

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE CANVEY ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON  
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST 2008 AT 6.30PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: B. Dixie (Chairman)  
D. Anderson R. Bishop (Vice-Chairman) P. Greig

Non-committee members: Cllrs J. Anderson, R. Howard

Also present: Mrs J. Abel – Town Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Andrews, D. Blackwell and N. Harvey.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs. R. Howard, B. Dixie and P. Greig declared a personal interest in item 4. Planning Applications as they are dual-hatted councillors. They advised the Committee that they wished to take part in the meeting but, as Borough Councillors, they would not be bound by any decision passed by this Council.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

**4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**i) CPT/429/08/FUL, West Canvey Marsh, Off A130 Canvey Way, Canvey Island**

Change of use to a Nature Reserve with Wind Pumps Penning Structures, Wetland Features and Visitor Facilities

**Applicant:** Mr David Hedges, RSPB

**RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORTS** this application but would wish its concerns regarding the apparent need for the removal of trees and shrubs on the site to be noted

**5. CASTLE POINT BOROUGH COUNCIL, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered the supporting documents relating to the Core Strategy consultation provided by the Borough Council.

**RESOLVED** that although the Council accepts that the Government dictates the housing targets for the Borough, it strongly **OBJECTS** to the proposed level of housing development on Canvey Island for the following reasons:

- There is already a proven need for improved access on and off the Island; increased development will compound the existing difficulties with traffic flow for residents and visitors. There is no firm indication that this issue will be addressed in the Strategy document;
- The Council is opposed to further development in areas which are defined as being at risk of flooding;
- The Council is strongly opposed to any development in the Green Belt and is particularly opposed therefore to the proposals for housing on the playing fields at Castle View School.

The Council wishes to comment that it would wish to see firm proposals for improvements to infrastructure and public service provision linked closely to any future applications for development on the Island.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the initiatives to increase employment on the Island.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

CHAIRMAN