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**South Cambridgeshire**District Council

To: Chairman – Councillor Pippa Corney

Vice-Chairman - Councillor Robert Turner

All Members of the Planning Committee - Councillors Val Barrett, Trisha Bear,

Brian Burling, Lynda Harford, Tumi Hawkins, Caroline Hunt,

Sebastian Kindersley, Mervyn Loynes, David McCraith, Charles Nightingale,

Deborah Roberts and Hazel Smith, and to Councillor Peter Topping

(Sustainability, Planning and Climate Change Portfolio Holder)

Quorum: 4

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **PLANNING COMMITTEE**, which will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **WEDNESDAY**, 4 **APRIL 2012** at **10.00** a.m.

Members are respectfully reminded that when substituting on committees, subcommittees, and outside or joint bodies, Democratic Services must be advised of the substitution *in advance of* the meeting. It is not possible to accept a substitute once the meeting has started. Council Standing Order 4.3 refers.

Yours faithfully JEAN HUNTER Chief Executive

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### **AGENDA**

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# **PUBLIC SEATING AND SPEAKING**

Public seating is available both in the Council Chamber (First Floor) and the Public Gallery / Balcony (Second Floor). Those not on the Committee but wishing to speak at the meeting should first read the Public Speaking Protocol.

# **PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from committee members.

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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held

Democratic Services Contact Officer: Ian Senior, 03450 450 500

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### **OUR VISION**

- We will make South Cambridgeshire a safe and healthy place where residents are proud to live and where there will be opportunities for employment, enterprise and world-leading innovation.
- We will be a listening Council, providing a voice for rural life and first-class services accessible to all.

## **OUR VALUES**

We will demonstrate our corporate values in all our actions. These are:

- Trust
- Mutual respect
- A commitment to improving services
- Customer service

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#### **Notes**

- (1) Some development control matters in this Agenda where the periods of consultation and representation may not have quite expired are reported to Committee to save time in the decision making process.

  Decisions on these applications will only be made at the end of the consultation periods after taking into account all material representations made within the full consultation period. The final decisions may be delegated to the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities).
- (2) The Council considers every planning application on its merits and in the context of national, regional and local planning policy. As part of the Council's customer service standards, Councillors and officers aim to put customers first, deliver outstanding service and provide easy access to services and information. At all times, we will treat customers with respect and will be polite, patient and honest. The Council is also committed to treat everyone fairly and justly, and to promote equality. This applies to all residents and customers, planning applicants and those people against whom the Council is taking, or proposing to take, planning enforcement action. More details can be found on the Council's website under 'Council and Democracy'.