



Needham Market Town Council

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Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 9th June 2026

Held at: The Green Room, Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market.

Meeting started at 18:00

Councillors Present:

K Hunter (Chair), A Harrison and I Mason

Also in Attendance:

G de Cova (Town Clerk and RFO) and 2 members of the public

PL/26/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Smith (prior commitment) and Darnell (prior commitment)

Cllr Mason proposed that the apologies be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Harrison. All in favour.

It was **Resolved** to accept the Apologies for Absence

PL/26/002 To receive declarations of interest from members relating to items on this agenda

No declarations of interest were received

PL/26/003 To approve any Dispensations with respect to Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interests

No dispensations were applied for.

PL/26/004 To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026

Councillors reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Mason proposed that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded by Cllr Harrison. All in favour.

It was **Resolved** to accept the minutes of the meeting of 5th May 2026 as an accurate record.



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PL/26/004 To receive questions from any members of the public present

Members of the public raised concerns regarding Application DC/26/02148. Key concerns raised included the following: lack of clarity on the end use of proposed commercial units, increased traffic, parking and congestion, overdevelopment of the site, impact on the residential properties in close proximity to the site and environmental concerns.

PL/26/030 To consider Applications for Planning permission:

PL/26/030/a New Applications available at the time of agenda

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/02148

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Subdivision and alteration of existing commercial building to form 7no. flexible Class E commercial/business/service units, with associated parking, cycle parking, level access works, servicing and shared access arrangements.

Location: Car Sales At, Ipswich Road, Needham Market, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8EG

Councillors discussed the application at length. Consideration was given to the points raised by the members of the public that were present. Cllr Mason proposed that the Council recommend that the application be refused, with a detailed response to be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council. Seconded by Cllr Harrison. All in favour.

It was **Resolved** to recommend refusal of the application, with a detailed response to be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council.

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/26/02331

Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - Pollard 1 No. Cherry laurel (T1) back to main unions, Reduce height of 1 No. Sycamore (T2) by 1-2m and lateral branches by 1m. Reduce height of 1 No. Hawthorn (T3) by 1-2m.

Location: 132 - 134 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8DW

Councillors discussed the application. Cllr Mason proposed that the application is recommended to be approved, subject to the agreement of the District Council's arboricultural officer. Seconded by Cllr Harrison. All in favour.



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It was **Resolved** to recommend approval, subject to the agreement of the District Council's arboricultural officer.

PL/26/030/b New Tree Preservation Orders

No New Tree Preservation Orders had been received

PL/26/030/c New applications in hand, but not listed within the planning schedule

No applications relating to Needham Market were discussed.

PL/26/030/d Appeal Notifications

No appeal notifications had been received.

PL/26/030/e Decisions received

Councillors discussed decision notices that had been received.

PL/26/031 Needham Market Neighbourhood 'Development' Plan Review

Due to time constraints, it was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting

PL/26/032 To consider the impact of advertising in Needham Market's Conservation Area

Due to time constraints, it was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting

PL/26/033 To receive any specific items from the Town Clerk or Presenting Officer

No specific items were reported

PL/26/034 To confirm the Date, Time and Location of the next town Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 6PM in the Green Room of Needham Market Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 18:57