

PLANNING COMMITTEE
23rd November 2021

Present: Chairman: Councillor Greenwood

Councillors:	Bridewell	Brown	Burton
	East	Gay	Geddes
	Giraud-Saunders	Hopkins	Hunter
	Oliver	Ormerod	Pennington
	Rose	Stevens	Wallis
	Wooldridge		

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: 25

345. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 2021 had been circulated to all members. They were amended to show that under item 330, PL/2021/0493B, the proposal to object had been seconded by Councillor Greenwood, not Councillor Wallis as stated. The amended minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

346. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Britten, Corbett and Nash.

347. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Giraud-Saunders declared an interest in the first application for consideration under item 349, as a resident of Parkfields. Councillor Wallis declared an interest in item 349, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

348. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 25 members of the public present, and several wished to address the meeting.

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

21/02477/OUT - Councillors and five members of the public addressed the meeting to express objections concerning inter alia: inadequate existing town infrastructure to cope with the proposed development; the previous commitment, given when Quakers Walk was approved, to retain this area as a green space; the loss of privacy and seclusion enjoyed by the residents of

Parkfields; the likelihood of increased crime in what is currently a safe area, particularly with the introduction of a footpath where there is currently none; the evident risk to children playing outside with the increased roadside parking and through traffic; poor consideration of access, given that Quakers Road is a more appropriate route than the narrow Parkfield Terrace.

It was noted that a meeting was to be arranged between residents and the newly elected Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire.

Councillor Oliver proposed, was seconded by Councillor Geddes and supported by fifteen members voting in agreement, with Councillors Wallis and Giraud-Saunders abstaining:

THAT the Committee objects to the planning application, due to:

1. No mitigation of the traffic impact on London Road – this is a hazardous area close to a pedestrian crossing, and any new building on the London Road A4361 requires new traffic impact mitigation measures;
2. The impact on Parkfield Terrace resulting from reduced pavements following road widening, and what would remain an inadequate road. Any access would have to be limited to Quakers Road;
3. Over-development of the area in general – the plans continue to propose too many houses;
4. Impact on Air Quality is trivialised in the application – it is within the Air Quality Management Area, would contribute to poorer air quality and this needs to be addressed;
5. Biodiversity impact mitigation is not credible – ie leaving a small strip of land for badgers. The building works and resulting development would inevitably cause great disturbance to the sett;
6. No account has been taken of the high-water table in that area;
7. Limited account has been taken of sustainability – it needs to be fully designed into the housing with a requirement for solar panels, electric car charging points, ground source heat pumps etc;
8. Pending further discussions between PCC and Roundway councillors and residents.

OBJECTION CARRIED.

Thirteen members of the public left the meeting.

PL/2021/09111 - No objection
PL/2021/09931 - No objection
PL/2021/09957 - No objection

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PL/2021/10077 - Councillor Ormerod proposed and was seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders

THAT the Committee objects to the application on the grounds of inappropriate design materials.

The Committee voted on the proposal but it was not carried.

Councillor Hunter proposed, seconded by Councillor Oliver and it was AGREED

THAT the Committee does not object to the application.

PL/2021/10123 - No objection

PL/2021/10368 - No objection

PL/2021/10583 - No objection

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

Councillor Wallis had received no further information concerning the granting of permission at Lansdowne Mews, despite having called in the application.

351. FOR DECISION – COMPLAINT OF POOR STREET LIGHTING IN THE LITTLE BRITTOX

It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT officers should continue to pursue an improvement to the street lighting in both Little Brittox and the Brittox, with Wiltshire Council and the contractor Atkins.

352. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN