

PLANNING COMMITTEE

1st February 2022

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Corbett

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Burton	Gay	Giraud-Saunders
	Greenwood	Hopkins	Hoult
	Hunter	Nash	Oliver
	Ormerod	Pennington	Stevens
	Wallis	Wooldridge	

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

Members of the Public: Eight

450. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2022, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

451. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors East, Geddes and Mrs Rose.

452. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Wooldridge declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 459.

Councillor Nash declared an interest in item 454, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

Councillors Hunter and Oliver both declared an interest in item 457, as Trustees of OpenDoors.

Councillor Wallis declared an interest in both items 454, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee, and 457 as a Trustee of OpenDoors.

453. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were eight members of the public present, but none wished to address the meeting.

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

PL/2021/07203 - It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and AGREED

THAT The Committee OBJECTS to the application as it does not consider that the urban design adequately captures the intent of the Government’s “Build Beautiful” proposals as it does not create any individual identity for the area in an appropriate built form.

PL/2021/11708 - No objection
PL/2021/11727 - No objection. It was however proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT Whilst not objecting to the application, the Committee requests that a transport assessment be carried out, in relation to the access on to the A361 London Road and that any recommendations are included as planning conditions.

PL/2022/00129 - No objection. It was however proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Bridewell and AGREED

THAT The Committee requests that the removed lime is replaced with two lime trees.

PL/2022/00269 - No objection
PL/2022/00299 - No objection
PL/2022/00332 - No objection
PL/2022/00396 - No objection
PL/2022/00401 - No objection
PL/2022/00411 - It was proposed by Councillor Houtt, seconded by Councillor Oliver and AGREED

THAT Whilst the committee had No Objection to the application, the committee, wishes to seek a condition that a traffic management plan be put in place, given the narrowness of the road and the implication for residents’ access to other properties in the road.

PL/2022/00463 - No objection
PL/2022/00603 - No objection.

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

The committee received and noted the report.

456. FOR DECISION – FADED AND WORN ROAD MARKINGS IN DEVIZES

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

THAT the compiled list should be submitted to Highways, whose technician has agreed to survey the sites proposed and advise the Committee which of those meet the criteria for reinstatement; these will then be submitted formally to Highways as a request for repainting and reinstatement.

457. FOR DECISION – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST, IMPROVED SIGNAGE, SOUTHBROOM CENTRE

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Wooldridge and
AGREED

THAT the Committee supports the proposal by Devizes Opendoors to improve directional street signage to the drop-in centre at the Southbroom Centre.

458. FOR DECISION – MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, THE NURSERY

It was noted that that a Highways technician had confirmed that the road markings were not in a sufficiently poor state to meet the criteria for reinstatement, and that the Parish Steward should be asked to undertake the necessary cleaning of the beacons. It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brown and AGREED

THAT The Committee requests the Community Area Transport Group to provide an update on the previous request for a pelican crossing, made nine years previously, and to investigate other road crossing upgrade options.

459. FOR DECISION – DEVIZES SCOOTER RALLY

Members praised the high standard of the comprehensive event management plan and risk assessment. It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Nash and AGREED

THAT The Committee has no objection to the proposed Scooter Rally.

460. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Wooldridge expressed concern at the poor state of the Millennium White Horse and asked whether plans were in place to improve its appearance. Officers advised that it had been hoped to get this work done with the support of the 'Payback Scheme' but that had fallen through. It was intended to reinstate the hill figure in the spring/summer, before the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

CHAIRMAN