

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 25 April 2022 at 8:30 pm**

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair) Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Holton, Cllr Houghton, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Webb and County Cllr Sally Symington

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk

Twenty members of the public

21/236 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

21/237 Apologies for absence.

The Council accepted apologies sent by Cllr Juniper and Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell.

21/238 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None.

21/239 Public Participation.

Individual members of the public raised objections to the 22/01187/MOA Planning Application.

21/240 Planning Matters.

Application:

- 22/01187/MOA Hybrid application (with access details of two main access points from Bulbourne Road and Station road in full and the main development on the rest of the site in outline with all matters reserved) for the demolition of all existing buildings on the site and the development of up to 1,400 dwellings (including up to 140 use class C2 dwellings); a new local centre and sports /community hub, primary school, secondary school, and public open spaces including creation of a suitable alternative natural green space. Land East of Tring.

Aldbury Parish Council resolved to make the following objections to the planning application, PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere:

Signed  Date 09.05.22.

1. Permission to build on Green Belt land, which is also adjacent to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, should be refused. No "Very Special Circumstances" have been put forward to justify the damage to the Green Belt. The land is also much needed grade 2 agricultural land.
2. Development is not permitted in view of the Chilterns Beechwoods SAC Development Restrictions. The offer to provide a suitable alternative natural green space is not an adequate mitigation.
3. It is not acceptable to build on a scale that is inappropriate to the current size of Tring. This proposed development, plus Roman Park, would increase the population of Tring by 34%, which would overwhelm the capacity of this historic market town forever. The proposed development would also have a serious impact on Aldbury Parish, in particular on the hamlet of Tring Station (the West Ward of Aldbury Parish). Difficulties of access to, and parking at, the railway station itself would be exacerbated.
4. There is no commitment from principal authorities and the NHS to fund additional infrastructure, e.g. new schools and health centres.
5. Dacorum Borough Council should be seeking alternative brownfield sites and should finalise the new local plan in accordance with evolving government guidelines, before Green Belt land is sacrificed. If necessary, location Tr01 should be first be considered as a more appropriate site for development.

The meeting closed at: 21:25

S. Skelton

09.05.22