



SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

**For a Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 19 December 2017**

**at Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road,
South Woodham Ferrers**

Membership:

**Councillor K Golding (Chairman)
Councillor A Shearring (Vice Chairman)**

Councillor S Betteridge
Councillor P Ferry
Councillor M Sismey

Councillor J Birch
Councillor A John

Councillor D Eley
Councillor M O'Brien

Local residents are welcome to attend this meeting. At the meeting, your elected Councillors will take decisions affecting YOU, the Community and the Town. At the beginning of the meeting there is an opportunity for you to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda. The public may participate for up to 15 minutes for this purpose. If you have any queries, please telephone the Town Clerk on 01245 321817. Please join us.

**Karen Hawkes BSc (Hons)
Town Clerk
13 December 2017**

1. Apologies for Absence

To RECEIVE and ACCEPT any apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Any Member declaring an interest is asked to state whether this is a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest. Clarification, if required, can be sought prior to the meeting with the Chairman or the Town Clerk.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2017 as a true record.

4. Public Questions

In accordance with Standing Order 3.e to allow up to 15 minutes for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Committee; Members with pecuniary interests will also not be permitted to speak, address the Committee on those interests and must leave the meeting when the item in relation to their interest is being discussed.

5. Previous Planning Decisions

To note the City Council planning decisions which differ from the Town Council recommendations as circulated at the meeting.

6. Current Planning Applications

To consider such planning and tree applications as are outstanding. Applications have been received on the following properties:

Application No	Details	Cllr to Report
17/01995/FUL	79 Abbotsleigh Road <i>Single storey side and rear extension</i>	Cllr Birch
17/05273/TPO	7 Charlotte Court <i>T11 Robinia – frontage of 7 Charlotte Court – crown reduction by 2m max and clean out dead wood, all cuts to suitable growing points – re-application for works not completed under expired permission 15/05176/TPO – Reason: General tree maintenance</i>	Cllr Miles
17/05276/TPO	11 Berry Vale <i>T3 Crab Apple – located at front of property. Crown reduce in height, by cutting to suitable growing points, by 3.5 maximum. Crown reduce remainder of crown, by cutting to suitable growing points, by 2m maximum in order to balance/shape the crown. Crown lift, by cutting to suitable growing points, to maximum of 2.5m. Remove deadwood</i>	Cllr Shearring
17/05278/TPO	28 Anchor Reach <i>T1 Purple Plum – reduce in branch length, height and spread by approx. 1.5m, crown lift to 3m from ground level and 5.2m over highway. T2 Lime – reduce by 1.5-2m in branch length and height and 1-1.5m in spread, crown lift to 3m from ground level. Reasons: to maintain previously reduced trees in close proximity to property and footway/highway.</i>	Cllr Shearring

17/05288/TPO	7 Starboard View <i>T22 Oak adjacent to rear of 7 Starboard View – reduce back from property to achieve 3 metres clearance. Reason: work required to alleviate physical damage to the property and to ensure the prevention of access to the dwelling by grey squirrels</i>	Cllr Shearring
17/05291/TPO	42 Kings Way <i>G1 Ash x 1 – rear of Kingsway Surgery. Trim back to give clearance from lamp post no 5 in The Chase. Reason: required by ECC Highways on health and safety grounds</i>	Cllr Miles

Correct up to 13 December 2017, further applications may be received prior to the meeting, Chelmsford City Council is the principal planning authority, please check their website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control for details.

7. Tree Preservation Order

To consider an application for a Tree Preservation Order for an oak tree on Bushy Hill. Councillor Golding to report.

8. New Nuclear Reactor Design (Bradwell)

To consider the notification from the Environment Agency as attached to the agenda.

9. Report to Council

To agree items for report to the next Council meeting on 6 March 2018.

10. Media Coverage

To consider whether any items on this Agenda warrant a Media release, and, if so, to agree a Councillor to comment, if applicable.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 30 January 2018, at 7pm.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Regulators progress generic design assessment on new nuclear reactor

The Environment Agency and the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) have begun assessing General Nuclear System Ltd's (GNS) UK HPR1000 reactor design. This follows successful completion of the preparatory step of the regulators' Generic Design Assessment (GDA) process.

In January 2017, the regulators received a request from Ministers to assess a new nuclear reactor design in the UK, GNS's UK HPR1000. Bradwell B Power Generation Company Ltd is proposing to use this design at its site at Bradwell in Essex.

ONR and the Environment Agency have been working with GNS to help ensure the company understands the UK regulatory system and the regulators' expectations. The regulators have also been increasing their knowledge of GNS's proposals.

The regulators are now ready to begin their assessments and consider that GNS are also ready to support the GDA process.

The regulators' [joint GDA website](#) has been updated to reflect that Step 2 has begun and it includes links to [GNS's website](#) and the comments process. The comments process enables anyone to submit comments and questions to the company for their response.

Subject to the company submitting acceptable proposals to the regulators, indicatively GDA is expected to take around four years to complete from now.

We are writing to you because in addition to Bradwell, any developer could propose to build this reactor design at any of the sites included in the Government's [Nuclear National Policy Statement](#) (listed in the next paragraph).

The sites listed as potentially suitable are: Bradwell (Essex), Hartlepool (Durham), Heysham (Lancashire), Hinkley Point (Somerset), Oldbury (South Gloucestershire), Sellafield (Cumbria), Sizewell (Suffolk) and Wylfa (Anglesey).

We are informing you because:

- we think you might be interested in the regulation of new nuclear power stations;
- you may live or work in an area where this design may potentially be proposed by a developer;
- we would like you to share this information with others who may be interested or who you represent.

Generic Design Assessment (GDA)

GDA allows the regulators to begin assessing the safety, security and environmental aspects of the new reactor design prior to site-specific proposals being brought forward.

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Together ONR and the Environment Agency are ensuring that any new nuclear power stations will meet high standards of safety, security, environmental protection and waste management.

Getting involved

- You can submit a question or make a comment about the reactor design using the comments process.
- The comments process can be accessed on the regulators' websites and GNS's website.
- Your question will be answered by GNS. Your question and the company's response will be seen by the regulators and can be used to help inform their assessments.
- A GDA public and stakeholder engagement plan setting out our proposals for communications and engagement will be published in 2018. We'd welcome your feedback.
- The Environment Agency will consult on its detailed assessment findings in due course.

Next steps

We will keep you informed at key points in the process. Please subscribe to our joint regulators' ebulletin so that you automatically receive updates.

If you do not wish to receive further information about GDA of the UK HPR1000 then please let us know using the contact information below. Thank you.

Further information

- Register for our ebulletin at <http://www.onr.org.uk/new-reactors/ebulletin.htm>
- Read our new reactors website: <http://www.onr.org.uk/new-reactors/index.htm>
- Read our information on GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/assessing-new-nuclear-power-station-designs>
- GNS's UK HPR1000 website and comments process www.ukhpr1000.co.uk

How to contact us

- Email: gda@environment-agency.gov.uk
- Phone the Environment Agency general enquiries line: 03708 506 506

(Telephone from outside the UK: +44 (0) 114 282 5312)

(Mon to Fri, 8am to 6pm GMT)

Minicom service, for the hard of hearing: 03702 422 549

Details of [call charges](#) can be found on the GOV.UK website