



**MINUTES OF 29th February 2024 MEETING of the RIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE held at 5.00pm at 6 Grosvenor Road, Ripley.**

Present: Cllrs S Freeborn, L. Cox, T Holmes, N Weaving, K Smith, K Somers, and D. Williams.

Also present: Jayne Simpson (Town Clerk), Hannah Curzon (Deputy Town Clerk),
Mrs P Weaving and Mrs Hogben were present as members of the public.

290224/1. To Receive Apologies for Absence – None.

290224/2. Variation of Order of Business – Change the order to discuss item 6 before item 5.

290224/3. Declarations of Members Interests – Cllr D Williams, L Cox and T Holmes declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 as they are Borough Councillors, they remained in the meeting.

290224/4. Public Speaking – The public present did not wish to speak.

290224/5. To discuss current Planning Applications and make comments including: -

Application Number: - AVA/20204/0096 construction of single storey extension, Pear Tree Inn, 4 Derby Road, Ripley, DE5 3HR.

Committee members wish to object to the current proposed layout, as the access to the internal stairs to the first floor are deeply recessed and should be level with the front wall. Members also note that the current disabled access is not disabled friendly, the step should be removed and replaced with a ramp.

290224/6. To discuss Amber Valley Borough Council's pre-submission Local Plan 2022-2040, the public consultation period, and any possible response from RTC Planning Committee.

The comments made were as follows: -

The majority of new housing developments should be built near to the location of major employment sites, for example, areas of the borough close to Derby, Chesterfield or Nottingham.

We have concerns about the mix of housing within the local plan, for example, the numbers of affordable housing, and the standards to which affordable homes are built. Housing is also needed which allows people to stay in the borough as they grow old, good quality retirement housing, including bungalows and apartments. The local plan must maximise all opportunities to benefit our residents, for example, through building the best housing mixes that the law allows to suit the needs of local people of all age groups.

It was also noted that the Retail and Town Centre study for the Borough of Amber Valley needs a refresh as it was written during Covid times.

Lastly, any building should retain the character and architectural quality and style in particular to Ripley Town Centre and villages of the Township.

It was agreed to discuss this matter further at our next meeting.

290224/7. Date and time of next meeting. Friday 5th April 2024, at 5.30pm.

290224/8. The Meeting closed at 17.47pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Date for the Next Full Council Meeting Tuesday 19th March 2024, at 7.00 pm.

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