

Committee: Ordinary Council	Date: 7 December 2022
Subject: Planning and Licensing Committee Chairs Update	Wards affected: All
Chair: Cllr Sandy Tanner (from October 2022)	
Report of: Phil Drane, Corporate Director – Planning & Economy	For information

Since the last Chairs update at Ordinary Council on 2 November 2022, one meeting of the council's Planning & Licensing Committee has taken place on 22 November. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

Land North of Roman Road, Roman Road, Ingatestone (application reference 21/01766/FUL)

This application was submitted on behalf of Hallmark Care Homes, for the erection of an office headquarters building with an associated Centre of Excellence and care home on site. The proposal creates over 100 new jobs as well as wider job and training opportunities. It is consistent with the local plan allocation for employment growth on the site, noting that the unique aspect of a care home provider locating their headquarters on site also provides the opportunity for a new care home on site (ancillary uses). It is also consistent with the newly made Ingatestone and Fryerning Neighbourhood Plan.

The proposal has been subject to extensive pre-application consultation with Council officers, and discussion with Parish Council and Local Ward Councillors. A virtual public consultation took place in February 2021 and the scheme was presented twice to the Essex Quality Review Panel (EQRP).

The committee resolved to approve the application, in line with the officer recommendation, subject to some amendments to conditions and a S106 agreement.

1 Pilgrims Hall Cottages, Ongar Road, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9SA (application reference 22/01190/FUL)

This application comprised of the construction of two detached dwellings adjacent to No. 1 Pilgrims Hall Cottages. The application had been referred because of historic uses on site, notwithstanding its location in the Green Belt, and opportunity to deliver bungalows. Following debate, the committee unanimously resolved to refuse the application, consistent with the officer recommendation.

59 Petresfield Way, West Horndon, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3TG (application reference 22/01282/HHA)

This application was withdrawn due to the consultation period not having expired. It will appear at a future meeting of the committee.

Housing Delivery and Supply Monitoring Update

An information report was brought to the committee on recently published information regarding housing delivery and supply in the borough. There is a legal requirement for the Council to monitor completions and the impact of the 'Five Year Land Supply' of sites for future housing. This report provided a summary of housing delivery and supply monitoring information to the year ending 31 March 2022. The report briefed Members on the publication and implications of this updated information, including the fact that the council can evidence 6.9 years of housing supply, due to confidence in future allocated sites in the new local plan and improved housing delivery in recent years. The report was noted.