

Chair of Development Control Report to Council 27.09.23

The Development Control Committee (DC) has met twice since the last meeting of Full Council, on 17th August and 7th September.

The agenda for both meetings was very light, with the meeting on 17th August approving the change of use from a café to office and three self-contained apartments on Halstead Street, and the meeting on 7th September approving an application for Listed Building Consent for Towneley Hall, in order to replace decayed timber windows to the west elevation of the West Wing with new, and to introduce maintenance access hatches to the West Wing roof and tower roofs.

As the agendas were very light, we took the opportunity to discuss at the August meeting what topics of development control and planning members would like to explore in more detail at bite-size training sessions that would be held immediately before future DC meetings.

Members suggested a number of topics, including Public Access, Planning Enforcement, Section 106 monies and the Local Plan. The first of these sessions was held immediately prior to the September meeting and members received a helpful demonstration of Public Access which is the area of the Council's website which holds planning applications and associated documentation.

Cllr Chaudhary, Chair of DC Committee, September 2023.