

# Chesham Town Council

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23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Dear Councillor,

**Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE** to be held in the Council Chamber, The Town Hall, Chesham, on

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2021 AT 7.30PM**

when the business set out below is proposed to be transacted:

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
4. To receive and consider planning applications received from Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting of the Committee and any planning applications and comments delegated to the Ward Members and Chairman of the Committee and to note previous planning comments submitted. **Plans are available for inspection on Buckinghamshire Council's website.**  
<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/planning/view-planning-applications/>
5. To receive and consider decision notices received from Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting of the Committee.
6. MVAS Report.
7. Information Items.

Yours sincerely,

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Councillor Alan Bacon
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Councillor Jane MacBean
Councillor Nick Southworth

## CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2021

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1) **PL/21/2288/TP** [REDACTED] **21 Hillcroft Road Chesham** **HILLTOP**

**Description:** Two Ash trees at the rear of 21 Hillcroft Road - Pollarding / Crown reduction - trees protected by TPO/1987/027 (W1)

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2) **PL/21/2333/FA** [REDACTED] **11 Wey Lane Chesham** **ST MARY'S**

**Description:** Demolition of the existing single storey side and rear structures, erection of part single/part two storey side and rear extension and changes to windows and doors.

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3) **PL/21/2284/SA** [REDACTED] **20 Brandon Mead Chesham** **LOWNDES**

**Description:** Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey side /rear extension and conversion of garage to living space.

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4) **PL/21/2511/FA** [REDACTED] **132 Berkeley Avenue Chesham** **LOWNDES**

**Description:** Single storey front/side extension, side door and insertion of 3 rooflights in existing flat roof.

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5) **PL/21/2526/VRC** [REDACTED] **111 Nalders Road Chesham** **HILLTOP**

**Description:** Variation of conditions 4 (windows and doors), 5(permitted development) and 7 (approved plans) as application PL/20/3121/FA (Subdivision of plot and erection of detached dwelling and replacement garage. Changes to doors and window and demolition of conservatory and porch in existing house.) to allow for 1 front and 1 rear rooflight.

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6) **PL/21/2624/FA** [REDACTED] **30 The Spinney Chesham** **HILLTOP**

**Description:** Conversion of existing loft to create habitable space, addition of rear dormer window, 2 front rooflights and internal alterations.

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7) **PL/21/2363/FA** [REDACTED] **122 Botley Road Chesham** **TOWNSEND**

**Description:** Demolition of existing house and erection of new house and front garden wall.

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8)	PL/21/2473/FA	[REDACTED]	345 Waterside Chesham	WATERSIDE
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**Description:** Single storey front extension, internal remodel and resurfacing of front garden.

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9)	PL/21/2536/FA	[REDACTED]	3 Poplar Cottages, Amy Lane Chesham	ST MARY'S
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**Description:** Single storey rear extension, enlarged front and rear dormer windows,

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10)	PL/21/2499/FA	[REDACTED]	Land Rear Of 12 & 14 Upper Gladstone Road Chesham	TOWNSEND
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**Description:** Erection of a new dwelling with new vehicular access.

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11)	PL/21/2703/KA	[REDACTED]	Great Germaines House, 85 Fullers Hill Chesham	ST MARY'S
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**Description:** Remove overhanging branches back to boundary with 4 Germaines Close,(Chesham Conservation Area)

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12)	PL/21/2131/FA	[REDACTED]	64 Deansway Chesham	ASHERIDGE VALE
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**Description:** New vehicular access, lowering of ground levels to form 2 hardstanding parking spaces, steps to front door and new porch canopy.

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13)	PL/21/2181/FA M	[REDACTED]	3 The Chase Chesham	VALE
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**Description:** Erection of an outbuilding for ancillary use in rear garden.

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14)	PL/21/2715/FA	[REDACTED]	Lace Cottage, 97 Vale Road Chesham	VALE
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**Description:** Single storey rear extension.

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15)	PL/21/2530/FA	[REDACTED]	Darvell & Sons Bakery, 28-30 High Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
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**Description:** Conversion of existing offices to two flats and new external access staircase.

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16) PL/21/2533/HB [REDACTED] Darvell & Sons Bakery, 28-30 High Street Chesham ST MARY'S

**Description:** Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing offices to two flats and new external access staircase.

