



Devizes Town Council

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: 20 JANUARY 2015

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Mrs Bridewell

Chairman: Councillor Giraud-Saunders

Councillors: Mrs Burton

Evans

Hopkins

Ody

Smith

Carter

Mrs Evans

Johnson

Parker

Wooldridge

East

Geddes

Nash

Mrs Rose

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2015 and which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

5. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached (doc 5/1).

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so on line at Wiltshire Council.

6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

7. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATION 14/09837/FUL

Recommendation

That the committee decides if it wishes to reconsider its decision to object to planning application 14/09837/FUL, in the light of additional information provided by the applicant.

Purpose of the Report

To reconsider the original decision on application 14/09837/FUL taking into account the additional information provided by the applicant.

Background

At its meeting on the 18 November, the committee considered planning application 14/09837/FUL for the formation of vehicular road off Station Road car park. At that meeting the committee felt that they were unable to support the application and objected on the grounds that it did not believe that the appropriate consultation has taken place as a number of properties who would be impacted by the proposals have not been contacted. In addition the biodiversity report is very limited and there is no discussion with regard to traffic flow.

Since that meeting Wiltshire Council has re-listed the application as an amendment to the original application “*Formation of a vehicular access off Station Road car park to land at Castle Farm (Amended location of access to development of Leisure Park approved under implemented planning permission K/13235/O)*”.

At the meeting of this committee on the 18 December the applicant attended to explain the purpose of the application and address the original objections which may have been raised.

It was explained that the application was to provide an alternative access on to the site which was owned by the applicant and which would enable them to progress the planning application to develop a Leisure Park for which the current planning approval allows. The applicant went on to explain that he has no ambition other than to develop the area as a Leisure Facility for the benefit of the local community.

In addressing specific issues raised in the objection, it was explained that the report provided was an “Endangered Species” report as required by planning legislation and not a “Biodiversity” report which is neither mandatory or had been asked for by the planning authority. With regard to traffic flow the applicant explained that traffic flows in the car park were no greater now than they were when the original application was granted. Usage of the car park is limited and therefore it is difficult to identify where any conflict would arise. Finally the application greed that they had not been entirely comfortable with the original planning application which is why they had requested that it was relisted referring it back for consultation.

Options Considered

The Committee are asked to decide if they wish to reconsidered the original decision taking into account the additional information provided by the applicant.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

8. QUESTION TIME

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK