

Planning and Highways Meeting
Tuesday 1st February 2022
Trinity Centre
6pm

Present

Cllrs D. Allan, L. Allen, Briggs Horrocks (Chairman) and Puri.

In Attendance

Olive O'Sullivan Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Natalia Gorman.
Town Council Consultants Andrew Tucker and Keith Neil-Smith.
Three members of the public and two representatives from the press.

69 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Ellis, Hodgins and Simper.

Resolved to accept the apologies received.

70 Declarations of Interest

None.

71 Minutes of Last Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 January 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

72 Matters Arising

The CEO confirmed that both petitions received by committee on 11 January 2022 have been sent to Birmingham City Council for their consideration.

Resolved to note the CEO update.

73 Questions from Members

None.

74 Application 2021/10265/PA, Holland Road Car Park, Land off Holland Road

The Chairman advised Committee that given the potentially significant implications of this application which is located within the area covered by the recently adopted Town Centre Masterplan, advice was sought from specialist planning consultants Andrew Tucker and Keith Neil-Smith.

Keith began by presenting a computer sized image of the proposal which would contain 43 age -limited apartments and 24 parking spaces, triangular in shape, adjacent to the Empire Cinema. Both Keith and Andrew explained to members key issues and concerns which have been raised locally from the Town Council's perspective including: loss of the car park and its affect on the ongoing viability of the cinema, the absence of links to the cinema refurbishment and over-development of the site.

In regard to the loss of the car park, Consultants advised committee that the proposal is not consistent with the Town Council Masterplan which encourages suitable levels of parking alongside public transport, walking and cycling as part of a balanced approach. With a loss of approximately 100 parking spaces for patrons of the cinema, this could affect the ongoing viability and prospects of the cinema. In the absence of investment, it is likely that the cinema could remain empty and the Listed Grade II Building will continue to deteriorate.

Consultants also addressed the lack of commitment within the application to ensure the development value generated would be re-invested in the refurbishment of the cinema. The separate application submitted more recently in respect of the cinema does not address any fundamental structural or maintenance issues which may exist as a consequence of the building remaining unused for a long period of time.

Another concern with the application in its current form is over-development of the site. The plans effectively show a four – storey building opposite two-storey residential houses on Holland Road. Also the community amenity space available for prospective residents does not meet the requisite standards and guidelines. In addition the biodiversity gain is just over 3%, which consultants advised is relatively modest compared to the uplift required by some other local authorities. As the existing condition is mostly tarmac, it further suggests an element of over-development.

However, both consultants agreed that whilst there are challenges posed within this application, the Town Council may wish to indicate that it is not opposed to some form of enabling development over part of the carpark, that would specifically enable the release of funds for the refurbishment of the adjacent cinema and Listed Building subject to appropriate legal conditions.

The Chairman thanked both Andrew and Keith for their technical advice.

Cllr Puri asked for further clarification around enabling development and would this set a precedent for further applications. Andrew advised that a benefit of enabling development is to secure the future of important assets or significant places which otherwise might be lost or fall onto disrepair.

Cllr D Allan asked if the applicants could provide further information that specifically shows the proposals most northly point in relation to the houses located on Upper Holland Road. Cllr Allan also felt that it was disingenuous of the applications to suggest that the carpark would not be missed.

Cllr Briggs queried that should the developers reduce the height of the proposal would that be more suitable. Keith advised that it could improve the overshadowing however a reduction in height would not change or improve the space around the site.

Cllr L Allen expressed sadness in seeing the deterioration of the Listed Building and was disappointed that the application lacked support in being directly linked to reinvestment in the refurbishment of the cinema.

The CEO reported that representation had been received from 19 residents all of whom were members of the Future of Cinema in Sutton Coldfield (FoCiS) Facebook group. They all expressed concern that in their view building on the car park would lead to a lack of parking and make the cinema less viable. Concern was also expressed by members of FoCiS that the application submitted for minor fit refurbishment works which would include a stair lift and stadia enhancements to accommodate new sofa seats, should include a more detailed repair programme to ensure the beneficial life of the listed building, adding that the application be made conditional of the McCarthy Stone application and the two applications be linked as binding.

Resolved to object to the application in its present form on the basis set out in full within the report [\(attached\)](#) and in summary:

- a) the loss of all customer parking for the Cinema will have a negative impact upon its viability reducing the prospects for future investment in it making it more likely that the Cinema will remain vacant and the Listed Building will continue to deteriorate
- b) such an outcome would be contrary to Big Moves EC3 and BE11 in the adopted Masterplan to diversify the town centre and protect and promote heritage
- c) any redevelopment of the car park should be viewed as 'enabling' development specifically tied to investment in the Cinema / Listed Building through appropriate legal obligations
- d) the development in its present form constitutes over-development which would have an over-bearing impact upon residential properties in Holland Road, provide insufficient communal amenity space for prospective residents and should provide a greater gain in terms of biodiversity through a less intensive form of development.

Resolved to ask if the applicants could provide further information that specifically shows a section through the most northerly point in relation to the houses located on Upper Holland Road.

Resolved to agree that the Town Council is not opposed in principle to some form of enabling development over part of the car park provided some parking is retained for cinema goers and the investment value generated is specifically tied to the refurbishment of the Cinema / Listed Building through appropriate legal obligations.

Consultants left at 18:52.

Before moving onto the next agenda item (Planning Applications) The Chairman advised Members that the given the large nature of planning application no. 52, Officers have agreed with BCC Planning officers that an extension of time is allowed for Members of this council to fully review the application before making a recommendation.

This application will feature on March's agenda as a separate item and will not be discussed in detail at tonight's meeting.

75 Planning Applications

Four Oaks Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022

No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation
1	2022/00404/PA	The Four Oaks Public House 62 Belwell Lane Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 4TR	Refurbishment of existing pub restaurant, alterations to car park entrance, installation of new roof lights and a new terrace with an accessible ramp, a proposed garden bar to the rear with covered external seating, parking area improvements, installation of dedicated bike parking and electric vehicles chargers and relocation of disabled parking	No Objection
2	2021/10786/PA	15 Park View Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 4PR	Erection of single storey rear extension and increase in existing roof height to form first floor	No Objection
3	2022/00357/PA	20 Luttrell Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 2SP	Erection of first floor extension to create two storey home, single storey rear and single storey forward extensions	No Objection
4	2022/00313/PA	196 Walsall Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 4QB	Erection of detached outbuilding to rear	Whilst committee have no objection per se, they do respectfully request that if approved, Birmingham City Council include a condition that states that the outbuilding is not for habitable use.

5	2022/00251/PA	18 Crown Lane Sutton Coldfield B74 4SU	Erection of single storey rear extension	No Objection
6	2022/00084/PA	46 Hartopp Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 2QR	Alterations to front elevation and installation of new roof over first floor and ground floor.	No Objection
7	2021/10031/PA	20 Coombe Park Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2QB	Ground floor and basement extension to rear, installation of dormer window to the rear, Juliette balconies to the side, loft conversion to create habitable space at first floor level, roof lights to the front, side and rear, external stair way leading to glazed balcony and steps.	No Objection
8	2022/00052/PA	41 Wyvern Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2PS	Erection of first floor side extensions and rear single storey extensions, alterations to roof overhang and patio aligned with finished floor level	No Objection
9	2022/00047/PA	6 Clarence Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 4AE	Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extensions and installation of a Juliet balcony to rear	No Objection
10	2021/10851/PA	16 Ladywood Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 2SW	Single storey rear and first floor side and rear extensions, alterations to garage including pitched roof, dormer windows to front and side and external alterations.	No Objection

11	2021/10850/PA	6 Farncombe Drive Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 4QS	Application to determine the details for condition number 1 (contamination remediation scheme) 2 (contaminated land verification) 3 (level details) 4 (noise insulation) 5 (hard and/or soft landscape) 6 (hard surfacing materials) 7 (boundary treatment) 8 (landscape management plan) 18 (bird/bat boxes) attached to approval 2021/01179/PA	No Objection
12	2021/10659/PA	Acer House 6d Hartopp Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 2RH	Erection of two and single storey side and rear extensions, first floor link extension over secondary entrance lobby, new single storey rear canopy and balcony and Juliet balcony to rear. External alterations, railings above existing boundary wall and driveway extension	No Objection
	Mere Green Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022			
No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation

13	2021/10022/PA	289 Lichfield Road Mere Green Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 4BY	Change of use of ground floor to retail (Use Class E) and first floor to 3no. 1-bed residential apartments and second storey addition to create 2no. 2-bed residential apartments with roof terraces	Objection. Committee were disappointed to see a proposal with an industrial finish that is out of keeping with the surrounding area. Committee would like to see an improvement on the architectural appearance that is more in keeping with the street scene. Committee also expressed concerns over the reduction in parking.
14	2022/00134/PA	122 Hill Hook Road Sutton Coldfield B74 4XA	Erection of single storey rear extension	No Objection
15	2022/00185/PA	Hillwood House Hillwood Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B75 5QN	Erection of single storey rear extension	No Objection
16	2022/00059/PA	18 Wall Drive Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 4DF	Erection of two and single storey side and single storey rear extension	No Objection
17	2021/10129/PA	31 Hathaway Road Sutton Coldfield B75 5HY	Erection of 3.5 metre deep single storey rear extension. Maximum height 3.5 metres. Eaves height 2.5 metres.	No Objection
18	2022/00024/PA	555 Lichfield Road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B74 4EG	Erection of single storey forward extension	No Objection
19	2022/00011/PA	59 Little Sutton Lane Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B75 6SJ	Non Material Amendment to Planning Approval 2021/02480/PA for low level	No Objection

			plinth brickwork added to proposed front elevation	
20	2022/00010/PA	59 Little Sutton Lane Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield B756SJ	Application to determine the details for Condition No 3 (sample materials) attached to approval 2021/02480/PA	No Objection
21	2021/10910/PA	210 Dower Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 6SZ	Erection of two and single storey side and single storey rear extension.	No Objection
22	2021/10818/PA	65 Mere Green Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 5BY	Relocation of front entrance door from south elevation (Mere Green Road) to corner of Mere Green Road and St James Road, installation of ground floor window openings, removal of existing render and reinstating some of the original brickwork details.	No Objection
	Reddicap Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022			
No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation
23	2022/00317/PA	412 Lindridge Road Sutton Coldfield B75 7JB	Erection of two storey side extension	No Objection
24	2021/10583/PA	6 Firbarn Close Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B76 1AG	Erection of single storey front extension	No Objection
25	2021/10429/PA	55 Hollyfield Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 7SE	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension and installation of roof lights to rear.	No Objection
0	Roughley Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022			

No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation
26	2021/10179/PA	29 Crofters Lane Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 5UJ	Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, alterations to the front, addition of a ground floor window to the side elevation, paved terraced area to the rear and single storey detached outbuilding/garden studio to the rear	Objection. Committee feel that the scale and mass of the outbuilding is excessive and request that if approved Birmingham City Council include a condition that states that the outbuilding is not for habitable use.
27	2022/00467/PA	42 Ashfurlong Crescent Birmingham B75 6EN	Erection of 4.3 metre deep single storey rear extension. Maximum height 2.6 metres, eaves height 2.6 metres	No Objection
28	2022/00336/PA	10 Moor Hall Drive Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 6LP	Application to determine the details of condition number 5. (sample materials) attached to planning approval 2021/06403/PA	No Objection
29	2022/00261/PA	77 Heath Croft Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 6NQ	Erection of single storey side extension.	No Objection
30	2022/00137/PA	74 Grange Lane Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 5LB	Erection of single storey side extension, internal alterations and replacement doors to existing rear ground floor.	No Objection
31	2021/10866/PA	76 Worcester Lane Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 5NB	Erection of two and single story rear and first floor side extension	No Objection

	Trinity Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022			
No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation
32	2021/10784/PA	Plantsbrook School Upper Holland Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1RB	Display of 1no: internally illuminated fascia sign	No Objection
33	2022/00280/PA	28 Ashdene Close Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 6HL	Erection of first floor front and rear extension, Juliette balcony to rear and forward porch.	No Objection
34	2022/00234/PA	The Lower Parade Land adjoining Marquee Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1QX	Variation of Condition 10 (list of approved plans) attached to approval 2021/03298/PA to allow for enclosing first floor open area, repositioned building to 2.4m to avoid tree roots and align with neighbouring building and omit external steps to create space for an independent refuse area	No Objection
35	2022/00214/PA	43 Rockingham Gardens Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2PN	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension	No Objection
36	2021/10720/PA	123 Parade Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1PU	Display of 3no. internally illuminated fascia signs and 1no. internally projecting sign	Whilst committee have no objection per se, they do respectfully request that if installed, the signs are in line with the Town Council's aspirations to improve the look of the town centre.

37	2021/10716/PA	123 Parade Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1PU	Alterations to shopfronts and installation of equipment plant to rear	No Objection
38	2021/07085/PA	69 Lichfield Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2NU	Erection of replacement boundary wall.	No Objection
39	2022/00122/PA	Odeon Cinema Maney Corner Sutton Coldfield B72 1QL	Listed Building Consent for the internal modernisation of existing standard tiered seating in all four Auditoria to accommodate upgraded sofa seats, installation of flex step lift to foyer, existing female WC entrance and wall layout altered to accommodate a new accessible WC and creation of external ramped access to front doors.	The Town Council welcomes the proposed investment in the Cinema's furnishings and fittings together with improved accessibility arrangements. This should form part of a comprehensive programme of repair works which is based on a full condition survey of the Listed Building and address all of the necessary requirements to re-open the cinema at the earliest opportunity.
40	2022/00158/PA	165 Tamworth Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B75 6DY	Erection of two and single storey front, two storey side and single storey rear extension.	No Objection
41	2022/00125/PA	Plantsbrook Academy Upper Holland Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1RB	Variation of Condition no.2 (approved plans) attached to Planning Approval 2021/06791/PA	No Objection
42	2022/00103/PA	5 Digby Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 6HG	Erection of single storey rear extension	No Objection
43	2021/10115/PA	56 Birmingham Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1QJ	Erection of 1no. studio flat	No Objection

44	2021/10846/PA	Good Hope Hospital Rectory Road Sutton Coldfield B75 7RR	Conversion of an existing squash court to create an Education Centre, installation of a mezzanine level and erection of single storey extension and entrance canopy	No Objection
45	2022/00141/PA	52 Somerville Road Birmingham B73 6HH	Erection of 5.45 metre deep single storey rear extension. Maximum height 4 metres, eaves height 2.3 metres	No Objection
46	2021/10855/PA	Gracechurch Shopping Centre The Parade Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72	Display of 1 no. digital 75" LCD advert screen in association with new BT Street Hub	Objection. Committee feel that the installation of a large screen is not in keeping with the Council's aspirations to improve the look of the town centre.
47	2021/10625/PA	26 Lichfield Road First Floor Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2NJ	Listed Building Consent for a change of use of first floor from office (Use Class E) to residential dwelling (Use Class C3)	No Objection
48	2021/10607/PA	26 Lichfield Road First Floor Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2NJ	Change of use of first floor from office (Use Class E) to residential dwelling (Use Class C3)	No Objection
49	2021/10863/PA	10 Driffold Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 6HE	Erection of single storey side and rear extension	No Objection
50	2021/10848/PA	52 Lichfield Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2NA	Erection of single storey side and rear extension	No Objection
51	2021/10841/PA	Gracechurch Shopping Centre The Parade Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72	Installation of replacement 1no. existing BT kiosk with new BT Street Hub	No Objection
52	2021/10840/PA	Land at Brassington Avenue Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 6EJ	Proposed erection of a new Food Retail Store (Class E) with associated access, car parking, servicing and	Deferred

			landscaping, together with public realm / open space	
	Vesey Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022			
No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation
53	2022/00291/PA	21 Queslett Road East Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B74 2ER	Erection of two storey side and two and single storey rear extension.	No Objection
54	2022/00249/PA	374 Chester Road North Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 6RL	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 no. dwelling house	Objection. Committee do not object in principle to such change however they feel that this proposal is excessive by mass and scale and is out of keeping with the street scene.
55	2022/00386/PA	22 George Frederick Road Birmingham B73 6TB	Erection of 4.25 metre deep single storey rear extension. Maximum height 3 metres, eaves height 2.5 metres	No Objection
56	2022/00111/PA	67 Monmouth Drive Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 6JH	Application for a lawful development certificate for the erection of a single storey detached building to rear garden	Objection. Committee feel that this is not lawful development and should be considered as a full planning application.
57	2021/10212/PA	94 Antrobus Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 5EL	Erection of two storey rear, first floor side and single storey forward extension	No Objection
58	2021/07521/PA	28 Buxton Road Boldmere Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 5RR	Erection of two storey front and first floor side extensions and installation of a rear dormer window.	No Objection

