



SANDBACH
Town Council

PLANNING, CONSULTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda for the meeting to be held on **Monday, 18 December 2023**
at the **Charter room, Sandbach Town Hall**, commencing **7pm**.

Committee Members: Cllrs Geraint Price Jones (Chair), Mike Muldoon (Vice Chair), Mark Mitchell, Tim Wheatcroft, Kelvin England, Simon Richards, Robert Gray, Dave Poole, Sandra Broad and John Arnold.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Meeting will be clerked by the Chief Officer.

Please ensure that all apologies are made directly to the meeting clerk no later than 5pm on the day of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

3. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider items that, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for any items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

Lead: Chair

Action: *To approve any items to be excluded from press and public, if appropriate.*

The Chair of the meeting will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public relating to items on the agenda.

After the questions, the Chair will reconvene the Meeting.

If a member of the public wishes to speak to an item which is not on the agenda, we request that written confirmation of the question to be raised is received by the Chief Officer three working days prior to the meeting, via chiefofficer@sandbach.gov.uk

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2023

[Attached: Draft minutes of the meeting]

Action: To approve the minutes of the meeting of 20th November 2023.

5. OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Lead: Chair

Submitted WE 24.11.23 response to Cheshire East by 20.12.23.

Application received: 24-Nov-2023

23/4413C

H J Lea Oaks Ltd Wheelock Corn Mills, Crewe Road, Sandbach, CW11 3RS

Replacement of raw material bins with new bins.

Application deadline: 20-Dec-2023

Submitted WE 01.12.23 response to Cheshire East by 27.12.23.

Application received: 30-Nov-2023

23/4497C

Land off Wright's Lane, Sandbach, CW11 2JX

Full Planning Application for the formation of an access road and 10 parking spaces with a change of use to Sui Generis for car parking on land off Wrights Lane, Sandbach.

Application deadline: 27-Dec-2023

Application received: 01-Dec-2023

23/4449C

7, Angelina Close, Sandbach, CW11 3FW

Outline application for a two storey detached dwelling on land adjacent to 7 Angelina Close, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 3FW

Application deadline: 02-Jan-2023

Submitted WE 08.12.23 response to Cheshire East by 27.12.23.

Application received: 04-Dec-2023

23/4534C

29, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1DH

Rear single storey kitchen extension.

Application deadline: 04-Jan-2023

Application received: 05-Dec-2023

23/4575C

16, Parkhouse Drive, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1YW

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling.

Application deadline: 02-Jan-2023

Application received: 06-Dec-2023

23/4560C

Land Adjacent TO 38 Green Street, Land Adjacent TO 38 Green Street, Cheshire, CW11 1GX

Proposed conversion including demolition of existing garage to build new 3no two bedroom properties as a block of three terraced houses.

Application deadline: 04-Jan-2023

Application received: 06-Dec-2023

23/4608C

1, Elton Crossings Road, Sandbach, CW11 3HS

Additional storey above existing single storey side.

Application deadline: 27-Dec-2023

Application received: 07-Dec-2023

23/4442C

Dorchester, 1A, Fairfield Avenue, Sandbach, CW11 4BW

Change of use to C2 - Residential Childrens Home. No change to any layout or floor plans.

Application deadline: 02-Jan-2023

Application received: 07-Dec-2023

23/4489C

Mincrete Limited, Springvale Industrial Estate, Millbuck Way, Sandbach, CW11 3HT

Proposed alterations to the layout of concrete batching plant, involving the installation of 2 No Silos, ancillary plant, aggregate bays, replacement of boundary fencing and container. Removal of existing porta cabins, aggregate bays, silos and ancillary plant.

Application deadline: 03-Jan-2023

Submitted WE 15.12.23 response to Cheshire East by 02.01.24.

Application received: 11-Dec-2023

23/4622C

1, Eaton Close, Sandbach, CW11 1HS

Single storey rear and front extensions.

Application deadline: 02-Jan-2023

Application received: 11-Dec-2023

23/4630C

21, Clifton Road, Sandbach, CW11 3JJ

Proposed single storey and two storey rear extension and associated internal alterations.

Application deadline: 02-Jan-2023

Submitted WE 17.11.23 last date for comments has expired.

[deadline extension requested]

Application received: 14-Nov-2023

23/4235C

81, Abbey Road, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 3HA

Single storey extension and detached replacement outbuilding

Application deadline: 06-Dec-2023

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Consultation on Final Draft Biodiversity Net Gain

[Attached: response to the Draft Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document.]

