenhall Stevenage Hertfordshire SG2 7PX
		Mr & Mrs M & S Ward
		Replacement front rear and side dormer windows with pitched roofs above
Codicote Parish Council		
25/00053/FP	Bchitecture Jim Biek 11A Beresford Road, London, N2 8AT, United Kingdom	78 High Street Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8XD
		FAP Holdings Ltd
		Removal of two chimneys, insertion of one replacement rooflight and additional rooflight in rear roofslope. Insertion of rear entrance door to existing self-contained flat (Class C3) at first floor. Alteration to existing garage including front porch canopy and alterations to fenestration to facilitate change of use to wellbeing studio (Class E).
25/00054/LBC	Bchitecture Jim Biek 11A Beresford Road, London, N2 8AT, United Kingdom	78 High Street Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8XD
		FAP Holdings Ltd
		Removal of two chimneys, insertion of one replacement rooflight and additional rooflight in rear roofslope. Insertion of rear entrance door to existing self-contained flat (Class C3) at first floor. Internal alterations.
Hitchin		
25/00003/LDCP	Mr Duncan Leach 8 Radcliffe Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1QG	8 Radcliffe Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1QG
		Mr Duncan Leach
		Single storey outbuilding to facilitate art studio and maintenance workshop following demolition of existing sheds.
25/00012/FP	Mr Alvn Osei-Tutu MAAJR Partners Limited, 54a Cowley Mill Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 2FX, United Kingdom	25 Milestone Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2SZ
		Mr Alvn Osei-Tutu
		Change of use of dwelling to registered residential children's home (C2) to accommodate 2 children with 24hr care staff.

25/00123/FPH	RTM Design Mr Richard Collin 5 Prebendal Drive, SLIP END, LU1 4JN	18 Lavender Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2LU	Mr & Mrs Sandford	Single storey side and rear extension, alterations to existing garage fenestration to facilitate conversion into habitable accommodation. Alterations to existing roof.
25/00151/FPH	A+L Architecture Studio Mr Ajay Shah 5 Poplar Close, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9LZ	7 Tennyson Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0PX	Rico Garofalo and Clare Garofalo	Alterations to existing detached garage including raised roof, external cladding, and replacement fenestration to facilitate conversion into home office with storage space.
25/00283/TCA	Mrs Kerrie Morris Branching Out Tree and Garden Services 38 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JL	34 The Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RJ	Mrs Kathleen Mitchell	Cherry - Crown reduce up to 1m
Holwell Parish Council				
25/00148/FP	Mr Mark Jeffery 334 Toms Lane , Bedmond , Hertfordshire , WD5 0RB, England	The Jays Pirton Road Holwell Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3SS	Mr Mark Jeffery	Erection of one detached 3-bed self-build dwelling with associated parking and garden land. Garage of building to be utilised as environmentally friendly store room to store battery packs and associated equipment to serve new dwelling.
25/00210/AG	Roebuck Land And Planning Mrs Chloe French Hilly Close, 3 High Street, Stoke Goldington, MK16 8NP	Land Off Bedford Road Holwell Hertfordshire SG5 3RT	Flint	Erection of secure shipping container
Ickleford Parish Council				

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**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 07/02/2025
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25/00284/TCA Mrs Kerrie Morris Branching Out 40 Arleseey Road
Tree and Garden Services Ickleford
38 Station Road, Lower Stondon, Hitchin
SG16 6JL Hertfordshire
SG5 3UU

Mr Brian Dix

Dead Eucalyptus, Laurel - Fell, Process and Remove.

Kimpton Parish Council

25/00090/FP Mr Michael Collins Michael Collins 22 High Street
Architect llp Kimpton
suite 4a, 30 bancroft, Hitchin, Hitchin
SG51LE Hertfordshire
SG4 8RJ

Mr Ross Tomlinson

Change of Use and conversion of former White Horse PH to a mixed use comprising a single residential dwelling (Use Class C3), and micropub (Sui Generis). External annexe for garage and studio ancillary to the main dwelling. Demolition of the existing rear shed, lean-to, and rear portions of the property. Structural works, replacement floors walls, subdivision and replacement of the main roof and existing windows, internal alterations, servicing, and rear extensions to facilitate these changes.

25/00091/LBC Mr Michael Collins Michael Collins 22 High Street
Architect llp Kimpton
suite 4a, 30 bancroft, Hitchin, Hitchin
SG51LE Hertfordshire
SG4 8RJ

Mr Ross Tomlinson

Internal and external alterations to facilitate the change of use and conversion of former White Horse PH to a mixed use comprising a single residential dwelling (Use Class C3), and micropub (Sui Generis).

Preston Parish Council

25/00120/FPH Be Informed! Mr Charles Speakman 2 Oakfields
8 Broadmeadow Ride, Hitchin, SG4 Preston
7ST, United Kingdom Hertfordshire
SG4 7FB

Mr & Mrs Cronin

Single storey side extension to link existing detached garage to main dwelling. Alterations to existing garage fenestration to facilitate partial conversion of garage into habitable accommodation.

St Ippolytts Parish Council

25/00136/FPH D.Chandler Architectural Design Ltd.Aspen
Mr Daniel Chandler Newlands Lane
61 Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 Hitchin
3HS, United Kingdom Hertfordshire
SG4 9BB

Mr & Mrs Vivek & Ekta Gupta

Single storey side/rear extension.

Press release:
22 January 2025

New free men's health support group launches in North Herts

A new initiative aimed at supporting men's mental and physical wellbeing is set to launch in Hitchin and Royston this month, offering local men free access to fitness facilities and wellness workshops.

