

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS DUE TO COVID-19 ON THURSDAY
8TH APRIL 2021**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor G Foster - In the Chair
Councillors A John, A Jamieson, M Ray, A Walster, N Savage, L Ellard,
K Medgett and K Mullen

Apologies: Cllr C Worsh – Work
Cllr M Connors - Work
Cllr J Carson – Personal
Cllr C Worsh - Work
Cllr A Crump –

Absent without Apologies:
Cllr K Toner

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro and Cllr T Bromwich

**199. APOLOGIES
RESOLVED:**

Apologies were accepted.

200. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

201. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Resident Mr Pease

Stated objections to the Aldi Planning Application 21/00070/FUL that have been submitted to the Planning Authority.

Resident Mr Williams

Spoke in support of the Aldi Planning Application 21/00070/FUL

Cllr Bromwich

Spoke in support of the Aldi Planning Application 21/00070/FUL stating that Cllr Crump and himself had meetings with Aldi last regarding alternative sites on the existing industrial estates but they are unavailable. That he would be guided by WCC Highways regarding issues about turning off the bypass. That given the continuing growth of Southam another retailer of this type is needed. That he does have concerns regarding road safety and thinks the speed limit should be reduced on the bypass, that the Stowe Drive (right of way) pedestrian access would need a proper footpath to be installed as it's current state is unsuitable and not fit for purpose and that there is a lack of connectivity with dwellings on the east of the bypass, and would suggest that the Council state these issues in their response.

202. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

202.1 i) Council considered the applications for planning permission detailed on the schedule dated April 2021 upon which the Town Council had been consulted by Stratford District Council. (details attached).

Meeting closed: 6.40pm

PLANNING APPLICATION

21/00070/FUL

Aldi Stores Limited Bungalow Farm , Southam By Pass, Southam, CV47 1NR
Demolition of Existing Buildings and the erection of a Class E (Formerly Class A1) Food Retail Store, with associated highways access, car parking, servicing and landscaping

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council make no representations, subject to safety measures regarding pedestrian access are reviewed, that the speed restriction is reduced on the bypass and that improvements are made to the pedestrian access from Stowe Drive, as currently this access is unsuitable and not fit for purpose.

