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To: Chairman – Councillor Pippa Corney  
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Robert Turner  
All Members of the Planning Committee - Councillors Val Barrett, Trisha Bear,  
Brian Burling, Janice Guest, Sally Hatton, Sebastian Kindersley, Mervyn Loynes,  
Charles Nightingale, Deborah Roberts, Hazel Smith, Peter Topping and  
John Williams, and to Councillor Nick Wright (Planning 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 NOVEMBER 2009 at 2.00 p.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  
**GJ HARLOCK**  
Chief Executive

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## AGENDA

## PAGES

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Those non-Committee members wishing to address the Planning Committee should first read the Public Speaking Protocol.

### PROCEDURAL ITEMS

#### 1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from committee members.

#### 2. General Declarations of Interest

General declarations of interest should be made at this stage. Interests relating to specific items on the agenda should be declared immediately after the Chairman introduces those items or as soon thereafter as a declarable interest becomes apparent.

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**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2009 as a correct record. The Minutes are attached to the electronic version of this agenda – on the Council's website.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DECISION ITEMS**

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| <b>4.</b> | <b>S/1071/09/F - Melbourn (Building 1 &amp; 2 Whiting Way)</b>                          | <b>3 - 12</b>  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>C/6/9/1A - Histon &amp; Impington (Histon and Impington Bus Stops, Station Road)</b> | <b>13 - 16</b> |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>S/1173/09/F - Histon (Etheldred House, Clay Street)</b>                              | <b>17 - 24</b> |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>S/0621/08/RM - Orchard Park (Land North of Chieftain Way Adjoining A14)</b>          | <b>25 - 38</b> |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>S/1251/09/F - Longstanton (Land off High Street)</b>                                 | <b>39 - 44</b> |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>S/1109/09/F - Eltisley (55 The Green)</b>  | <b>45 - 50</b> |

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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| <b>10.</b> | <b>Appeals against Planning Decisions and Enforcement Action</b>                           | <b>51 - 52</b> |
|            | Summaries of Decisions of interest attached.   |                |
|            | <b>Contact officers:</b>   |                |
|            | Gareth Jones, Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) – Tel: 01954 713155 |                |
|            | John Koch, Appeals Manager (Special Projects) – Tel: 01954 713268                          |                |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Appeal Statistics</b>   |                |
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If a member of the public interrupts proceedings, the Chairman will warn the person concerned. If they continue to interrupt, the Chairman will order their removal from the meeting room. If there is a general disturbance in any part of the meeting room open to the public, the Chairman may call for that part to be cleared.

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"I propose that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item number(s) ..... in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ..... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act."

If exempt (confidential) information has been provided as part of the agenda, the Press and public will not be able to view it. There will be an explanation on the website however as to why the information is exempt.

### **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'.