

District Council Report August 2010

Planning Committee met to consider a number of applications. Of particular interest was an outline application for 96 houses in Soham, which was approved. The interesting part for me was that Hopkins Homes, the developer, has decided to put in an on-site sewage treatment facility because Anglian Water does not have the capacity in Soham. An application to build 2 houses in the garden of a house in Ely was turned down (against officer's recommendation) on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the nature of the conservation area.

I attended several working group meetings and a meeting of the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Committee, all considering the review of Ely Markets. Following this series of meetings I attended a meeting of Community Services Committee which approved an improvement plan and endorsed the introduction of a £10.00 plus VAT charge for the supply of stalls to traders who want them on Saturday markets subject to discounted transitional arrangements for existing users. The improvement plan contains a wide range of other items about maintaining and improving markets in Ely.

I have responded to the District Council consultation on the Local Development Framework regarding suggestions for Burwell and Swaffham Prior.