



Devizes Town Council

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following place, date and time.

Date: 1st August 2023

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Tel: 01380 723333

Chairman: Councillor Hopkins

Mayor: Councillor Stevens

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

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting, held on 18th July 2023, which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

5. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached here: [\[Doc5/1\]](#)

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so online at Wiltshire Council.

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

Attached here [\[Doc 6/1\]](#) are a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

7. REPORT FOR DECISION – LCWIP CONSULTATION

Recommendation

That the committee reviews the proposed Town Council response to the Local Cycling and Walking Improvement Plan (LCWIP) consultation set out in this report and decides if it agrees.

Purpose of the Report

To agree the Town Council's consultation response to the LCWIP.

Background

Members of the Sustainability Working Party have met with Cycle Friendly Devizes to review the LCWIP and prepare a common response to the consultation which is set out below.

Whilst the principle of the wider consultation is to put forward a preferred suggestion, the view agreed was that as the Town Council we should support the outcome of that consultation and put no one preferred suggestion forward but respond to the plan as a whole.

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The opportunity has been missed to test the appetite in the community for active travel which is disappointing. The consultation only provides an opportunity to give a binary choice between cycling and walking which is felt should have been a chance to promote active travel.

Overall, the recommendation is that Devizes Town Council fully supports the plan as it provides evidence-based strategy for cycling and walking improvements which will be essential when applying for grant funding, and this improved cycling and walking infrastructure then supports a reduction in local car journeys which in turn will help combat town centre congestion and improve air quality. We agree with the prioritised routes and the identified need for segregated cycle lanes to make people feel safer whilst cycling along the roads.

There is an argument that priority should be given to those parts of the plan that encourage cycling and walking into the town centre and this should be undertaken before those parts of the plan that deal with the town centre. The town centre plans could prove to be more controversial and as such the wider benefits around improving street scene which will support greater footfall will need to be clearly set out,

Looking at the plan in more detail, whilst it recognises the importance of linking the town centre with the employment sites and housing on the outskirts of town with liner routes, there is little to suggest how this might link into the existing cycle network, therefore it is disappointing there is no wider cycle and walking networking strategy the sits behind this plan.

Specific Feedback on LCWIP

Chapter One: Intro

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'The key outputs of LCWIPs are:

- *A prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment*

There is a general question why the consultation is asking the community to choose which scheme should be prioritised when qualified consultants were engaged with a remit to prioritise based on an evidenced based system and coordinate with other planned works and as such this should be an evidence-based decision.

Chapter Two: Scope

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It is disappointing that the buffer zone is only 5km, when evidence shows on average, e-bike commuters make longer trips than

conventional bike commuters (9.8 km versus 6.3 km)¹. The LCWIP Technical Guidance for local Authorities², 3.4 states 'When defining the geographical area covered by the LCWIP, the likely distance travelled by foot or cycle should be considered. Cycling has the potential to replace trips by other modes, typically up to 10kms. If a more realistic buffer zone of 10km were used, that would easily incorporate both villages of Bromham and Urchfont.

Chapter Four: Baseline Information

It is noted that the Census data is from 2011 is used for method of travel to work. It is felt that the Census data from 2021 should have been used as it identifies as it shows an increase of 23% to work from home which is now 30%. This gives a greater opportunity for people to change habits and walk or cycle around Devizes as they are no longer commuting and should not think of the car as a primary method of transport .

Figures 4.9 & 4.10 Page 21

This shows that the propensity to cycle in along the A342 Bromham/Rowde/ Devizes is one of the highest routes most likely to be cycled, more so than DC1-1 section, therefore it is questioned why it has not been identified as a priority route.

Page 23 Travel to work cycle demand

This shows one of the highest flows along the A342 Bromham/Rowde/Devizes. Why has a route not been identified here?

Chapter Eight: Cycle Infrastructure Improvements

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The omission of school streets is disappointing as their inclusion will support important behavioural change. There is an opportunity to protect children at Southbroom School Junior school with the implementation of a school street to slow traffic down at school opening and closing times.

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This recommends two-way segregated cycleways on London Road, New Park Road, Nursteed Road and Windsor Drive. It is also felt that it would be appropriate along Windsor Drive, combined with side road treatments prioritising cycling. On London Road, though should be given to one-way cycle lane as this may be more suitable for the roundabouts and side roads.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it agrees with the response set out in this report or if it wishes to make any amendment.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

8. REPORT FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION

Recommendation

That the committee reviews the Wiltshire Council Air Quality Action Plan and decides if it wishes to respond to the consultation.