Action: *to consider and clear Cllr Wheatcroft's response to be submitted to CEC, by the Chief Officer, on behalf of the Council by the 22nd of December 2023.*

<https://cheshireeast-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/event/37707>

6.2 Consultation on 2024-2028 Draft Community Risk Management Plan

[Attached: email from the Cheshire Fire Authority received on the 18th of October 2023, attachments were circulated to members.]

Action: *to consider and form response by the 2nd of January 2024.*

<https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/news-events/latest-news/have-your-say-on-our-draft-community-risk-management-plan-2024-28/>

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill

[Attached: Email from HS2 dated 24th of November providing an update on the HS2 route cancellation.]

Lead: Chair

Action: to consider the correspondence.

8. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 15th January 2023 at 7pm – location to be confirmed.

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<u>PLANNING APPLICATION CHECKLIST</u>
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Planning Application Review Considerations

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The following issues are NOT material considerations for planning decisions:

- loss of views
- negative impact on property values
- competition between individual businesses
- moral considerations (eg religious objections to licenced premises)

Material considerations - The following material considerations are relevant in most planning applications:

- national planning policy and guidance
- draft policy (which gains weight the further along in the process it is)
- environmental impacts of the proposal (eg impact on ecology or landscape value),
- social impacts (eg loss of privacy, light or overshadowing) , and
- economic impacts of the proposal (eg regeneration value, new homes bonus, s106 contributions)
- access (including disabled persons access) and provision of infrastructure for the site
- the design and appearance of the proposal
- the planning history of the site
- the views of organisations and individuals in relation to relevant planning matters
- the likelihood that the development will be delivered (especially including economic viability).

Additionally comment on Applications Reference to...

Does the proposed design aim to minimize energy requirements?

Does the application justify any use of carbon-intensive Materials?

Is the use of reclaimed or recycled materials apparent in the application?

Does the application address standards for energy efficiency?

Are new homes to be fitted with a source of renewable energy?

Are sites allocated for new housing easily accessible by walking / cycling / public transport?

Does the application avoid loss of local nature sites and green spaces?

Where the application includes a new open space, does it include sufficient new native tree coverage and other plant life?

Does the application support low-carbon vehicles, for example, with electric vehicle charging points easily accessible?

Does the application specify that LED lights are to be used?

Does the application propose building on a flood plain?

Does the application include where appropriate water saving measures such as using water butts, toilet flushers that save water and runoff water in concrete areas?

BUILDING DESIGN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUESTS

Form, Orientation and Fabric

- *To avoid costly retrofit measures all new homes should be built to the Future Homes Standard 2025 or Passivhaus standard*

Renewable Heat

- *Under no circumstances should new homes be connected to the gas grid; either a low carbon heat network or individual heat pumps should be included as standard.*

Renewable Energy Generation

- *100% of electricity demand for new residential developments to be met on-site.*
- *Developers should make early contact with local community energy groups to explore possibilities for partnership on innovative projects.*

Building Performance Evaluation & User Guidance

- *Developers to work with clients to commission a Building Performance Evaluation for the design, construction and handover stages of development*
- *All new houses to come with an easy user guide to cover heating and ventilation systems and controls, metering, and energy generation.*

Building Standards for Non-Residential Development

- *All new non-residential developments to be built as close to net-zero carbon as possible, demonstrating at a minimum a 27% improvement from 2013 Part L regulations.*
- *All new non-residential developments to include low carbon heating and renewable electricity generation as standard*



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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Mitchell and G Price Jones.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests in relation to any item on the agenda were made.

3. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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Lead: Chair

Resolved: *No items were excluded from the press and public.*

The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow presentations and questions relating to items on this agenda from members of the public.

Mr R Mclean spoke on item 5, voicing objections to application 23/3953C as an owner of a property near the development site he voiced numerous concerns with the development. (see attached for his statement to the committee)

Mrs C Bruderer spoke on item 7.1, expressing concerns about the consultation. She was dissatisfied with Cheshire East Council's decision to abandon certain sites whilst choosing to maintain others, and pointed out that the process should be stopped on the grounds of flaws in the data being used in the consultation.

Mr P Jennings spoke on item 7.1, he enquired with the committee if they have read the document, he had sent to the members with information that he has collected on the consultation, and requested their views on the information he has provided.

The Chair reconvened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23RD OCTOBER 2023

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of 23rd October 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

5. OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Lead: Chair

Submitted WE 03.11.23 response to Cheshire East by 22.11.23.