The Men's Club, a four-week programme, will commence on Monday 27 January, from 7pm to 9pm at Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre, and on Tuesday 28 January at Royston Leisure Centre from 7pm to 9pm.

The initiative, delivered by Everyone Active, which manages the leisure centres in partnership with North Herts Council, will provide participants with complimentary access to the swimming pools, gym facilities, studio classes, plus Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre's new Reformer studio.

At the heart of the programme are four specialised workshops focusing on understanding and managing low mood, anxiety, and stress. Mark Kear, from the Everyone Active Exercise Referral team, will lead the sessions.

Juanita Prescott, Activity and Wellbeing Manager at Everyone Active, said: "The evidence is clear that when it comes to mental and physical wellbeing, men are far less likely to seek help than women. Our mission is to reduce this stigma as much as possible by offering a safe space where men can discuss their concerns, whatever they may be.

"The comprehensive course covers various aspects of health, including mental wellness, men's specific medical conditions, back and joint rehabilitation, mindfulness, physical activity benefits, nutrition and relaxation techniques including Chi Kung sessions.

"We've already seen remarkable success with these sessions in other areas outside the district, where participants have reported significant improvements in their quality of life, including reduced anxiety, lower pain levels, and better sleep patterns. We're excited to expand this initiative and bring these transformative benefits to the North Herts community."

Cllr Mick Debenham, Executive Member for Leisure, said: "We're delighted to support initiatives like The Men's Club, which provide an invaluable opportunity for men to prioritise their mental and physical health. These workshops offer practical tools and expert advice on managing stress, improving wellbeing, and making healthier lifestyle choices. We encourage anyone who might benefit to take advantage of this fantastic free programme and take the first step towards a healthier future."

For more information about the Men's Club or to register for the programme, contact Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre on 01462 441646 or Royston Leisure Centre on 01763 255190

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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 and 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

Press release

Monday 3 February 2025

Game-changing free pickleball sessions for Parkinson's community in North Herts

People living with Parkinson's in North Herts will soon have access to free specialised pickleball sessions, launching on Tuesday 25 February at North Herts Leisure Centre, thanks to a grant from Parkinson's UK.

Regular physical activity plays a crucial role in managing Parkinson's symptoms, helping to improve balance, flexibility and mobility while potentially slowing disease progression.

Research shows that activities combining hand-eye coordination with social interaction can be particularly beneficial in managing both motor and non-motor symptoms of the condition.

The sessions will be delivered by the Hertfordshire lead for Pickleball England, in partnership with leisure centre operator Everyone Active, which manages the facility on behalf of North Herts District Council.

The free weekly sessions will be specifically designed to support people at all stages of their Parkinson's journey.

Kirsty Jones, Area Contract Activity and Wellbeing Manager at Everyone Active, said: "Pickleball is an ideal sport for people with Parkinson's. The controlled movements help maintain coordination and balance, while the social aspect of the game can help combat isolation, which is often experienced by people living with the condition.

"These sessions are designed to be fun, friendly and welcoming to everyone - whether you're completely new to the sport or have played before. We want people to come along, make friends, and enjoy themselves while benefiting from the activity.

"We're particularly proud to offer these sessions free of charge to Everyone Active members with Parkinson's, including their carers who can also access a free membership."

Cllr Mick Debenham, North Herts Council's Executive Member for Leisure said: "We are delighted to support these free pickleball sessions for people living with Parkinson's in North Herts. Physical activity is vital in helping to manage symptoms and improve overall wellbeing, and I'm really pleased to see such an initiative taking place in our community."

The sessions will be led by specially trained coaches who have completed additional training in supporting people with Parkinson's disease.

This training ensures they understand how to adapt the activity to each participant's needs and capabilities, creating a safe and supportive environment.

While non-members can join for £2 per session, Everyone Active provides free membership to individuals with Parkinson's and their carers, making the sessions effectively free for all participants.

The weekly one-hour sessions will take place on Tuesdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm, starting on 25 February at North Herts Leisure Centre.

Participants will benefit from specialised equipment and expert instruction in a welcoming, inclusive environment.

To book, or to find out more, contact: northhertsactivecommunities@everyoneactive.com

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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.

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Feeling old? Well take a look at our nomination for Museum Object of the Year!

Behold, the mother of all mechanisms! This 'Oldowan chopper' – a 2.5 million-year-old sandstone tool - is a testament to the ingenuity of our earliest ancestors. It was the cutting edge of technology back in its day!

North Herts Museum is rallying local support to vote for their truly remarkable piece of human history in this year's Hertfordshire Museum Object of the Year. In total, 22 museums across the county have submitted items to compete in the annual competition which is overseen by the Hertfordshire Association of Museums.

The North Herts Museum nomination: an unassuming piece of sandstone that is one of the earliest human tools in the world, dating back around 2.5 million years. It was discovered by explorer and amateur archaeologist Heywood Seton-Karr, who travelled widely in Africa and Asia.

Cllr Tamsin Thomas, Executive Member for Enterprise, said: "Our Oldowan chopper is an amazing artefact! It shows the beginning of tool making among some of our earliest human ancestors, even though it can look like a simple piece of stone to the untrained eye. It's fascinating to think this piece of 'caveman cutlery' has lasted to the modern day, truly a window into the past."

Voting closes on 17 February and the winner is set to be announced on 22 February.

Head over to the Hertfordshire Association of Museums' website to find out more and vote for your favourite object: www.hertfordshiremuseums.org.uk/object-of-the-year-2025.aspx

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