

It was moved by Councillor C Jessop, seconded by Councillor De-Vaux Balbirnie and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That the revised Access to Non-Domestic Buildings Design Guidance, as contained in Appendix B to item A3 of the Report of the Head of Planning and Building Services, be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

(b) That copies of the guidance be sent to all consultees and made available free of charge to applicants for planning permission at the Council's Planning reception area, Weeley.

(c) That the effectiveness of the guidance be monitored and assessed after twelve months and reviewed if necessary.

(d) That the revised 1999 version of the "Designing for Accessibility" document produced by the Centre for Accessible Environments be also adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

38. CANN HALL, CONSTABLE AVENUE, CLACTON-ON-SEA – REVISED DRAFT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT BRIEF – RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Committee gave consideration to a comprehensive report advising them of the comments arising from the public consultation exercise on the Cann Hall Revised Draft Design and Development Brief. The report also sought Members' approval for amendments to the Brief and the strategy for progressing the Brief.

Members were made aware of the latest consultation responses received from English Heritage, the Highways Authority, Essex County Council Education Authority and the Neighbourhood Action Group.

The Committee had before them Plan CH4, referred to in the Brief, which had been circulated to them prior to the commencement of the meeting.

During consideration of this item the Officers undertook to investigate further the possibility of providing play equipment on a triangular piece of land adjacent to the boundary of the ten metre wide buffer zone around Cann Hall.

It was moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Raby and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That the comments arising from the public consultation process on the Cann Hall Revised Draft Design and Development Brief be noted.

(b) That the recommendations in Sections 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 5.0 of item A4 of the Report of the Head of Planning and Building Services be approved, subject to the following amendments:-

- (1) Section 4.2 (vi) Allowing Houses to be built closer to the north side (rear) of Cann Hall

Recommendation to read: "Given the public comment on this issue and the strong planning justification it is recommended that the Brief include a 'buffer zone' to be kept free of development to the north of Cann Hall. It is suggested that this be a 10m wide strip north of the proposed wall to the north of Cann Hall to ensure the setting of the Listed Building is protected."

(2) Section 4.2 (viii) Other Comments

Fourth Recommendation to read: "In relation to the proposed Tree Preservation Order there is increasing objection to this by residents in properties abutting the affected trees. It is recommended, therefore, that the following trees identified on Plan CH3 of the Brief are made the subject of a provisional Tree Preservation Order; G2 and G3, T1-T5 and G1 (close to Cann Hall) and G5 and G6 (at the northern end of the site). Trees at the rear of Middleton Close shall be included in a landscaping scheme for the development, to be required by condition 4 to be managed as appropriate."

(c) That the amended Brief in Appendix D to the aforementioned Report be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

(d) That a provisional Tree Preservation Order under Section 201 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 be made in respect of the trees T1 - T5, G1, G2 and G3 identified on Plan CH3.

39. COLNE ESTUARY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

The Committee gave consideration to a report updating them on the progress of the Colne Estuary Strategy. The report also sought their approval of the Action Plan and to enable them to consider future partnership funding issues.

It was moved by Councillor De-Vaux Balbirnie, seconded by Councillor Johnson and:-

RESOLVED - (a) That the Colne Estuary Strategy Action Plan be endorsed subject to the necessary finance being available.

(b) That the proposals which are the responsibility of this Committee be supported in principle subject to more detailed reports being presented to future meetings of the Committee especially on key action areas P3, P5 and P10.

40. BUILDINGS AT RISK UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a detailed report outlining the contents of two publications dealing with historic buildings at risk and their significance for this Council. The report also provided an up-date on recent progress in securing the future of particular buildings at risk within the District and in the light of progress and changes in funding from partner organisations the report also provided an overview of likely resource implications.

It was moved by Councillor Elmer, seconded by Councillor C Jessop and:-

RESOLVED - (a) That the position regarding the various historic buildings at risk within the District as highlighted in item A6 of the Report of the Head of Planning and Building Services be noted.

(b) That consideration be given to the funding of historic buildings at risk at the meeting of the Committee when the budget for the financial year 2000/2001 is considered.