

PLANNING COMMITTEE

03rd January 2023

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

Councillors: Britten Brown Gay
 Giraud-Saunders Greenwood Hopkins
 Hoult Nash Ormerod
 Pennington Rose Wallis
 Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
 Taylor Minty, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: 19

369. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th December 2022 were challenged by Councillor Wallis on the ground that the amendments made to item 333 required further correction to 'Sustainable Working Party'. This was agreed by the Committee and the minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

370. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridewell, East, Geddes, Hunter and Oliver.

371. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis declared an interest in minute item 373 as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

372. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 19 members of the public present.

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

Link to PL/2022/09457 - No objection
Link to PL/2022/09567 - No objection
Link to PL/2022/09628 - No objection
Link to PL/2022/09667 - No objection

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

The committee received and noted the report.

375. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – FIVE YEAR HOUSING SUPPLY

Councillor Wallis asked that the Council's gratitude to the local MP, for passing on their concerns to the department for Levelling Up, be noted. Furthermore, it was asked to be noted that this highlights the importance of keeping the local plan up to date. Councillor Ormerod agreed on this point and queried whether the local plan is being kept up to date with Wiltshire Council. Councillor Wallis confirmed that there is a meeting to be held in March on this matter.

376. REPORT FOR DECISION – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST, PANS LANE/BYRON ROAD/ GREEN LANE JUNCTION

Councillor Nash highlighted that the title of this item is misleading and should read as 'Pans Lane' rather than Byron Road. It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and unanimously AGREED

THAT Councillor Oliver is to take this forward to the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group.

377. REPORT FOR DECISION – VIABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR OUTLINE PLANNING CONSENT FOR THE HOSPITAL SITE

Councillor Ormerod was content that the Town Clerk had covered everything in his report. It was reminded that the issue of affordable housing is what made this project nonviable, and having looked up the plans for affordable housing with Trust for Devizes, Councillor Ormerod highlighted that information had been redacted. A general discussion amongst Councillors followed surrounding the importance of transparency and dealing with this site correctly. Councillor Greenwood also asked for clarification as to whether the site would revert back to its beneficiaries should it be used for any purpose other than as a hospital site.

It was ultimately proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and AGREED

THAT In accordance with the Government's Good Practice Guidelines, Devizes Town Council requests Wiltshire Council to provide a copy of the unredacted report.

Councillor Wallis requested that his vote against this proposal was recorded. He stated that the viability assessment is conducted independently and this independent body is the one to make recommendations. Councillor Wallis had already emailed councillors about this redacted document and informed them

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that the planning officer will push for social housing. Overall, Councillor Wallis believed that the Councillor's had done their part.

378. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN