



East Cambridgeshire District Council

Meeting: Planning Committee

Time: 2:00 pm

Date: Wednesday 4 March 2026

Venue: Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE

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Committee membership

Quorum: 5 members

Conservative members

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith
Cllr Lavinia Edwards
Cllr Martin Goodearl
Cllr Mark Goldsack (Vice Chair)
Cllr Bill Hunt (Chair)
Cllr Alan Sharp

Conservative substitutes

Cllr Keith Horgan
Cllr Julia Huffer
Cllr Lucius Vellacott

Liberal Democrat and Independent members

Cllr Chika Akinwale
Cllr Christine Colbert
Cllr James Lay
Cllr John Trapp
Cllr Ross Trent
Cllr Christine Whelan (Lead Member)

Liberal Democrat and Independent substitutes

Cllr Lee Denney
Cllr Lorna Dupré
Cllr Mary Wade

Lead Officer: David Morren, Strategic Planning and DM I Manager

11 am Planning Committee members meet at The Grange reception for site visit.

AGENDA

1. Apologies and substitutions

[oral]

- 2. Declarations of interests** **[oral]**
To receive declarations of interests from Members for any items on the agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.
- 3. Minutes** **Page 5**
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 January 2026.
- 4. Chair's announcements** **[oral]**
- 5. 25/00639/FUM – Hightown Drove, Burwell** **Page 27**
Location: Land Southwest of Hightown Drove, Burwell, Cambridgeshire
Applicant: Greenergy Renewables UK Limited
Public access link: [25/00639/FUM | Erection of a battery energy storage facility and associated infrastructure | Land Southwest Of Hightown Drove Burwell Cambridgeshire](#)
To erect a battery energy storage facility and associated infrastructure.
- 6. 25/00717/F3M – Land South of Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely** **Page 95**
Location: Land South of Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely
Applicant: East Cambs Trading Company Ltd
Public access link: [25/00717/F3M | Development of 13no. new homes, including 5no. apartments and 8no. houses with access, parking and landscaping | Land South Of The Princess Of Wales Hospital Ely Cambridgeshire](#)
Development of 13 new homes, including 5 apartments and 8 houses with access, parking and landscaping.
- 7. Planning performance report – December 2025** **Page 131**
- 8. Planning performance report – January 2026** **Page 135**
- 9. Planning performance annual report – 2026** **Page 139**

Exclusion of the public including representatives of the press

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining items because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in categories 1, 2 and 7 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

- 10. Quarterly performance in resolving planning enforcement cases**

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 - Objectors
 - Applicant/agent or supporters
 - Local Ward Councillor
 - Parish/Town Council
 - County Councillors
 - National/Statutory Bodies
3. The Council has adopted a ‘Purge on Plastics’ strategy and is working towards the removal of all consumer single-use plastics in our workplace. Therefore, we do not provide disposable cups in our building or at our meetings and would ask members of the public to bring their own drink to the meeting if required.
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“That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item no(s). X because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category X of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).”
