

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Corbett  
Mayor: Councillor Gay

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Burton
	East	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders
	Greenwood	Hopkins	Hoult
	Hunter	Oliver	Ormerod
	Rose	Stevens	Wooldridge

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

Members of the Public: Eleven

### **558. MINUTES**

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

### **559. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Nash, Pennington and Wallis.

### **560. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hopkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 566, as a resident of Southbroom Road, and confirmed that he would speak on this matter.

### **561. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were 11 members of the public present, including Wiltshire Councillor Simon Jacobs and Geoff Baker from the Gazette & Herald.

Jon Hargreaves, member of Wiltshire Youth Council and Wiltshire Youth Parliament, also attended the meeting.

Mrs Sue Buxton asked the Town Council to urge the Government to take action to deal with poverty in Devizes; the Chairman advised that as a non-Agenda item it could not be addressed at the meeting but he would speak with her after the meeting.

Mr Scott Adams and Ms Sally Nosedá public requested to speak on item 566.

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

PL/2022/00411 - No objection

PL/2022/01510 and PL/2022/01512- It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor East and AGREED

THAT the Committee objects to the application as it conflicts with Local Plan policy to retain retail frontages, thus undermining the vitality of the town centre.

PL/2022/01626 - No objection

PL/2022/01639 - No objection. Members commended the unusually high standard of supporting documentation.

PL/2022/01939 - No objection

PL/2022/01997 - No objection

PL/2022/02057 - Following a long discussion in which it was noted that although many of the previous objections upheld by the Planning Inspectorate had been addressed, the application remained unsatisfactory, it was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED

THAT the Committee objects to the application on the grounds of the lack and quality of amenity space, and that the proposed development overlooking properties on Brickley Lane would infringe on the privacy of those properties, contrary to established policy. In addition, the lack of a credible foul water management plan is of real concern

PL/2022/02082 - It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Wooldridge and AGREED

THAT the Committee objects to the application because the poor standard of documentation submitted does not give any justification for the removal of this healthy tree.

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

The committee received and noted the report.

**564. FOR INFORMATION – UPDATE ON SUBSTANTIVE HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN DEVIZES**

The report was received and noted.

**565. FOR DECISION – LACK OF DUAL ACCESS TO SILVERWOOD SCHOOL**

Following some discussion in which it was noted that full planning permission had already been granted by Wiltshire Council, it was proposed by Councillor Gay, seconded by Councillor Rose and AGREED

THAT Devizes Town Council notes the concern of Rowde Parish Council about the development of Silverwood School, and the potential increase in vehicle movement that the enhanced facility will attract.

However, the Town Council has had no immediate data concerning this development, nor any anecdotal evidence around which to form an opinion; accordingly, it invites Rowde Parish Council to ask, on behalf of both councils, that Wiltshire Council's Children's Services provides an indication of the potential taxi, bus and private car movements together with proposed new timings of school day start and finish, in order that they may better form an opinion on potential local impact.

**566. FOR DECISION – REQUEST FOR A RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE IN SOUTHBROOM ROAD**

A comprehensive discussion took place, during which the committee and members of the public raised further pertinent issues regarding the matter of parking in Southbroom Road and officers further explained the process of seeking residential parking permission from Wiltshire Council. This concluded with a proposal by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED

THAT the Committee supports the broad principle of a residential parking zone in Southbroom Road; and that the request should be submitted to Wiltshire Council with an appropriate consultation conducted with the residents who would be affected, including those living beyond Southbroom Road.

**567. QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Geddes made members aware of a large advertising sign sited in a particularly prominent location at Shackleton Place, and queried whether it required planning consent. Officers agreed to investigate and report back to the Committee.

CHAIRMAN