

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

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

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

Members of the Public: 12

**401. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**402. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Brown.

**403. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Nash and Councillor Wallis disclosed an interest in minute item 405 as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

**404. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were 12 members of the public present.

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

PL/2022/09756 – No objection  
PL/2023/00108 – No objection  
PL/2022/09804 – No objection  
PL/2023/00126 – No objection  
PL/2023/00072 – No objection  
PL/2023/00107 – No objection  
PL/2022/08168 – No objection

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

The committee received and noted the report.

**407. REPORT FOR DECISION – DROPPED KERB ON COUCH LANE**

Councillor Nash highlighted that the pavement concerned only offers access to the business which made the appeal. Councillor Nash thus suggested that the Committee offers support in-principle but not financially. Councillor Wallis also informed the Committee that the kerb in question is next to the community hospital site. The Wiltshire Council’s Highways department have requested a condition be placed on the hospital site development that the developer contribute £150k to improve walking and cycling access in to the town centre. If this happens then some of the funding could be used for this project. Councillor Wallis therefore agreed with Councillor Nash’s opinion. Councillor Geddes raised that, regardless, the interests of disabled people should be upheld; a pavement that is not fit for disabled people is not fit for purpose.

Ultimately, it was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Wallis and unanimously AGREED

THAT The Committee supports a dropped kerb on Couch Lane in-principle, however the Committee does not wish to make financial contribution.

**408. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPEAL INQUIRY NOTIFICATION PL/2021/04774 – LAND OFF COATE ROAD**

Following a discussion in which Councillors agreed that the Committee should express its objection to this application, it was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Rose and unanimously AGREED

THAT The Council is to make representations at the appeal to object to the application. In doing so, the Council shall contact and ask local MP Danny Kruger to provide a letter of support for the Council’s objection. Furthermore, it will be highlighted that Devizes and Wiltshire are delivering well on housing numbers as it is, and current housing development has a focus toward brownfield sites.

It was also proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Hunter and unanimously AGREED

THAT Councillor Ormerod is to represent the Council.

**409. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN