

# Ongar

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## MINUTES

**Of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm held at the Council Offices, Bansons Way CM5**

**PLN1/25 Those present and apologies for absence**

Chairman: Cllr Walton

Councillors: Gunn, Eydmann, Roberts, Vaz, Barrell

**PLN2/25 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were No declarations of Interests

**PLN3/25 Public participation**

Nil

**PLN4/25 Reports (maximum 5 minutes)**

District councillors on planning matters – A written report had been received from District Cllr Dadd and noted.

**PLN5/25 To agree the minutes of Planning Committee meeting minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.** The minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, need two amendments actioned before approval as a true record.

**Proposed:** Cllr Barrell    **Seconded:** Cllr Gunn

**Vote:** Unanimous

**PLN6/25 Correspondence**

- Regarding ONG R6 development – MOP has sent strongly worded emails sent to ECC Highways to be noted.
- RAGONA EFDC formal complaint stage 2 – Have previously actioned a stage 1 complaint and now issued a stage 2 complaint. Very Similar to the OTC concerns.

**PLN7/25 To consider planning applications:**

**EPF/2482/24 – 21 Great Lawn, Ongar**

Re-submission of proposed Ground floor rear and side extensions with increase of rear extension on boundary to 5.0m following neighbours planning approval for 5.0m extension on boundary.

**The Town Council has No Comments to Make on this Application**

FOR INFORMATION

EPF/2572/24 – 45 Mayflower Way, Ongar  
Lawful Development certificate: proposed.

**OTC Noted – No Comments**

**PLN8/25** [To note planning decisions](#)

**PLN9/25** To note enforcement appeals  
None received.

**PLN10/25** Update on Shelley Regeneration Plans

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

**Motion:** As the Agenda contained Exempt (pink) pages, a motion was proposed by the Chairman that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting, the Council believing that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed. This is seconded by Cllr Eydmann, and as such the public and press were excluded.

19:27 Cllr Reay arrived.

**In Favour:** Unanimous

Councillors **Agreed** to reference the Ongar Neighbourhood Plan in their response.

**PLN11/25** ONG R4: EFDC response to OTC concern

The Chairman proposed to draft a response to EFDC following their response to OTC's letter of complaint, focus on Ongar Neighbourhood Plan training was absent and the importance of it. Lack of meaningful consultation with Highways. Cllr Reay also stated that focus on EFDC Neighbourhood Plan. It will be circulated to all councillors for comments prior to be sent.

**PLN12/25** Matters for information

R1 No update

R2 Public Consultation on 22<sup>nd</sup> January Between 4 – 7pm at The Zinc

R3 Approved

R4 discussed

R5 Cllr Walton to look at Plans

R6 Residents highways concerns, coming to committee soon. Not formally re-submitted

R7 Not Applied as yet

R8 Have Applied

**PLN13/25** **Items for next agenda**

Ongar Neighbourhood Plan Review

Brownfield and Grey sites definition

**20:00** Cllr Vaz Leaves

**Meeting Ends** 20:05