

**MINUTES OF SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING**  
**HELD AT 2 pm ON THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2007**  
**AT SUTTON HALL FARM, SUTTON ROAD.**

**Present:** 2pm.

Councillor, Mr C Tabor [Chairman].

Councillors: Mr N Andrews, Mr A Bell, Mr A Dobson and Mr R Howat.

**Also present:**

District/Ward Councillor Mr R Allen

Mr B. Summerfield, Parish Clerk.

41. **Apologies for absence:**

None

42. **The Chairman's opening remarks.**

The Chairman welcomed all present.

43. **Notification of Changes to Planning Application 06/00943/FUL Land North of Smithers Chase, Sutton Road, Rochford, Essex** (Creation of Three Training Pitches, One All Weather Floodlit Training Pitch with 8 x 12mtr Columns. A Flood Attenuation Pond and Surface Car Park of 454 Spaces and 34 x 8mtr Columns. To be used in connection with the redevelopment of the adjacent site for the new football stadium for Southend United Football Club).

After discussion it was decided that the following will be the Parish Council response direct to the Planning Inspectorate:

- i The Sutton Parish Council are opposed to the Changes to the application for the following reasons:
  - i The application is proposed in the Metropolitan Green Belt on Graded agricultural land and the applicants have not demonstrated to Sutton Parish Council and Sutton residents that there are very special circumstances for the proposed development.
  - ii The visual impact and light pollution from the increased surface level heights will further dominate the rural landscape, bringing visual harm to the Green Belt and reduce the quality of life of all Sutton residents and in particular the residents of Temple Gate Cottages and Smithers Cottages.
  - iii Raising the levels will have an impact on the overflow of the Flood Attenuation Pond. No facts or figures have accompanied the application as to: projected storm surge/flash flooding flows, the Flood Attenuation Pond capacity, how they will join the pond North to the existing drainage ditches and if the ditches are of a sufficient capacity, to deliver flood waters to the River Roach.
  - iv The changes proposed will do nothing to relieve the mass movements of pedestrians, cars, busses, transport, etc generated by the Fossetts developments and on Southend United Football Club Match days will have an extra and severe impact on the well being of the residents of Sutton Parish and the already overloaded Sutton Road, and all local roads, reducing the quality of life of all Rochford District residents.

44. **Date, Time and Place of the Next Parish Meeting.**

Agreed:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2007** or sooner  
 AT THE SUTTON HALL FARM OFFICE ( COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM. )

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.10pm.

24<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Mr B. Summerfield. Parish Clerk.