

PLANNING COMMITTEE

14th March 2023

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stevens
Town Mayor: Councillor Corbett

Councillors:	Brown	East	Gay
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Hopkins
	Hoult	Hunter	Nash
	Oliver	Ormerod	Pennington
	Rose	Wallis	Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Taylor Minty, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: 5

482. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2023, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

483. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridewell, Britten and Greenwood.

484. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis informed the Committee that, following consultation with Wiltshire Council, there is no general obligation for them to declare an interest in planning applications for consideration in respect of their membership to Wiltshire Council Eastern Area Planning Committee. However, both Councillors agreed that they may do this on a voluntary basis. As such, Councillor Nash confirmed that he would declare an interest unless the planning applications were within his ward. Wallis also stated that he will judge planning applications outside of his ward on their merits. Both Councillors declared an interest in minute item no.486 as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

Councillor Hopkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute item no. 489.

485. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 5 members of the public present.

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

PL/2023/01036 – No objection
PL/2023/01252 – No objection
PL 2023/01253 – No objection

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

The committee received and noted the report.

488. REPORT FOR DECISION – DEVELOPMENT OF 33 DWELLINGS ON LAND NORTH OF MARSHALL ROAD

Members of Wiltshire Council addressed the Committee. They informed the Committee that if the NHS is granted outline planning consent, they will purchase the land and erect dwellings. A presentation was delivered on their goals for the project, such as 100% affordable housing.

Councillors expressed their concerns to the presenters. However, following a number of questions being asked and answered, the Committee seemed satisfied.

Ultimately, it was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT	The Council supports the development of 33 dwellings on land North of Marshall Road on the basis of its green benefits. However, note should still be taken of DTC’s initial concerns.
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489. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – RESIDENTIAL PARKING SOUTHBROOM ROAD

Councillor Ormerod queried that there may have been a sampling issue in light of the given figures. The Town Clerk informed the Committee that correct sampling methods had been employed as it had been undertaken by senior officers. The Committee received and noted report.

490. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Ormerod informed the Committee that he will be unable to attend the Planning Inspectorate hearing and asked that another Committee member represent DTC.

Councillor Hopkins relayed residents’ concerns relating to the poor state of the roads in Devizes as well as issues relating to gullies. He asked five questions in all.

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- 1. As unitary councillors do you think the state of the roads within Devizes are satisfactory?*
- 2. Since the visit of the cabinet member and chief engineer to a town council meeting last year has any pressure been put on the cabinet to push forward remedial works in the current maintenance plan?*
- 3. Is Devizes a poor relation when it comes to allocation in particular towns like Chippenham and Trowbridge?*
- 4. Last year there was mention of getting the clearance team to come to Devizes over several days in order to try and get to grips with the issue. Has any progress been made in this direction?*
- 5. Are there any proposed road improvements to the Green Lane area in particular with relation surrounding the entrance to the Wiltshire FA facility and the problems relating to congestion.*

Councillor Nash responded that where there are specific issues, residents should submit these through the My Wilts app. Councillor Wallis also confirmed that he would take the questions away and report back.

CHAIRMAN