COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Northern Area Planning Sub-Committee held at Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on 23rd July 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J.W. Hope (Chairman) Councillor J. Stone (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: B.F. Ashton, Mrs. L.O. Barnett, W.L.S. Bowen, Mrs. J.P. French, J.H.R. Goodwin, K.G. Grumbley, B. Hunt, T.W. Hunt, T.M. James, Brig. P. Jones C.B.E., R.M. Manning, R. Mills, R.V. Stockton, J.P. Thomas.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors R.B.A. Burke, P.J. Dauncey, P.E. Harling and D.W. Rule.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor	Item	Interest
R.M. Manning	Agenda Item 5, Ref. 1 – NE2002/3887/F – Variation to Condition 3 of pp NE2002/1556/F to the effect that roller shutter doors shall not be opened between 2200-0700 hrs Mon-Fri, 0000-0800 & 1300-0000 hrs Sat and at no time on Sun, Bank or Public Holidays at:	Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.
	Jugs Green Business Park, Jugs Green, Staplow Agenda Item 5, Ref. 9 – NE2003/1728/F – Variation of Conditions 11 of pp MH2067/90 dated 10.12.90 and MH97/0972 dated 09.12.97 to permit limited outside storage area 11.5m x 11.5m x 3m at: Jugs Green Business Park, Jugs Green, Staplow	Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

J.P. Thomas	Agenda Item 5, Ref. 10 –	Declared a prejudicial interest and remained in
	NC2002/3730/F – Extension to provide additional class A1 sales area, ancillary warehouse, staff facilities and extension to existing coffee shop at:	the meeting for the
	Safeway Stores plc, Barons Cross Road, Leominster	

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

In respect of the minute for Ref 7 (Planning application NC2002/3784/F – FH Dale Premises, Mill Street, Leominster), the following paragraph be inserted immediately before the resolution:

"The Sub-Committee felt that the application should be approved, and that the traffic should be monitored on the surrounding road network for twelve months after the development had been completed, in order to assess the application's impact on the nearby junction."

15. ITEM FOR INFORMATION – APPEALS

The Sub-Committee noted the Council's current position in respect of planning appeals for the northern area of Herefordshire.

With reference to planning applications NC2002/1550/F and NC2002/1534/F, the Sub-Committee noted that the Planning Inspectorate had supported the Council's view that, regardless of how small, public open spaces were to be protected.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

16. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The report of the Head of Planning Services was presented in respect of planning applications received for the northern area of Herefordshire. During the discussion on the report, the Sub-Committee asked the Chairman of the Planning Committee to contact the County Secretary and Solicitor about why the format of planning reports had been altered. The reports no longer highlighted officers' comments in separate paragraphs, but instead, put them within the main body of the officer's appraisal.

RESOLVED: That the planning applications be determined as set out in the appendix to these minutes.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That under Sections 100 (A)(4) & (5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as indicated below.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

17. ITEM FOR INFORMATION - ENFORCEMENT

The Sub-Committee received an information report about enforcement action in the northern area of Herefordshire.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

18. ENFORCEMENT REPORT – NW2001/3403/F

The Sub-Committee received a report about possible enforcement action in Kington.

RESOLVED: That it is not expedient to take enforcement action, and that the matter be dealt with as a minor modification within the spirit of the original permission.

(These items disclosed information relating to possible legal proceedings by the Council;

Information relating to any notice under by or by virtue of which requirement are imposed on a person, or that the Council intends to make an order or a direction under any enactment, and;

Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)

The meeting ended at 3:51 p.m.

CHAIRMAN