Application received: 31-Oct-2023

23/3953C

Kudos Shower Products Limited, Lodge Road, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 3HP
Proposed extension to existing warehouse (use class B2) for manufacturing purposes with associated car parking.

Application deadline: 22-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection due to no material grounds being identified. However, members raised a list of recommendations around mitigation. This includes the following:

- i. For a survey to be concluded on the site to check for toxic or hazardous materials that might be uncovered during construction.
- ii. For a flood risk assessment to be completed.
- iii. That noise abatement should be taken into consideration.
- iv. That planning of traffic going in and out of the site should be considered.
- v. That a dust management strategy for the duration of the construction should be considered.
- vi. That a wildlife assessment should be considered as Badger setts were confirmed near the site.
- vii. That waste bins would be placed as far away from resident houses as the site allows it.
- viii. To consider shielding to be put in place both during construction and after.
- ix. To reinforce working hour restrictions and monitor that they are adhered to.

Application received: 02-Nov-2023

23/4132C

19, Congleton Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HG

Proposed extension and remodel of existing garage into studio apartment.

Application deadline: 24-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection.

Application received: 02-Nov-2023

23/3958C

10, Abbeyfields, Park Lane, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1EP

Single storey garden room extension (resubmission of application references 23/3289C & 23/3290C)

Application deadline: 24-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection.

Application received: 02-Nov-2023

23/3957C

10, Abbeyfields, Park Lane, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1EP

Single storey garden room extension (resubmission of application references 23/3289C & 23/3290C)

Application deadline: 24-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection.

Submitted WE 10.11.23 response to Cheshire East by 30.11.23.

Application received: 06-Nov-2023

23/4150C

Wheelock Primary School, Crewe Road, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 4PY

Extension and internal alteration to school & associated works for increase inform entry.

Application deadline: 06-Dec-2023

There was considerable debate on this application. Cllr Richards had concerns about the application due to its proposed removal of green spaces, which he felt would negatively impact the current students, he also mirrored the concerns of some local residents regarding car parking in the area around the school. While members expressed reservations regarding the wider implications of the development, they felt that its rejection would not influence the school's intake expansion. The prevailing consensus was that, in accordance with planning criteria, a proposal of No Objection would be made.

Resolved: No Objection.

Application received: 08-Nov-2023

23/4146C

120, Heath Road, Sandbach, CW11 2LE

A proposed rear infill extension to open up the existing kitchen and dining space. A loft conversion complete with dormer roof and two bedrooms, loss of the smaller 1st floor bedroom due to new staircase.

Application deadline: 30-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection.

Submitted WE 20.10.23 last date for comments has expired.

[deadline extension requested]

Application received: 17-Oct-2023

23/3911C

Sunnyside, Moss Lane, Sandbach, CW11 3PL

Proposed two storey side extension and addition of solar PV array to existing dwelling roof.

Application deadline: 08-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection.

[deadline extension requested]

Application received: 20-Oct-2023

23/3938C

40, Newall Avenue, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 4BJ

Change of use from domestic outbuildings to dog grooming room and canine fertility clinic & canine breeding

Application deadline: 13-Nov-2023

Resolved: Members object to the application on the grounds of Social Impact. As the location of the site is a densely populated residential area, and the additional traffic from customers would negatively impact residents living there.

Submitted WE 24.10.23 last date for comments has expired.

[deadline extension requested]

Application received: 24-Oct-2023

23/3992C

8, Eaton Close, Sandbach, Sandbach, CW11 1HS

New pitched roof over existing garage and porch to front of house. Note: Proposed single storey side extension to be implemented under permitted development.

Application deadline: 15-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection.

Submitted WE 01.11.23 last date for comments has expired.

[deadline extension requested]

Application received: 25-Oct-2023

23/3987C

1, Lea Close, Sandbach, CW11 4HT

Single storey rear extension and garage conversion.

Application deadline: 16-Nov-2023

Resolved: No Objection.

Submitted for information only.

23/2697T

2, Malt Kiln Way, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1JL

Mature horse chestnut tree (T1 in sketch plan) Carry out a selective 2m to 1m reduction around the whole canopy. Reducing the Limbs hanging over the property by no more than 2m to create approx. 1m clearance from the property. And following this reduction around the rest of the tree to keep a natural balanced canopy.

Resolved: No Objection.

6. ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

6.1 Climate and Ecology Bill

[Attached: email from Zero Hour received on the 18th of October 2023 relating to support for the Climate and Ecology Bill.]

