

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF
MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16th of April 2025**

Present: Cllr J Hall (Chairman), Cllr H Davey (Committee), Cllr Edward Thompson (Committee), Cllr S Daws (Committee)

In attendance: Sara Townsend-Cartwright (Planning and Projects Officer), Robyn Spolander (member of public).

1. To receive Apologies

Cllr Burrows, Cllr Parsons, and Cllr Irwin.

2. Any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or local non-pecuniary interests

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI): None declared.

Local non-Pecuniary Interest (LNPI): None declared.

3. Actions from last meeting

Ongoing or on the agenda.

4. PUBLIC FORUM To allow members of the public to address business on the agenda

Robyn Spolander raised concerns about the A12 Major Road Network Improvement Scheme. Specifically, the proposed bus lane near the Police HQ on Portal Avenue and the impact this would have on the character of the area. Trees currently screen the A12 but may need to be removed to create the bus lane. Cllr Hall advised that the Parish Council have provided a response in an earlier consultation (now closed). The next opportunity to comment will be during the Planning application consultation expected this summer. The Parish Council will make the public aware of this via our website and other communication channels and encourage residents to make comments.

5. Transport

5.1 Update on Main Road Improvement Scheme – SIDs data for Calum Poole (Principal Transport Planner), & consider MPC response to Highways

Martlesham Council will respond during formal consultation. SIDs data will be collated by the office staff once the SIDs laptop is available for them to download the data. Felixstowe Road proposed modal filter was raised, as this is not an agenda item the issue was deferred to go on next month's Agenda. The Clerk will establish the facts from SCC and communicate this with Martlesham Councillors.

6. Planning

6.1 To note the Combined Planning Report – Planning responses filed with ESC since the last meeting of the DETC No responses were filed under the scheme of delegation since the last meeting, therefore no responses were ratified at this meeting.

6.2 To consider current pending planning applications

DC/24/4345/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/17/1435/OUT - Outline planning application for up to 2000 dwellings, an employment area of c0.6ha (use Class B1), primary local centre (comprising use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3, D1 and D2), secondary centre (comprising possible use Classes A1, A3 and A4), a school, green infrastructure (including Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace (SANGs), outdoor play areas, sports ground and allotments/community orchards), public footpaths and cycleways, vehicle accesses and associated infrastructure - Construction of 69 homes (including 17 affordable homes) garage, parking, surface water drainage basin, internal access roads, landscaping and associated infrastructure (W5). This includes details submitted in compliance with conditions 8, 11, 14, 30 and 43 and details submitted to formally discharge conditions 23, 24, 25, 26, 28(a), 41, 48 and 61 of DC/20/1234/VOC Expiry date: Fri 18 Apr 2025

Response: Martlesham Council would like to endorse the comments of ESC landscape team and has

no further comment to add.

DC/25/0626/FUL Sales Building Extension, Jet Wash Hub replacing existing Car Wash/Jet Wash, Provision of EVC Hub and Associated Works Expiry date: Fri 25 Apr 2025

Response: We welcome the proposal to upgrade the existing facilities, in particular to replace the toilets and provide high-powered fast charging facilities. However, we are concerned that the proposal should not result in increased traffic congestion along Anson Road. To minimise queuing for the electric chargers they should offer the fastest charging rates possible for the site. The proposals should be consistent with SCC's proposals for upgrading works to the A12 and connecting roads including Anson Road. We therefore request that SCC confirm this.

The flow of traffic around the site is currently confusing and we would like the applicant to give greater consideration as to how this could be improved.

Whilst we have no objections to the application, we recommend that any approval granted by East Suffolk Council include the following conditions: -

1. That the chargers offer fast or rapid charging times to minimise queuing
2. That the proposed toilets are fully wheelchair accessible

DC/25/1222/FUL Insertion of new opening dormer window to the side of the house Expiry date: Wed 30 Apr 2025

Response: Martlesham Parish Council has no objections

DC/25/1396/DRC Discharge of Condition No.16 of DC/24/2975/ARM - Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/17/1435/OUT - Outline planning application for up to 2000 dwellings, an employment area of c0.6ha (use Class B1), primary local centre (comprising use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3, D1 and D2), secondary centre (comprising possible use Classes A1, A3 and A4), a school, green infrastructure (including Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace (SANGs), outdoor play areas, sports ground and allotments/community orchards), public footpaths and cycleways, vehicle accesses and associated infrastructure - (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) for the erection of up to 93 dwellings (including 23 affordable houses), semi-natural green open space, associated parking and landscaping (Phase W6). This includes details submitted in compliance with conditions 8, 11, 14, 30 and 43 and details submitted to formally discharge conditions 23, 24, 25, 26, 28(a), 41, 48 and 61 of DC/20/1234/VOC. - Sustainability and Energy Statement Expiry date: 25 Apr 2025

Response: Martlesham Parish Council has no objections. We found the supporting documents to contain a good level of detail and were well considered.

DC/25/1320/VLA Variation of Legal Agreement of DC/21/2571/VOC - Variation of Condition(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, (removal of) 19, 22, 23, 25 and 26 of Planning Permission DC/16/1992/FUL - Proposed development to provide 47 dwellings, access, School car park, landscape/wildlife corridors. open space and landscaping. Expiry date N/A Determination deadline: Wed 21 May 2025

Response: Martlesham Parish Council has no objections

DC/25/1277/DRC Discharge of Condition No. 27 of DC/21/4003/ARM - Approval of reserved matters - the construction of 22 dwellings together with associated works, landscaping and infrastructure for Brightwell Lakes (Phase W1a) - on DC/20/1234/VOC. - Energy Performance and Water Efficiency Standards Expiry date: Wed 16 Apr 2025

This consultation has also been forwarded to Martlesham Climate Action for comment, no feedback received. Response: Martlesham Parish Council has no comments.

DC/25/0004/FUL Demolition of existing rear conservatory, construction of a two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension Expiry date: Wed 16 Apr 2025

Response: Martlesham Parish Council has no objection to the proposal; however, we note objections have been raised by the occupant of a neighbouring property. We ask that the planning officer has regard to SPG16, 5.8 in considering the impact the proposal may have on neighbouring properties.

DC/24/1144/FUL Construction of proposed new vehicular access to the property Expiry date: Thu 17 Apr 2025

Response: We note and agree with ESC comments in relation to impacts noted in the AIA regarding removal of the hedgerow. Please have regard to Policy MAR4 of the neighbourhood plan, and, if minded to approve, we ask that planning conditions requiring additional on-site planting be included to mitigate the adverse impacts.

6.3 To receive and note any significant planning applications and appeals

- S106 agreements (discussed)
- To note decision by ESC on DC/25/0153/VOC awaiting detailed report from referral panel.
Noted

6.4 To receive feedback from the Brightwell Lakes Forum

Cllr Hall provided a verbal update to the committee. Noted.

7. Environment

7.1 To ratify Martlesham Parish Council response to East Suffolk Council Air Quality Strategy Consultation. **Agreed.**

7.2 To consider requesting ESC undertake air quality monitoring at the cottages opposite the red lion pub in Martlesham. **Agreed. Decision D2025/4a:** Sara Townsend-Cartwright to contact ESC Environmental Protection team.

7.3 Storm Babet local evidence 2 properties affected. **Decision D2025/4b:** Sara to obtain contact details of affected residents from Cllr Daws and Cllrs Irwin or Burrows and get further information.

8. Social media and newsletter items (June) A12 and main road improvement projects.

9. Items for consideration at the next DETC meeting

Felixstowe Road – update
Bus services and timetabling project report

Date of next meeting: 18 June 2025.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:20.

Chair, 7 May 2025