

A meeting of the **Development & Environment Committee** will take place on **Thursday, 2nd October 2008**, commencing at **8.30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence:** To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Members to Declare Interests in any items on the Agenda.
3. **Minutes:** of the meeting held on 3rd July 2008, copies of which have been previously circulated to all Members.
4. **Public Questions:** If any.
5. **Planning Applications:** a) A list of Planning Applications previously considered by the Council and showing District Council's decision/current situation is enclosed for Members information. (Encl. 1).
b) Proposed Development for a Lidl Store – A request has been received from Ms. Jones Lang Lasalle acting on behalf of Lidl Store requesting a meeting in order to discuss the Town Council objections to the proposed development. Do Members wish to meet them?
6. **Bus Services:** Do Members have any bus service issues they wish to be raised with the Transport Authority or Bus Companies?
7. **Highway Matters:** (a) Do Members have any Highway matters they wish to be raised with the Highway Authority?
b) **Church Street/Market Square Barrier** – a copy of the Market Square traffic count between 6th and 12th September is enclosed for Members information. At the time of preparing this Agenda we are waiting confirmation from County Highways of the date for the site meeting.(Encl. 2).
c) **Federation of Small Businesses** – Following on from item b) correspondence has been received from the Federation of Small Businesses expressing concern at the proposal to restrict car parking in the Market Square area and requesting a meeting to discuss this. Do Members wish to be involved or may we deal with it at Officer level? (Encl. 3).
d) **Essex County Council (Epping Forest District)(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2008** – A copy of the Public Notice and the sealed Order are enclosed for Members information. (Encl. 4).
e) **Advertising Boards** – A copy of a letter from a Waltham Abbey resident supporting the use of 'A' frames in Sun Street is enclosed for Members information. (Encl. 5)
8. **Street Cleaning:** Do Members have any street cleaning issues they wish to be raised with District Council?

9. **Essex County Fire and Rescue Service:** Members will recall that concerns were expressed at the last Council meeting over the future of Waltham Abbey Fire Station. Before we had the opportunity to contact the Fire Service on this issue the enclosed was received by Cllr. Murphy, Mayor of Epping Town, who forwarded it to us for information. The Chief Fire Officer states that the report in the Guardian that the Service has decided to 'cut down the operating hours of Waltham Abbey Station' is not the case. He goes on to say that the Service aspires to keep Waltham Abbey Station available at all times. Do Members wish to pursue further correspondence with the Chief Officer? (Encl. 6).
10. **Co-option:** Members may be aware that members of the public with a specific interest/knowledge may be co-opted to Town and Parish Committees although they are not accorded voting rights. Cllr. Pryde wishes to recommend to Council that a representative from the retail businesses in the Town is co-opted to this Committee to enable regular contact and dialogue and therefore create a working relationship with the retail community. Do Members agree this proposal?
11. **2012 Olympics:** Cllr. Pryde wishes to discuss with Members correspondence he has received from the Chairman of the Waltham Abbey Town Partnership regarding the 2012 Olympics.
12. **Status List:** To be circulated to the meeting.
13. **Any Other Items for Discussion:** Items which the Chairman may allow for discussion only.

TO: Cllr. A.B. Clark (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. S.A. Stavrou (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. P.C. Brooks
Cllr. J.F. Collier
Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby
Cllr. S.C. Pryde
Cllr. W.J. Pryor
Cllr. A.P. Watts

All Other Members for information.
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