Purpose of the Report

To allow the Town Council to consider what if any comments it wishes to make about the Wiltshire Council Air Quality Action Plan.

Background

Wiltshire Council have opened a statutory consultation on their Air Quality Action Plan Document which will run for six weeks until 4 September.

As well as transport contributing over a third of all carbon emissions in Wiltshire, it also releases harmful gases that affect the quality of the air. Wiltshire Council monitors air quality across the county to assess the levels of harmful gases in the local environment. This monitoring has shown that the air quality in Wiltshire is very good but in a few

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heavily trafficked areas they have identified levels of nitrogen dioxide that are too high.

Nitrogen dioxide is a product of combustion and in Wiltshire's case the high levels are being caused by emissions from motor vehicles. The biggest contributors are diesel cars and Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) have been declared around Wiltshire where the nitrogen dioxide levels are excessive. Wiltshire Council is required by law to produce an action plan detailing the measures that will be used to reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide in these locations.

Wiltshire Council has produced a summary of their Air Quality Action Plan alongside a more detailed plan to help inform how they plan to ensure that the quality of the air the local population breathes is safe. The plan contains a list of proposed actions and measures that we will take to improve air quality, more specifically for the reduction in levels of nitrogen dioxide in eight areas in the county where levels have been found to be excessive.

Devizes is recorded as one of the eight areas in the county where nitrogen dioxide has been found to be excessive, with the junctions around Shanes Castle and at the Brewery Corner identified as places where action is required.

Within the non-technical summary circulated alongside this agenda, the strategy identifies a number of corporate plans to improve air quality, such as the rolling out of EV charging infrastructure; the Local transport plans, with LTP4 currently being in development; Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans; Bus Service Improvement Plans; The Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and the Wiltshire Climate Strategy. The plan also set out aspirations such as car club and E-bike schemes; taxi low emission licencing; low traffic neighbourhoods, and promoting active travel. Plans to investigate how road works can be kept to a minimum during peak times, how Wiltshire Council can work with other local authorities and promote no idling schemes are also set out in the document.

The consultation survey also asks three questions.

Question 1. *To what extent do you agree or disagree that the actions in the draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) will overall deliver the necessary air quality improvements in Wiltshire?*

Question 2. *Do you have any comments about the overall objectives contained in the AQAP?*

Question 3. *Are there any areas or issues you think are currently missing and should be included in the plan*? * The plan is focused on nitrogen dioxide because there are 8 areas in*

Wiltshire that are above the UK requirement for nitrogen dioxide. Levels in these areas have to be reduced and the Action plan is the council's response to that need. Recent public concern has centred on very fine particulates (PM2.5). This is not included in the plan directly and is the subject of a separate work stream. We will not be taking comments on PM2.5 in connection with this particular document.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide how it wishes to respond to the consultation.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

9. REPORT FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL AIR QUALITY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Recommendation

That the committee reviews the Wiltshire Council Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document and decides if it wishes to respond to the consultation.

Purpose of the Report

To allow the Town Council to consider what, if any, comments it wishes to make about the Wiltshire Council Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document.

Background

Wiltshire Council have opened a statutory consultation on their Supplementary Planning Document, which will run for six weeks until 4 September.

Local planning decisions play an important role in maintaining and improving local air quality and as such the planning process can significantly impact the design, location and management of emission sources and sensitive receptors.

Wiltshire Council has developed a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which they hope will assist developers in improving air quality and lowering transport emissions, in line with national planning and the aims and objectives of Wiltshire's Air Quality Action Plan and Air Quality Strategy

Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document outlines the importance of the following:

1. The base design of the development
2. How to classify a development site and what type of air quality assessment is appropriate
3. Emissions calculations
4. Appropriate mitigation/design including our policy on financial 'off setting' contributions

The supplementary guidance then goes on to explain how developers must assess risk by undertaking a three-step approach as part of any planning application, to allow Wiltshire Council to determine acceptability and determine whether further mitigation or offsetting contributions are necessary.

Within the document there are three types of site classification:

Site Type	Description	Criteria
Type 1	Any development in Wiltshire	All developments in Wiltshire where Type 2 and Type 3 criteria do not apply

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Type 2	Developments likely to increase traffic levels and pollution	Developments that exceed site land use and development size thresholds outlined in appendix B
Type 3	As Type 2, however where development is likely to likely to exacerbate areas of existing poor air quality	Any Type 2 site that meets the following: Where any air quality deterioration is observed/predicted in an AQMA, or in an area where the annual mean NO ₂ is already >38µg/m ³ OR If the development reduces average speeds by more than 10km/h, significantly alters congestion or involves substantial infrastructure changes

The guidance then goes on to set out the types of documentation that will be needed for classification of development, then provides a mitigation checklist for developers to understand what planning officers will be looking for.