Lead: Cllr T Wheatcroft

Members commended Cllr Wheatcroft's proactive approach to forming a response which was circulated to the committee before the meeting.

Resolved: *To submit Cllr Wheatcroft's response on behalf of the Council.*

6.2 Planning Environmental Comments Menu

[building design considerations attachment circulated to members.]

Lead: Cllr T Wheatcroft

Cllr Wheatcroft summarised how he would want the attached document to be used in future planning applications. Whilst the majority welcomed the approach, members raised questions regarding if and how the additional information will be processed and displayed by CEC.

Resolved: *The planning environmental comments menu was agreed to be implemented as part of future minutes and submitted application comments subject to CEC accepting them alongside the standard application comments.*

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Consultation on Green Space Maintenance

[Attached: email from CEC received on the 16th of October 2023 relating to maintenance of green spaces.]

Committee resolved to allow Cllr Cook to join the debate for this item, acknowledging, as a non Committee member, she would not be allowed to vote.

There was considerable debate on the consultation which acknowledged the public comments made.

Cllr Cook outlined a number of concerns regarding the proposal, citing its divisive character, absence of uniformity, and insufficient clarity on the matter of rewilding, which the strategy itself does not reference. The majority expressed agreement about the problems with the CEC proposal, acknowledging the concerns of the public, and other local councils with the inaccuracy of the data presented in the document.

Members also discussed passive rewilding proposed by CEC, outlining the risks of leaving a green site unattended. Cllr Arnold proposed that the response to the proposal should contain views from each of the four wards of Sandbach.

Resolved: *Cllr Arnold, Cllr Richards, Cllr Wheatcroft and Cllr Cook to form a response with views from each of the four wards of Sandbach to be submitted to CEC, by the Chief Officer, on behalf of the Council by the 24th of November 2023, subject to clearance by email of PCE Committee.*

7.2 Consultation on Final Draft Biodiversity Net Gain

[Attached: email from the CEC received on the 31st of October 2023 regarding their Final Draft Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document.]

Members briefly discussed the consultation which had its deadline extended to the 22nd of December 2023.

Resolved: *Cllr Wheatcroft to form a response to be considered at the next meeting.*

7.3 Consultation on 2024-2028 Draft Community Risk

Management Plan

[Attached: email from the Cheshire Fire Authority received on the 18th of October 2023, attachments were circulated to members.]

Resolved: *Proposal to be considered at the next meeting.*

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None Received.

9. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 18th December 2023 at 7pm – location to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 8.42pm

Vice Chair Cllr M Muldoon (in the Chair)

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Our Objections to The Proposed Development Are Listed Below Background

We are surprised that the original planning application in 2021 (Ref 21/3599C) was approved with no objections from the council, and no consultation letters were sent to Redwing Road, even though there were existing properties on Redwing Road overlooking the existing warehouse.

Preparatory Work

Hazardous Material and Ground Contamination | Apparently a Rotary Drilling Rig had to be used by the company analysing the condition of the ground beneath the concrete slab as it was unable to drill through the second slab using a more conventional drill.

We have serious concerns regarding the use of Rotary Drilling Rig to excavate the site; sounds a bit like fracking with all that that entails!

Noise Pollution | there will be substantial noise generated during operation causing disruption to nearby communities and wildlife.

Vibrations | we are concerned that the drilling and associated work could affect neighbouring structures in Redwing Road, especially nos. 60, 62, & 64.

Air Quality | The exhaust emissions from drilling rig engines can contribute to air pollution releasing harmful particulate matter and pollutants into the atmosphere. Also a major concern is that Asbestos has been detected in the Made Ground (aka Land Fill). Currently this asbestos has been capped but soon will be airborne potentially endangering the public and any wildlife. Will the asbestos be removed or made safe?

Soil and Water Contamination | Fluids used in drilling processes can potentially leak into the soil or water bodies leading to contamination. This can affect soil quality, groundwater, and aquatic ecosystems; yet another concern.

Post Development

Risk of Flooding | East Cheshire Highways have concerns about flooding. We would like confirmation that such flooding would not affect our properties in Redwing Road.

Loss of Sunlight | The proposed extension would block out the sunlight that we currently have in the back garden causing lack of enjoyment of the garden.

Noise and Disturbance from Use | The extension is going to be used for manufacturing purposes, producing ongoing potential high noise levels to Redwing Road residents as it is in very close proximity to these properties. Furthermore, we work various shifts and often sleep during daylight hours. Noise from the proposed development would not be conducive to getting 8 hours sleep.

