

PLANNING COMMITTEE

28th March 2023

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

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	East	Gay	Geddes
	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood	Hopkins
	Hoult	Oliver	Ormerod
	Rose	Wallis	Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Maria Roddy, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: 12

510. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2023, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

511. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hunter, Nash, and Pennington

512. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Wallis informed the Committee that there is now no general obligation for him to declare an interest in planning applications for consideration in respect of his membership to Wiltshire Council Eastern Area Planning Committee; however, he may do this on a voluntary basis. As such, he confirmed that he would declare an interest unless the planning applications were within his ward, and he will judge planning applications outside of his ward on their merits. He then declared a partial interest in minute item no.486 as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee for any plan that was not listed as being within North Ward.

Councillor Oliver declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications PL/2023/01631 and PL/2023/01776 as near neighbours, but would speak in the debate

Councillor Giraud-Saunders declared a non-pecuniary interest in application PL/2023/01631 as a near neighbour, but would take part in the debate and vote

513. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 12 members of the public present.

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

PL/2022/08512 – It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT whilst the Committee had no objection to the application in principle any approval must be conditioned to allow for the management of noise and odours.

PL/2023/01631 - No objection

PL/2023/01697 - No objection

PL/2023/01776 - No objection

PL/2023/01782 - No objection

PL/2023/01785 - No objection

PL/2023/01791 – After some considerable debate, where the applicant took the opportunity to address the committee, it was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Rose and AGREED

THAT the Committee objects to the application on the grounds the current plans have not given sufficient thought to the site access in that it uses relatively a narrow path that would put pedestrians at risk. In addition, it was felt that the installation of glamping pods in close proximity to the nature reserve would have a significant negative visual impact on the area.

It was further agreed, that Councillor Jacobs, the divisional councillor for the area would be asked to call the application in so that it is considered by the Eastern Area Planning Committee.

PL/2023/01830 - No objection

PL/2023/01911 - No objection

PL/2023/02222 - No objection, but request that the trees are replaced

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

The committee received and noted the report.

516. REPORT FOR DECISION - LAND OFF COATE ROAD

After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Rose and Unanimously Agreed

THAT Councillor Wallis represents Devizes Town Council at the appeal hearing against the decision to refuse planning consent for up to 200 dwellings plus associated works on land off Coate Road, to be heard by the planning inspectorate. It was further agreed that Councillor Ormerod would brief Councillor Wallis before the hearing.

517. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Hopkins expressed his disappointment that he had not had a response to the questions he raised at the last meeting. Councillor Wallis advised that once the local election was concluded he would respond.

CHAIRMAN