

<b>Committee(s):</b> Ordinary Council	<b>Date:</b> 13 December 2023
<b>Subject:</b> Chairs Report for Planning Committee	
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Cllr Philip Mynott	

The Planning Committee met on 21 November 2023. In addition to planning applications determined, the following items were debated and approved:

### **Planning Appeals Update (July – October 2023)**

A report provided the committee with a summary of recent planning appeal decisions in the borough. It formed part of a regular series of updates to the committee for information. Between July and October 2023 there were six appeals decided. Out of those appeals, five were dismissed (83%) and one was allowed (17%). So far this financial year (2023/24) (i.e. since 1 April 2023), there have been 13 appeals decided, 12 were dismissed (92%) and one was allowed (8%).

### **Response to Essex Parking Standards Consultation**

The Essex Planning Officers Association (EPOA), consisting of 12 local planning authorities across Essex, including Brentwood, has prepared guidance on the updated Essex Parking Standards. Parking Standards are referred to in local plans and the Essex County Council Local Transport Plan. The guidance sets parking for different vehicle types, design and location, dimensions for parking and a suggested quantum for different types of development.

A consultation on the draft document commenced on 16 October and concluded on 4 December 2023. A response to the consultation was approved by the committee.

The current Essex Parking Standards guidance (EPOA) was approved by Brentwood Borough Council in 2009. Therefore, it requires an update as there have been changes in planning legislation and policy, the introduction of Garden Communities, and a greater awareness of the need to manage the impact of developments on local communities and the environment.

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

The Planning Committee has had a busy period recently with several larger schemes being determined, including Local Plan allocations. At the time of publishing this update, by the end of the year the committee will be determining applications for the two largest strategic allocations in the borough at Dunton Hills Garden Village (outline application, 29 November 2023) and Brentwood Enterprise Park (detailed application, 12 December 2023).