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17) PL/21/2468/FA [REDACTED] 1 Higham Road Chesham TOWNSEND

**Description:** Alterations to existing building including 2 storey side extension and changes to windows and doors. Conversion of the existing dwelling into 3 separate 1 bed flats.

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18) PL/21/2631/FA [REDACTED] 163 Sunnyside Road Chesham NEWTOWN

**Description:** Renovation and extension of an existing porch. Relocation of an existing rainwater pipe.

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19) PL/21/2860/KA [REDACTED] 37 Germain Street Chesham ST MARY'S

**Description:** Elder T1 - Polard by aprox 10 Ft (Chesham Conservation Area).

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20) PL/21/2504/VRC [REDACTED] 212 Chartridge Lane Chesham LOWNDES

**Description:** Variation of condition 16 (approved plans) of planning permission PL/20/4118/VRC relating to variations of the original planning permission PL/19/3006/FA (Two storey rear extension to 212 Chartridge Lane, and the construction of two detached dwellings to land to rear of, and adjacent to 212 Chartridge Lane. Provision of associated vehicular access and amenity space) to allow changes to access.

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21) PL/21/2593/FA [REDACTED] 202 Chartridge Lane Chesham LOWNDES

**Description:** Erection of a new dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling once new dwelling built.

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22) PL/21/2664/FA [REDACTED] 17 Chartridge Lane Chesham LOWNDES

**Description:** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling and new vehicular access.

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23) PL/21/2683/FA



179A Chartridge Lane Chesham

LOWNDES

**Description:** Part two / part single storey front extension, part two / part first floor rear extension to create a two storey house.

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1)	PL/20/2527/FA	[REDACTED]	57 Church Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	2 x single storey rear extensions and replacement of garage.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application conditional on the brickwork being sympathetic to the existing street scene.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
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2)	PL/20/2528/HB	[REDACTED]	57 Church Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	Listed Building Application for 2 x single storey rear extensions and replacement of garage.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application subject to the comments of the Historic Buildings Officer.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Consent			
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3)	PL/21/0069/FA	[REDACTED]	5 Pond Park Road Chesham	VALE
<b>Description:</b>	Part single/part two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions, loft conversion with rear dormer window and 2 front rooflights.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee raises its concern in respect of bulk and that the provision of an extra bedroom will require additional parking space.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Refuse Permission			
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4)	PL/21/0739/HB	[REDACTED]	66-68 Germain Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	Listed Building Consent for installation of demountable flood barriers to doorways (Pednormead End Flood Alleviation Scheme).			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application as being out of keeping with the existing street scene and inappropriate development in a Conservation Area. While the Committee understands the need for flood defences, it is disappointed that the previously proposed 'flood doors' has been considered unsuitable by Buckinghamshire Council officers and would like to see this reconsidered.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Consent			
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5)	PL/21/0736/HB	[REDACTED]	115 Church Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	Listed building consent for installation of demountable flood barriers to doorways and window (Pednormead End Flood Alleviation Scheme).			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application as being out of keeping with the existing street scene and inappropriate development in a Conservation Area. While the Committee understands the need for flood defences, it is disappointed that the previously proposed 'flood doors' has been considered unsuitable by Buckinghamshire Council officers and would like to see this reconsidered.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Consent			

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6)	PL/21/0737/HB	[REDACTED]	4 Pednormead End Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	Listed Building Consent for installation of demountable flood barriers to doorways (Pednormead End Flood Alleviation Scheme).			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application as being out of keeping with the existing street scene and inappropriate development in a Conservation Area. While the Committee understands the need for flood defences, it is disappointed that the previously proposed 'flood doors' has been considered unsuitable by Buckinghamshire Council officers and would like to see this reconsidered.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Consent			
7)	PL/21/0847/FA	[REDACTED]	65 Alyward Gardens Chesham	LOWNDES
<b>Description:</b>	Single storey side/rear extension.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
8)	PL/21/0905/FA	[REDACTED]	112 Berkeley Avenue Chesham	LOWNDES
<b>Description:</b>	Single storey rear extension and change to window.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
9)	PL/21/0960/FA	[REDACTED]	107 High Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	Demolition of rear single storey extension and front roof parapet (unlisted building in a Conservation Area), rear gable end roof extensions, rear rooflight and 2 front dormers, rear balcony and changes to windows and doors.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee WELCOMES the restoration of this historic building in the town centre.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
10)	PL/21/1233/FA	[REDACTED]	7 Fullers Close Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	Part single/part two storey side and rear extension.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee raises its concern on the size and the potential loss of a general amenity			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
11)	PL/21/1237/FA	[REDACTED]	161 Chartridge Lane Chesham	LOWNDES
<b>Description:</b>	Erection of an outbuilding to the rear of the garden.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			

