

PLANNING COMMITTEE

20 December 2022

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

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

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

Members of the Public: 21

326. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2022, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

327. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Greenwood, Oliver, Pennington, Geddes, Burton, Britten and Hunter.

328. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Wallis declared an interest in item 330, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Board. Councillor Hoult declared an interest in items 333 and 334, as a member of Cycle Friendly Devizes and Councillor Rose declared an interest in item 332 as resident of Avon Road.

329. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 21 members of the public present.

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

PL/2022/06061 - It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor East and AGREED

THAT the Committee rejects the application on the grounds that the proposed demolition

of barns at Roundway Farm and erection of three dwellings comes close to the boundary of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Ultimately, the planning application is at conflict with Core Policy 51 and its principle for the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the landscape.

PL/2022/07443 - No objection
PL/2022/08168 - No objection
PL/2022/08402 - No objection
PL/2022/08677 - No objection
PL/2022/08753 - No objection
PL/2022/08846 - No objection

PL/2022/08923 - Comment: Councillor Giraud-Saunders expressed support for the maintenance as the tree has been known to fall on individuals.
PL/2022/08935 - No objection
PL/2022/09056 - It was proposed by Councillor Woolridge and AGREED

THAT considering the Ash Dieback on the tree, the Committee recommends that the tree is felled.

PL/2022/08744 - An NHS consultant, Johnny Kidney, addressed the meeting to explain the illustrative layout provided, and present feedback offered by local residents.

Committee members expressed their concerns for the planning application on the following bases:

- a) The risk to the hedgerow and tree to the South of the illustration.
- b) The lack of 'affordable housing' available.
- c) That the plans do not meet the 'mixed-use' principle due to the lack of leisure and recreational facilities.
- d) The potential for antisocial behaviour.
- e) The lack of sustainable infrastructure.
- f) Overflow of cars due to a lack of parking spaces.

Four members of the public addressed the meeting and objected to the following:

- g) Household labelled E which would be overlooked.
- h) The risk to the hedgerow.
- i) The lack of consideration for disabled access external and internal to the residential properties.
- j) Any future marginalisation of sustainable infrastructure.

Following a discussion of these points, it was ultimately proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and AGREED

THAT the committee rejects the proposal on the grounds of the risk posed by the single detached house to the hedgerow and tree to the South, and the lack of affordable housing.

331. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL’S NOTICE OF PLAN GRANTED OR REFUSED

The committee received and noted the report.

332. REPORT FOR DECISION – DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN THE AVON ROAD AREA

It was proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Wallis and unanimously AGREED

THAT in order to prevent congestion of parked vehicles and enable emergency vehicle access, the Committee supports installing double yellow lines in Avon Road near the junctions with Salisbury Street and Beauclerc Street.

333. REPORT FOR DECISION – CYCLE PARKING REVIEW, NOVEMBER 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Hoult and unanimously AGREED

THAT the cycle stands near the fountain remain in place for now, whilst one of the cycle stands on the bus island is relocated to a new site with suggestions from Cycle Friendly Devizes where that may be.

334. REPORT FOR DECISION – MAKING CYCLING IN DEVIZES SAFER AND INCLUSIVE

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and unanimously AGREED

THAT the Committee supports the principle of the project but believes that it requires Cycle Friendly Devizes to work with

Sustainable Devices to develop the project before reporting back to the committee. The committee also urges Cycle Friendly Devices to promote safer cycling more generally.

335. REPORT FOR DECISION – IMPROVED HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR DUNKIRK HILL

Five members of the public addressed the meeting. They expressed their support for the improved highway safety of Dunkirk hill in light of recent injuries sustained by local residents resulting from collisions in the area. It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Gay and unanimously AGREED

THAT the committee endorses the request that the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group look to improve pedestrian and traffic safety on Dunkirk Hill, with measures such as a reduction of the speed limit, implementation of a ‘Speed Indicator Device’ and improved signage, as well as undertaking a MetroCount, to better understand the scale of the problem.

336. QUESTION TIME

No questions were presented.

CHAIRMAN