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Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Payments Committee
 At the Hawley Memorial Meeting Room, Hawley Green
 Monday 8th April 2019 at 7pm

- In Attendance Cllr Mogg (chair planning and payments), Cllr Cook, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Blewett, Cllr Monks, Cllr Drage, Cllr Collett, Cllr Harward and Mr Gahagan executive officer
- P&P4976 Apologies
There were no apologies.
- P&P4977 Councillors' Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and/or Councillors' Dispensations
There were no declarations of pecuniary interests or councillors' dispensations received.
- P&P4978 Report of the Chair of the Planning and Payments Committee
There were no further matters to report.
- P&P4979 Democratic Fifteen Minutes
There were no members of the public in attendance.
- P&P4980 Minutes
After consideration, the minutes of the planning and payments meeting held on 18th March 2019 were approved and signed by the chair of planning and payments.
- P&P4981 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
- P&P4982 Executive Officer's Report
There were no matters to report.
- P&P4983 Planning Matters
 A. Planning Matters
 Planning Applications received from Hart District Council below for comment. For further details click/visit <http://publicaccess.hart.gov.uk/online-applications/>.
 1. 19/00479/HOU. 97 Rosemary Gardens, Blackwater. Erection of a two storey rear extension and cladding and render to first floor front elevation.
 No objection subject to confirmation that the proposed development would not have an adverse impact on the neighbour's daylight.
 2. 19/00481/HOU. 40 Shaftesbury Mount, Blackwater. Single storey rear extension, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and alterations to fenestrations.
 No objection.
 3. 19/00429/FUL. Car Park Adj. Meadows Business Park, Station Approach, Blackwater. Demolition of 32 exiting garages and the construction of an apartment building consisting of 11 apartments (2 one bed, 8 two bed and 1 three bed), landscaping and parking.
 7.21pm two members of the public arrived at the meeting.
 Objection, see Appendix A.
 4. 19/00649/HOU. 12 Green Lane, Blackwater. Retrospective application for single storey side extension.
 No objection.
- P&P4984 B. Planning Appeals.
There were no planning appeals.
- C. Tree Preservation Orders
There were no tree preservation orders.
- D. Enforcement
There were no enforcement notices to report.
- E. Other Planning Matters
The meeting was advised that the Hawley Green Farmhouse application (P&P4963) was currently on hold.
- P&P4985 Accounts for Payment.
After consideration the accounts were approved for payment.
- The meeting ended at 7.43pm.

Appendix A.

19/00429/FUL Car Park Adj. Meadows Business Park, Station Approach, Blackwater
Demolition of 32 existing garages at garage site and the construction of an apartment building consisting of 11 apartments, landscaping and parking

Objection

1. This parking and garage area was provided as part of the Ryecroft Gardens development and the number of vehicles that need accommodating has increased since then, not decreased, leading to very cramped parking in Ryecroft Gardens. This change of use is, therefore, unacceptable in its current form until alternative parking facilities are provided for Ryecroft Gardens residents. This area is already very congested and suffers from a lack of adequate off-street parking spaces and as a result of this, inconsiderate and unsafe on-street parking practices.

2. The number of parking spaces for eleven flats is clearly inadequate, when many flats will have two occupants and there will be visitors. This clearly allows nothing to relieve the parking problems in Ryecroft Gardens, which have recently been made worse by the eviction of residents who had parked on this site for many years.

3. As has been highlighted by the Street Care Officer in their objection, the existing cramped parking in Ryecroft Gardens already causes serious problems, which brings into question the suitability of Ryecroft Gardens as an access route until those problems are resolved. These problems include: a) the inability to empty waste bins on occasions; b) the inability of an ambulance to get to a house at the end of Ryecroft Gardens following a severe heart attack three years ago; c) concern about the ability of a fire engine to get to houses if there were a fire; d) general day to day access and parking problems for residents.