

PLANNING COMMITTEE

1st March 2022

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Corbett

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Burton	East	Gay
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Hoult
	Hunter	Nash	Oliver
	Pennington	Rose	Stevens
	Wallis	Wooldridge	

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Elanor Oddy, Office Manager

Members of the Public: Yes

Prior to the meeting, the Chairman spoke about the unfolding war in Ukraine, and asked that officers write to Mr Danny Kruger MP on behalf of the Town Council, requesting Government support for the people of Ukraine.

504. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2022, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

505. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hopkins, Greenwood and Ormerod.

506. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Nash declared an interest in item 508, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

Councillor Bridewell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 508.../00910.

Councillor Wooldridge declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 508.../00902.

Councillor Wallis declared an interest in item 508, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee; and further in item 508.../00867 because whilst his family owed adjacent land, he has no financial or controlling interest in this land.

507. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were present, and Mr Salter requested to address the meeting on the first planning application to be discussed. Mr Geoff Baker from Wiltshire Gazette & Herald was also in attendance.

508. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL’S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2022/00867 - Mr Salter spoke to members on behalf of several other residents present, in objection to the submitted application. It was proposed by Councillor East, seconded by Councillor Hoult and AGREED

THAT the Committee OBJECTS to the application on the grounds that:

- a) It is not in accordance with much of the Neighbourhood Plan proposal;
- b) The walking distance to the town centre is too great;
- c) The access route is via a virtual cul-de-sac which will lead to potential congestion point increased traffic, which is not addressed by the Traffic Management Plan;
- d) There had been very limited local consultation, given the impact on the wider community;
- e) It is contrary to policy CP1, as the site is outside is mostly outside the settlement boundary;
- f) There are insufficient secondary school placements for new residents;
- g) The loss of essential green space would undermine the character of the area;
- h) The increased pressure on the roads network, will cause congestion at the entrance Hillworth Road from Long Street;
- i) This development would significantly impact on wildlife species and habitats including those of red and amber list birds and protected species;
- j) There would be irreversible and irreparable change to the landscape in contravention of policy CP51 which seeks to protect, conserve, or enhance the landscape;
- k) Wessex Water have raised concerns over fly and odour nuisance at the site which lies partly within the 250m fly zone and have asked the developer to carry out further sniff tests between April and September. This application should not be considered until those tests have occurred.

PL/2021/09263A - No objection
PL/2022/00500 - No objection
PL/2022/00540 - No objection
PL/2022/00902 - No objection
PL/2022/00910 - No objection

PL./2022/00977 - It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Oliver and AGREED

THAT The Committee OBJECTS to the application due to concerns about the proposed vehicle access from Horton Road.

PL/2022/01004 - It was proposed by Councillor East, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT The Committee OBJECTS to the application for reasons of overdevelopment of the plot, not being in keeping with the area.

PL/2022/01092 - No objection

PL/2022/01125 - No objection

PL/2022/01213 - It was proposed by Councillor Wooldridge, seconded by Councillor Corbett and AGREED

THAT The Committee OBJECTS to the application, requesting instead that the crown should be reduced and the tree re-shaped.

509. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL’S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

The report was received and noted.

510. FOR INFORMATION – PLANNING INSPECTORATE DECISION, LAND REAR OF 121-125 BRICKLEY LANE

The report was received and noted.

511. FOR DECISION – 20 MPH SPEED REQUEST, MARSHALL ROAD

Members were advised that a metro-count was likely to confirm 40mph as the correct speed limit in Marshall Road, and that it would be better to postpone such a request until any future developments are proposed, which would increase pressure on the road system. It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Hoult and AGREED

THAT The Committee would not start the process of seeking to reduce the speed limit in Marshall Road at this time, but would request traffic calming measures should any future developments be planned in that area.

512. FOR DECISION – UPDATE ON SUBSTANTIVE HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN DEVIZES

It was proposed by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT The committee requests an update from Wiltshire Council on investment in road improvements made over the last year and due to be made in the next year and beyond.

513. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN