



Notes of the Feering Parish Council Planning Working Group
held virtually on Monday 6 November 2023 at 10.00 am
via Teams (Meeting ID 373 250 891 931)

In Attendance: Cllr Katherine Evans Cllr Nathaniel Warwick
Cllr Paul Lees Cllr Pam Carlaw
Lisa Collins – Clerk
Members of the Public: 0

1) **DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS**

a) **23/02462/HH – Findon, Worlds End Lane**

Comments by Councillors: In a conservation area. After consideration, no comment, except for the energy efficiency.

Delegated response: After consideration, Feering Parish Council have no comment to make. The Parish Council have declared a climate emergency within the Parish and as this is a substantial proposed change to the current accommodation, we would like to see energy efficiency, energy conservation and environmental sustainability measures included to minimise the environmental impact on the community

b) **Earles Colne Neighbourhood Plan**

Comments by Councillors:

Delegated response: To be deferred to the next meeting

c) **23/02566/TPO – 13 Feering Hill, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Comments from Tree Warden to be submitted.

Delegated response: Following consultation with the Feering Parish Council Tree Warden, they have informed us that Mulberry Trees will take a lot of pruning, which should be carried out preferably in winter to reduce bleeding and the chance of disease. They can be pollarded or cut back hard which will enhance fruiting and prolong the life of the tree. In this case it is probably best to remove the long lateral branch which could cause the tree to fall and removal will allow it to grow vertically.

d) **23/02592/TPOCON – The Old School House, Coggeshall Road, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Comments from Tree Warden to be submitted.

Delegated response: Following consultation with the Feering Parish Council Tree Warden they have made no comment, therefore we would defer the decision on this application to the BDC Tree Warden.

e) **Essex County Council – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Consultation**

Comments by Councillors: No comment to be made, as previously commented on.

Delegated response: No comment to be made – previously commented on. Included in error on the agenda.

f) **Essex Planning Officers Association – Parking Guidance Consultation for Essex**

Comments by Councillors: The guidance does not recognise how big cars are getting and continue to get bigger. Garage parking is not practical as there is insufficient room

to open the doors once the vehicle is in the garage. A response to be drafted and circulated and agreed at the next meeting.

Delegated response:

- g) **23/02358/HH – Trevone, Worlds End Lane, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: In the conservation area. No comment but energy efficient again. Neighbours aware. No orange notice obviously visible.

Delegated response: After consideration, Feering Parish Council have no comment to make except that the property is in a conservation area and also to state that there is no visible orange notice in relation to this application at the site. We would therefore like confirmation that the neighbours are aware of this application. The Parish Council have declared a climate emergency within the Parish and as this is a substantial proposed change to the current accommodation, we would like to see energy efficiency, energy conservation and environmental sustainability measures included to minimise the environmental impact on the community.

- h) **23/01942/HH – 15 Feering Hill, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Pleased to see the drainage has been included as per our previous comments. No further comments to plans but include energy statement previously submitted.

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council have no further comments to make on this application but would like to reiterate the comment made regarding using a sustainable energy source, which is energy efficient, uses energy conservation and is environmentally sustainable to minimise the environmental impact on the community.

Feering Parish Council are pleased to note that drainage has now been included in the revised plans for the garden room.

- i) **23/02640/TPO – 15 Feering Hill, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Comments made by the Tree Warden to be installed. T1, T4 refused previously.

Delegated response: Following consultation with the Feering Parish Council Tree Warden, we have been informed that the Deodar cedars (T1 and T4) need careful pruning, usually just the dead, damaged or diseased branches. Cutting too much can either result in a “dead zone” in the centre being exposed or in extreme cases, causing the tree to die. Some formative pruning can be done, but by someone who knows what they are doing and in early spring. T3 – Pedunculate Oak – this can take hard pruning, preferably in the winter when the tree is dormant. The Parish Council also note that these trees (T1, T3 and T4) were included in the 2021 planning application (21/03161/TPO) and all three were refused planning consent.

T6 – Common Beech – This should not hurt the tree; Beech trees are often used as hedges so can be pruned hard but must be done in winter. Again it is noted that this was included in the 2021 planning application and consent was approved for a 2 m lateral reduction and to clear overhead cables together with the removal of all deadwood over 25mm diameter or 1m in length.

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UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS APPROVED

The clerk updated that the following applications had been approved:

1. 21/02659/FUL – Coggeshall Hall Farm Yard, Coggeshall Road, Feering

The following applications have been refused:

2. 23/02009/PLD - 38 Watermill Road, Feering

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting is 20 November 2023 at 10 am.

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