

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Head of Natural and Built
Environment

REPORT NUMBER **F197**

TO: DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 28 February 2007

**APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE HERITAGE AND
ECONOMIC REGENERATION SCHEME (HERS)**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To secure authorisation from the committee to enable the Head of Natural and Built Environment to approve a grant application under the HERS policy relating to a business premises, the tenancy of which is vested in a member of this Council

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the application by Greene King PLC for a Heritage and Economic Regeneration Grant be approved and duly authorised by the Head of Natural and Built Environment.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The grant application is in accordance with HERS policy and guidance and is in the sum of £7610, representing a payment of 40% of the cost of eligible works of £19,026. The current budget stands at £150,471.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Sudbury HERS programme provides financial assistance to the owners of historic and notable buildings in a defined area of Sudbury who must carry out essential repair or reinstatement work to those buildings. In these circumstances this may involve using materials or techniques that incur additional expense in order that the works are carried out in a sensitive and appropriate way to preserve the characteristics of the building.
- 4.2 An application for a grant was received by the Council on 9th February 2007 from Greene King PLC in relation to the Waggon and Horses Public House, Church Walk, Sudbury. The application was accompanied by a comprehensive structural appraisal.
- 4.3 The application has been processed in accordance with the Council's policy, and works identified which meet the criteria of the HERS programme. On this basis the Council's Conservation and Design Officer has recommended the approval of a grant of £7610 towards the total cost of works.
- 4.4 In circumstances where the application for grant meets the Council's criteria, and there is available budget, the Head of Natural and Built Environment is delegated authority to approve the grant and authorise payment on satisfactory completion of works.

4.5 In this case the premises concerned is occupied by Cllr. Irwin an elected member of Babergh District Council. It is therefore the advice of the Council's Monitoring Officer that the Committee determine this application.

4.6 The Head of Natural and Built Environment is satisfied that the application in all other respects meets the criteria of the scheme and would be otherwise approved.

5. **APPENDICES**

None

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

None

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