Nature Conservation | Latimer (the builder) advised that there is a protected badger sett very close to the proposed extension.

Loss of Outlook | Although there are no measurements on the plans the existing warehouse is very imposing. Cheshire Planning Department advises that the height of the extension will be 10 metres which will block our outlook from the upstairs windows. This would seriously impinge on our Right to Light.

Photos from 62 Redwing Road



CURRENT VIEW FROM UPSTAIRS BEDROOM



(This is a fisheye lens photo taken from 62 Redwing Road, to show the extent of the existing Kudos Shower Products factory and where the proposed development will be situated)

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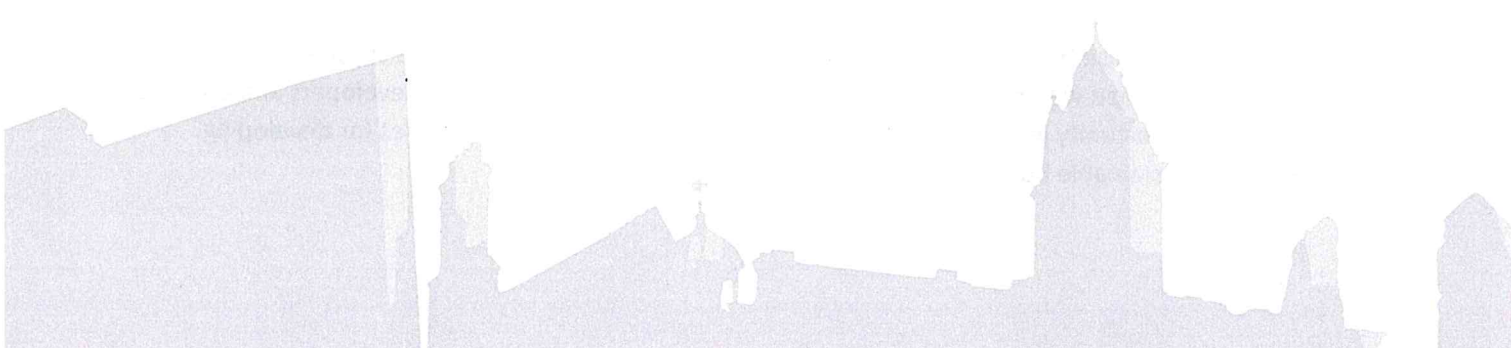
Overview of the CE Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

It emphasizes the importance of biodiversity, highlights the threats it faces due to development, and outlines the role of the planning system in improving biodiversity. The SPD explains terms, sets expectations for biodiversity net gain, and provides guidance for developers to achieve this, all within the framework of the planning system.

The purpose of the document is to add detail to existing development plan policies, serving as guidance rather than forming part of the official development plan. The SPD focuses on the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy and Site Allocations and Development Policies Document.

The SPD aligns with national and local planning policies, including the Environment Act 2021, requiring a minimum 10% net gain in biodiversity for most planning permissions. The National Planning Policy Framework is referenced, emphasizing the need to protect, enhance, and provide net gains for biodiversity.

Local planning policies, particularly from the Cheshire East Site Allocations and Development Policies Document, are highlighted. These policies stress the importance of ecological networks, biodiversity metrics, and tree/habitat preservation.



Comments on Final Draft of the CE Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Sandbach Town Council value environmental conservation, stakeholder engagement, and legislative compliance, and therefore we see the report's objectives and content as positive and highlight four key topics Emphasis, Legislation, Consultees and Guidance.

1. Biodiversity Emphasis: The report highlights the importance of biodiversity and aims to improve it through the planning system. This emphasis is positive for environmental conservation.
2. Alignment with Legislation: The report aligns with the Environment Act 2021 and other national planning policies, demonstrating a commitment to legislative requirements for biodiversity net gain.

In addition to this legal approach we believe in instances where government and councils have the opportunity to breach the spirit of the requirements and do so, the planning authority should be required to point this out. i.e the government bodies do something a developer could not get away with.

3. Consultees : We encourage the views of 'responsible nature professionals' to be heard above all others. Developers including government and councils have for too long held approaches to habitat protection or designs that support it as unnecessary and expensive. It is critical they accept a change in priorities to invest in bio diversity gain and recognise a responsibility and duty to lead this change. We hope developers take on board the comments and topics thrown up by other consultees in a spirit of co-operation.
4. Guidance for Developers: Providing guidance for developers on achieving biodiversity net gain demonstrates a practical approach to balancing development and environmental conservation which developers must embrace and build on. In time we feel confident the lead in biodiversity gain will come from these developers as they embrace change.

