

GREENSTEAD GREEN AND HALSTEAD RURAL PARISH COUNCIL.

**Minutes of the Local Plan Review Meeting of
Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council.
Held on Wednesday 7th August 2024 at 7.30pm. Draft.**

Present:

Cllr. Derek Hambling

Cllr. Derek Mason Vice Chair

Cllr. Ian Pleasance.

Cllr. Jeremy Siggers,

Cllr. Gemma Todd..

Amanda Degnan Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr. Foster. Cllr. Butler.

2. Declarations of interest. To declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Cllr. Butler had declared that he had a pecuniary interest in the sites to be discussed prior to the meeting and so did not attend the discussion. Cllr. Todd had declared that she had a non-pecuniary interest in site GGHR2144 Land North East of Mystycroft as she is the immediate neighbour to the site prior to the meeting. She had asked for a dispensation to attend the meeting and be allowed to speak on resident's behalf as she is the sole representative for Burtons Green. The Clerk had approved the dispensation on the grounds that Burtons Green would not have been represented at the meeting. Cllr. Siggers declared that he had a non-pecuniary interest, at the meeting, in site GGHR2142 Land West and North of Star Stile Cottages, Star Stile Road, Halstead as it borders his land. A dispensation was granted as he is the sole representative for Star Stile and would not have been able to represent residents' views if he had not been allowed to speak on their behalf regarding the site.

3. Braintree District Council Local Plan Review. To discuss and provide comments to be submitted to BDC regarding the following sites:

GGHR2140 Housing Land known as Crowbridge Land, Sloe Hill and Chapel Hill, Halstead. **Comments:** This land is part of the Halstead Loop Walk and is a well-used site for dog walking and walkers. The footpath that goes right through the land is FP13 88 on the PrOW network, also known as Halstead Urban 8 and Greenstead Green 13.

This runs from the junction of Halstead Road and Russells Road and is heavily used to avoid having to walk to Halstead via Halstead Road and Sloe Hill - which is unpaved for much of the route and not safely walkable.

Removal of this, or even enclosure, would further restrict foot access. This loss of walker access is one of the major reasons the Councillors object to this site.

The Councillors felt the development would also have a detrimental effect on Spansy Woods. It is also a green field site and there is a lack of infrastructure. The Councillors 'Objected' to this site. Proposed: Cllr. Pleasance, Seconded: Cllr. Hambling. Agreed.

GGHR2141 Housing Land to South East of Halstead. **Comments:** The Councillors felt this site was too large and would have a substantial impact on the local infrastructure. Once again it is a green field site and is also on the flood plain. It would have an impact on the setting of Greenstead Hall, a listed building, and its grounds. The site is also on the Parish's 'Open Spaces Plan.' The Councillors 'Objected' to this site. Proposed: Cllr. Todd, Seconded: Cllr. Mason. Agreed.

GGHR2142 Housing Land West and North of Star Stile Cottages, Star Stile Road, Halstead. **Comments:** It was noted that access to this site would be down a narrow ancient country lane which is on a dangerous corner off of a fast road (A131). Councillors felt that a separate access to the north of the site would be needed and that traffic lights would need to be installed in the area. They also felt that the site was too far out of Halstead and so residents would have to use cars to get to amenities. It is also a green field site. The Councillors 'Objected' to this site. Proposed: Cllr. Mason, Seconded: Cllr. Hambling. Agreed.

GGHR2143 Housing Halstead Hall, Braintree Road, Halstead. **Comments:** This site had been discussed at previous Parish Council meetings and 'No Objections' had been raised. The Parish Council's 'No Objection' still stands for this site.

GGHR2144 Housing/Custom and Self Build Land North East of Mystycroft, Burtons Green, Halstead. **Comments:** The Councillors 'strongly objected' to this site on the grounds that it is in open countryside with limited access to the site and is in an unsustainable location. Proposed: Cllr. Mason, Seconded: Cllr. Hambling. Agreed.

GGHR2145 Housing Land west of Bournebridge Road, Halstead. **Comments:** The Councillors felt this site would lead to even more traffic using Russells Road which is a narrow country lane with no scope for widening and causing more traffic to exit onto a dangerous road (A131). A lack of infrastructure and the fact that the site is a green field site were also mentioned. The Councillors 'Objected' to this site. Proposed: Cllr. Mason, Seconded: Cllr. Pleasance. Agreed.

GGHR2146 Housing/Specialist Housing and Care Home Land West of Blamsters. **Comments:** This site had been discussed at previous Parish Council meetings and 'No Objections' had been raised. The Parish Council's 'No Objection' still stands for this site.

HASA2179 Housing Land North and East of Halstead. **Comments:** The Councillors felt that this site was far too large. It is next to GGHR2142 and so access to this site would be down a narrow ancient country lane which is on a

dangerous corner off of a fast road (A131). Councillors felt that a separate access to the north of the site would be needed and that traffic lights would need to be installed in the area. They also felt that the site was too far out of Halstead and so residents would have to use cars to travel to amenities. It is also a green field site and would have a substantial impact on the local infrastructure. The Councillors 'Objected' to this site. Proposed: Cllr. Mason, Seconded: Cllr. Pleasance. Agreed.

HATR2202 Specialist Housing and Care Homes Land Adjacent To Blamsters Farm, Mount Hill, Halstead. **Comments:** This site had been discussed at previous Parish Council meetings and 'No Objections' had been raised. The Parish Council's 'No Objection' still stands for this site.

HATR2203 Housing Land South West of Windmill Road, West of Mount Hill, Halstead. **Comments:** The Councillors raised 'No Objection' to this site.

There being no further comments the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

Chairman – Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council.

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