59	2022/00141/PA	52 Somerville Road Birmingham B73 6HH	Erection of 5.45 metre deep single storey rear extension. Maximum height 4 metres, eaves height 2.3 metres	No Objection
60	2021/10909/PA	37 Boldmere Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 5UY	Display of 1no. externally illuminated fascia sign	No Objection
61	2021/10899/PA	27 Antrobus Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 5EN	Erection of front porch and flat to pitch roof at side	No Objection
62	2021/10886/PA	130 Chester Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 6SL	Erection of single storey side extension and change of roof from hipped to pitched	No Objection
Walmley & Minworth Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022				
No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation
63	2022/00413/PA	Land at Kingfisher Pool Way Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B76 1RP	Application to determine the details for Conditions Nos 12 (ecological, biodiversity, enhancement measures scheme); 14 (lighting design strategy for biodiversity); 15 (hard & soft landscape details) and 16 (boundary treatment details) attached to approval 2020/08987/PA	No Objection
34	2022/00379/PA	Hermitage Farm Grove Lane Sutton Coldfield B76 9QJ	Application to determine the details for Condition No 2 (archaeological mitigation) attached to approval 2021/04816/PA	No Objection
65	2022/00415/PA	29 Penns Lake Road Sutton Coldfield B76 1LR	Non Material Amendment to planning approval 2021/05037/PA for re-location of windows, juliet balcony and new bi-fold doors to lower ground floor	No Objection

66	2022/00260/PA	12 Coldstream Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B76 1NW	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed garage conversion into habitable room, replacement garage door with window and replace kitchen window with box window.	No Objection
67	2022/00094/PA	1 Humber Avenue Sutton Coldfield B76 1YX	Erection of two storey side and rear and single storey rear extension	No Objection
68	2021/10771/PA	89 Springfield Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B76 2SN	Change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to care home (Use Class C2)	No Objection
69	2021/10148/PA	The Shrubbery School Walmley Ash Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B76 1HY	Extension to enlarge existing classroom block	No Objection
70	2022/00191/PA	52 Hemlingford Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B76 1JQ	Erection of two storey side and two and single storey rear extension	No Objection
71	2021/07172/PA	Holly Lane Farm Holly Lane Middleton Wishaw Sutton Coldfield B76 9PE	Construction of new access track (cross border application)	No Objection
72	2022/00025/PA	42 Allendale Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B76 1NL	Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of dormer window to side.	No Objection
Wylde Green Ward 6th January - 26th January 2022				
No	Application Number	Site Address	Development Description	SCTC Recommendation
73	2022/00368/PA	5 The Cobbles Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1XE	Non Material Amendment to planning approval 2021/03790/PA to change approved double hip to single hip and to move proposed ground floor kitchen window from 762mm to 1125mm	No Objection

74	2022/00265/PA	64 Wylde Green Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1HD	Installation of first floor glazed balustrade to front elevation and alterations to roof	No Objection
75	2022/00224/PA	12 Eastern Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B73 5NU	Erection of single storey rear extension	No Objection
76	2022/00159/PA	10 Monkseaton Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1LB	Erection of two and single storey rear and forward porch	No Objection
77	2022/00108/PA	27 Hillcrest Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1EG	Erection of forward and side extension with addition of a pitched roof	No Objection
78	2022/00102/PA	9 The Lanes Shopping Centre Birmingham Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham B72 1YG	Application to determine the details of conditions 2 (extraction and odour control details), 4 (sample materials) and 7 (cycle storage details) attached to planning approval 2021/02235/PA	No Objection

Resolved to forward Committee's recommendations to Birmingham City Council

(ii) Schedule of Amended Decisions

None.

(iii) Schedules of Planning Applications Decisions

Three applications were refused when Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council had no objections. These applications were rejected due to specific breaches of various building codes that Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council does not check as this is done by Birmingham City Council planners.

Committee expressed their strong disappointment that planning application 2021/09253/PA Grassed Area at Heath Croft Road was approved. This is a loss of a utilised green open space for the community. Committee were saddened to learn that a more suitable industrial location was not found to install a 15m pole and associated equipment.

Resolved that Committee note the decisions.

Resolved that the CEO writes to Birmingham City Council expressing Committee disappointment that planning application 2021/09253/PA Grassed Area at Heath Croft Road was approved.

76 Local Centre Improvements

The Chairman was pleased see further local centre improvements across Sutton Coldfield.

Resolved that Committee recommends to Council approval of the replanting of the beds at Harvest Fields at a cost of £12,779.09 from the Local Centre Improvements budget.

Resolved that Committee approve Jubilee carpet bed planting at a cost of £4,350 from the Local Centre Improvements budget.

Resolved that Committee approve street furniture improvements in Walmley at a cost of £2,100 from the Local Centre Improvements budget.

77 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st February 2022, 6pm.

Meeting closed: 19:40

Signed as a correct record

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Date.....