The effectiveness of changes will depend on how well it is implemented. Challenges may arise in achieving the targeted biodiversity net gain, especially if it involves significant changes in development practices. These we feel will be overcome by developers and responsible nature professionals having an open mind to resolve these obstacles.

Striking the right balance between development needs and biodiversity conservation and gain will be challenging. Some stakeholders may argue that the document either doesn't go far enough to protect the environment or that it imposes unnecessary restrictions on development. Sandbach Town Council see this document as hopefully the first major step to a process of continual improvement by all parties in bio diversity gain that exceeds these initial objectives.

Sandbach Town Council recognise that initially, depending on the specific views and interests of certain stakeholders, there may be opposition or concerns about the impact of the proposed policies on current development projects. We also appreciate for those who prioritize unrestricted development, there will also be concerns about potential challenges and impacts on development projects and profitability.

The council recognise these concerns but believe an improved standards regime supporting biodiversity if combined with other sustainability design considerations will offer developers and our region new opportunity improving our communities well being and opportunities for developing healthy and sustainable businesses.

From:

Sent: 18 October 2023 07:31

Subject: Cheshire Fire Authority 2024-2028 Draft Community Risk Management Plan

Dear Town and Parish Councillors,

We are writing to inform you that Cheshire Fire Authority has now launched a consultation on its draft 2024-2028 Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), which is the Authority's blueprint for the next four years and seeks to address and mitigate the key fire and rescue risks facing Cheshire.

Within the draft CRMP we have outlined a range of proposals which aim to improve the service we provide to the communities of Cheshire through our Prevention, Protection and Emergency Response functions. Attached to this email is a summary document, which provides more information and explains our proposals, including:

- Changing how we staff our second fire engines at Macclesfield, Northwich, Runcorn and Winsford to provide more guaranteed fire engines across Cheshire during weekday daytimes.
- Changing how we crew the fire engine at Knutsford to provide guaranteed fire cover.
- Reorganising our daytime fire cover in the Warrington area.
- Reviewing our on-call duty system.
- Strengthening our prevention and protection work in the community.

We believe that these proposals will help us deliver more prevention, more protection and a better emergency response, keeping the communities of Cheshire even safer. We are keen to hear the views of residents, staff and partners as the Authority develops its final CRMP.

Further information on our CRMP, including the full document and supporting information, can be found on our [website](#). The consultation process runs until 2 January 2024. After this, the Authority will consider the feedback received before deciding on the final CRMP which will take effect from April 2024.

As local community representatives in Cheshire, we are keen to hear your views on our proposals and you can contact us using the details on this email or through completing an online survey that can be accessed on our [website](#). We would also encourage you to get in touch if any of your town or parish constituents contact you regarding this issue during the course of the consultation process.

Should you require a briefing in person from the Service on our proposed changes, we are keen to assist and facilitate these where possible. For such requests, in the first instance please contact our [REDACTED], by emailing [REDACTED]

Finally, we would be grateful for any publication you can give to our consultation in your local area to ensure that your local residents have their chance to have their say. If you would like to promote this consultation in your area, please contact our Communications and Engagement department by emailing communications@cheshirefire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 6:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: HIGH SPEED RAIL (CREWE – MANCHESTER) BILL

Dear [REDACTED]

You will have seen news of the Prime Minister's speech at the Conservative Party Conference on Wednesday 4 October, where he announced the Government's intention to cancel the HS2 route north of Birmingham. I am writing to update you on the work the Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd have been undertaking following this announcement.

The Government subsequently published the Network North command paper (you can read it <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/network-north>) which reaffirmed a commitment to better connect Manchester to Liverpool; and to deliver Northern Powerhouse Rail, including high-speed lines. Since the announcement, the Rail Minister has been engaging with Local Authorities and Metro Mayors to understand their priorities and objectives in response to the decisions set out in Network North

Following the King's Speech on Tuesday 7 November the Bill has been 'carried forward' into the next parliamentary session whilst the Government develops priorities for Network North and the delivery of Northern Powerhouse Rail. Safeguarding remains in place with the announcement stating that safeguarding for Phase 2b will be amended by summer 2024, taking account of any land requirements for Northern Powerhouse Rail.

As further information becomes available, and we understand how each area will be affected, I will get in touch again to update you.

Yours sincerely

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