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12)	PL/21/1415/FA		13 Poles Hill Chesham	ASHERIDGE VALE
<b>Description:</b>	Proposed single storey rear extension, raised terrace area and front porch.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
13)	PL/21/1345/FA		20 Cheyne Walk Chesham	TOWNSEND
<b>Description:</b>	Demolition of existing garage and side extension, two storey side, part two, part single storey rear extension, single storey front extension with bay window and porch, loft conversion with a rear dormer, roof lights and sun tunnels to the front and rear			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee raises its concern that the rendering may be out-of-keeping with the existing street scene; potentially overlooking to numbers 18 and 22; over-intensification and over-shadowing and excessive height.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
14)	PL/21/1193/FA		Land Adjoining 76 Lye Green Road Chesham	HILLTOP
<b>Description:</b>	Erection of 2 detached dwellings and related landscaping works.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application on the grounds of over-intensification and over-development; being overlooking with the proposed Juliette balcony on the 3rd floor; failure to meet the minimum car-parking provision and concerns that the width of the access does not comply with the minimum 4.8m standard and robustness of the vision splay. Additionally, the Committee would wish to see that the landscaping vegetation and loss of trees was fully addressed by additional replacements to ensure no loss of amenity.			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
15)	PL/21/1389/FA		Lake House, The Bury, Church Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
<b>Description:</b>	Single storey front and rear infill extensions, changes to doors and windows, insertion of 3 side rooflights, cladding of exterior and landscaping.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			
16)	PL/21/1624/FA		165 Chartridge Lane Chesham	LOWNDES
<b>Description:</b>	First floor rear infill extension.			
<b>Comments:</b>	The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application			
<b>Decision:</b>	Conditional Permission			

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17)	PL/21/1243/VRC		1 Lowndes Avenue Chesham	LOWNDES
<b>Description:</b> Variation of condition 7 (approved plans) of planning permission CH/2017/2297/FA (proposed one bed bungalow to rear of 1 Lowndes Avenue) to allow change of roof design.				
<b>Comments:</b> The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application				
<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission				
18)	PL/21/1558/FA		39 Asheridge Road Chesham	ASHERIDGE VALE
<b>Description:</b> Single storey rear extension.				
<b>Comments:</b> The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application				
<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission				
19)	PL/21/1795/SA		30 The Spinney Chesham	HILLTOP
<b>Description:</b> Certificate of lawfulness for proposed conversion of loft space to create living space, addition of rear dormer window, 2 front rooflights and internal alterations.				
<b>Comments:</b> The Committee has no additional information on this application.				
<b>Decision:</b> Cert of law proposed dev or use refused				
20)	PL/21/1797/FA		Former Public Convenience, Berkhamstead Road Chesham	NEWTOWN
<b>Description:</b> Construction of three storey office building comprising an office at ground floor level and two residential flats above.				
<b>Comments:</b> The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application on the grounds of over-development, over-intensification lack of appropriate car-parking provision in a highly congested highway and possible effects on air quality				
<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission				
21)	PL/21/1735/FA		The Apple Tree, 2A Goose Acre Chesham	TOWNSEND
<b>Description:</b> Part two / part first / part single storey side / rear extension.				
<b>Comments:</b> The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application				
<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission				
22)	PL/21/1832/FA		20 Chessmount Rise Chesham	WATERSIDE
<b>Description:</b> Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of part single storey/part two storey rear extension and front porch.				
<b>Comments:</b> The Committee has NO OBJECTIONS to this application				
<b>Decision:</b> Conditional Permission				

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23) **PL/21/1768/SA**



**79 Chessmount Rise Chesham**

**WATERSIDE**

**Description:** Certificate of lawfulness for proposed front porch.

**Comments:** The Committee notes that this application has already been determined.

**Decision:** Cert of law proposed dev or use issued

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24) **PL/21/1504/FA**



**17 Greenway Chesham**

**VALE**

**Description:** Proposed side dormer window.

**Comments:** The Committee raises its concern that the dormer window may be overlooking to neighbours.

**Decision:** Conditional Permission

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO : 6 – MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS)**

**Reporting Officers: Colette Littley (01494 582907)  
Bill Richards (01494583824)**

### **Summary**

1. To decide the MVAS locations required for the coming months.

### **Background Information**

2. A grant was received for the Local Area Forum to purchase a MVAS to monitor traffic speed at agreed locations in Chesham and surrounding villages within the LAF area. The sign can be set to monitor speeds over 30 or 40 mph.
3. At the Development Control Committee meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, it was agreed that Thames Valley Police be supplied with the data after the MVAS results of each road are collated. This data is used by the police when planning their speed traps.
4. At the Planning Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017, *it was agreed that the roads of Latimer Road; Chartridge Lane; Missenden Road; Lye Green Road; Botley Road; Hivings Hill; Asheridge Road and St Marys Way be the only locations for the MVAS in future unless directed otherwise by Council.* (Min No. 53).
5. At the Planning Committee meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020, it was minuted *‘that collectively the town and parish councils were looking to fund a second MVAS across the Board area, along with four permanent VAS’s and development of the Community Speedwatch scheme in partnership with Thames Valley Police.’* (Min No. 53).

### **Financial Implications**

6. The Council has been awarded £3,000 from the Community Board to purchase equipment to tackling speeding in Chesham and surrounding villages.

### **Strategic Objectives**

7. Accords with the Council’s strategic objective 2e – *‘Promote harmony between commercial and residential requirements, and ensure that initiatives accord with the Council’s Environmental Policy’.*

### **Equality Act Implications**

8. Non applicable.

### **Detailed Consideration**


9. Following the meeting in December 2020, funding has been approved by Buckinghamshire Council for both another MVAS and handheld speed guns which his Council will purchase and duly invoice the principal authority. At the time of writing, the company providing the former was still awaiting the final delivery of the

MVAS battery which is shipped from overseas. The speed guns have proved harder to source and investigations are ongoing on this.

10. Assuming the second MVAS battery arrives shortly, then the Committee can perhaps decide on where the additional MVAS should be located (cognisant that it is also to be used by the Chiltern villages). Since September 2017, the MVAS has only been utilised in the roads specified by the Planning Committee (above). However, in the last 12 months there have been requests for the MVAS to be placed in Moor Road; on the lower end of Chartridge Lane and in Bellingdon Road.
11. To ascertain what new roads and specific locations might be suitable in terms of both practicality and usefulness, your Clerk has arranged meetings with the Buckinghamshire Council Local Area Technician and the local Police Sergeant. The former is to find out what and where is permissible for erecting the MVAS and the latter to ascertain what the police do with the data they receive. The outcome of the meetings will be reported back at the meetings.
12. Members are reminded that the sentinel camera is still yet to be utilised. The police sergeant was looking to gather together a number of volunteers but, understandably, the effects of the pandemic badly undermined this so your Clerk will reporting back on options for this as well.

**Recommendation**

**Subject to the observations of the Buckinghamshire Council Local Area Technician and Police Sergeant, the Committee considers possible new locations for the MVAS and proactive utilisation of the sentinel camera.**



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## **CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **INFORMATION SHEET FOR COUNCILLORS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2021**

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#### **4. Asheridge Road Development Site.**

Please see attached letter from Paradigm Housing regarding the sale of this site back to the former owner.

#### **5. Letter from Silversons re Planning application PL/20/2614/FA**

Please see attached letter from Silversons regarding the sale of the Global Infusion site.



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Dear Mr Richards,

**PARADIGM HOUSING GROUP: ASHERIDGE ROAD DEVELOPMENT SITE**

I am writing to update you on our site at 90 Asheridge Road, which we engaged with you on during 2020 regarding the successful relocation of the Slow Worms.

As you know, Paradigm bought the site in December 2017, based on a planning consent allowing a mixed-use 142 home residential and 32,000sq.ft office scheme. Since buying the site, we have sought to simplify the design to improve the scheme's viability and increase the level of affordable housing. This included looking to reduce (or even eliminate!) the sizeable office provision, which even before the pandemic materially reduced the viability of the scheme.

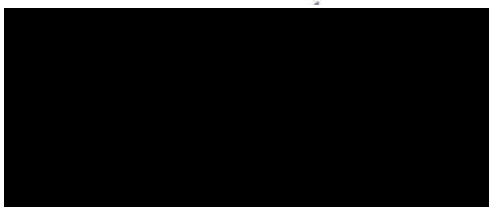
We did not make the progress that we had hoped to via the planning process – indeed the former Chiltern District Council continued to allocate the site in its emerging Local Plan for employment purposes. The site also faced newer challenges, including changes made by Government that reduce the value to us of shared ownership homes, and of course Covid, which amongst other things further undermined the viability of the office element.

Against this backdrop, in late 2020, Paradigm's Board accepted an unsolicited offer to sell the site back to a former owner, who wants to continue to build-out its partially implemented commercial scheme. Completion of the sale happened on 11 June 2021.

Buckinghamshire remains our core operating area, and we very much regret that we will not be able to provide new homes from this site. However, the sale will allow us to reinvest in other, more viable residential schemes, which should provide more homes, more quickly than would otherwise be the case if we continued to promote the Asheridge Road scheme.

If the Town Council would like to understand more about our plans and aspirations for continuing to provide more affordable homes in / around Chesham, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely



**Executive Director: Development & Sales**

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Dear Mr Richards

**PLANNING APPLICATION PL/20/2614/FA - PINS REFERENCE: APP/X0415/W/21/3274200**  
**APPELLANT: HIGHTOWN HOUSING ASSOCIATION APPEAL SITE: AT GLOBAL INFUSION COURT,**  
**PRESTON HILL, CHESHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, HP5 3FE**

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me last week about the above application.

I appreciate that the date for objections relating to the above appeal were to be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and that any representations submitted after the deadline are not usually considered but something has occurred subsequent to that date we believe to be important and, if it can be given in evidence, it might make a difference to the outcome of the appeal.

In the appellants appeal Statement of Case 2021, Item 1 of the Grounds of the Appeal (page 7) states that refusal of the application is not justified, as there is no reasonable prospect of the site remaining in its permitted B Use Class. That is incorrect.

Our company have been trying to purchase this property since May 2021 and our intention is to use it for B1 class purposes – light industrial. We are a major employer in Chesham and have been based here for 60 years. We need to expand our production and wish to remain in Chesham rather than relocate.

From the outset, the seller's agent (Brasier Freeth) made it clear that the seller wanted all negotiations to be confidential and in particular, they did not want anyone from the council to know of our discussions.

We have offered a price for the property, which we were informed by the applicant's agents, (Brasier Freeth) to be acceptable, subject to approval by the Hightown Housing Association.

We were repeatedly told that our offer was going for approval but on 13 July 2021, soon after the deadline for the representations regarding the planning application passed, Brasier Freeth informed us that Hightown Housing Association had decided not to sell and would rather it go to appeal for housing. We now question whether it was ever really their intention to sell.

We would add that in the Statement of Case from Buckinghamshire Council (LPA REFERENCE: PL/20/2614/FA PINS REFERENCE: APP/X0415/W/21/3274200) page 10 Item 6.5; the final paragraph says "that the sale price and publicity of the ownership would have hindered the marketing. The sale price of £4.5M is above market levels as the property stands". We agree with this, but would point out that the appellant had actually raised the price to £6M. However, even at a price in that region we are willing to purchase it due to our desire to remain in Chesham and because there is currently no other site of that size available for purchase. We have the funds available, do not need a bank loan and our offer is still "on the table".

I do not know whether any of this could be presented at Appeal but I hope you can see why we think it is relevant. The reason we did not make any representations before now is that we were not informed until 13 July that they would rather go to appeal.

I understand that considering to accept our offer is not the same as accepting our offer but I believe in this instance the delaying tactics of the appellant and their request that we did not inform anyone from the council of our offer, was designed to prevent either us or the council submitting this information by the required date to prove that the claim there was no reasonable prospect of the site remaining in its permitted B Use Class, was false.

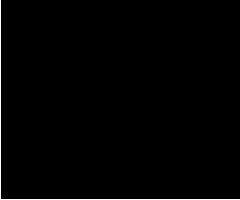




If you feel there is anything that can be done to bring this information to light during the appeal then we would be very grateful.

We can supply supporting documentation of our discussions and offers if required.

Yours sincerely



Managing Director

CC: [Redacted] ior Planning Officer Buckinghamshire Council  
- Planning Officer Buckinghamshire Council