The consultation survey as asks three questions:

Question 1. *To what extent do you agree or disagree that the actions in the draft Air Quality Strategic Planning Document will assist the council in protecting air quality in Wiltshire through the planning process?*

Question 2. *Do you have any comments about the methodology and mitigation measures proposed?*

Question 3. *Are there any areas or issues you think are currently missing and should be included in the document?*

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide how it wishes to respond to the consultation.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

10. REPORT FOR DECISION – ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 CONFETTI BATTLE

Recommendation

That the committee considers the road closure request for the 2023 Confetti Battle and decides if it has any comment or objection to the application.

Purpose of the Report

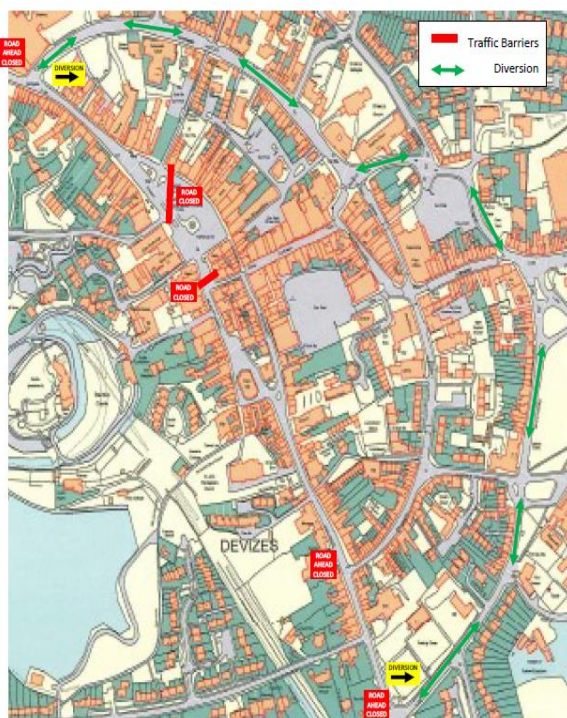
To provide an opportunity for the Council to comment on the application for the Confetti Battle road closure.

Background

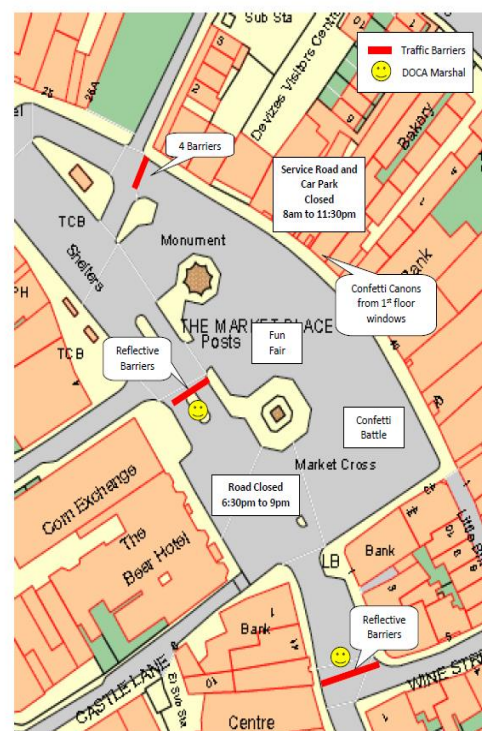
Wiltshire Council are currently consulting on a road closure request from DOCA for the 2023 Confetti Battle on Saturday 19th August between 6:30pm and 9:00pm.

As set out in the map below, the road closure will be in the Market Place between the Junction with Station Road and the junction with Wine Street. Both Station Road and Wine Street will remain open during the closure. The bus island and the Market Place taxi place will remain accessible during the closure. The rank in St John's St will be unavailable for about one hour from 6:30pm.

In common with road closures of this nature, the diversion will be via New Park Street and Southbroom Road between Brewery Corner and the Southgate Roundabout.



Event Map



Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it has any comments on the road closure request for the 2023 Confetti Battle.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

10. REPORT FOR DECISION – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FORM: H-BARS IN LONGCROFT ROAD

Recommendation

The committee decides if it supports a resident's request for H-Bars in Longcroft Road.

Purpose of the Report

For the committee to decide if it supports a resident's request for H-Bars in Longcroft Road

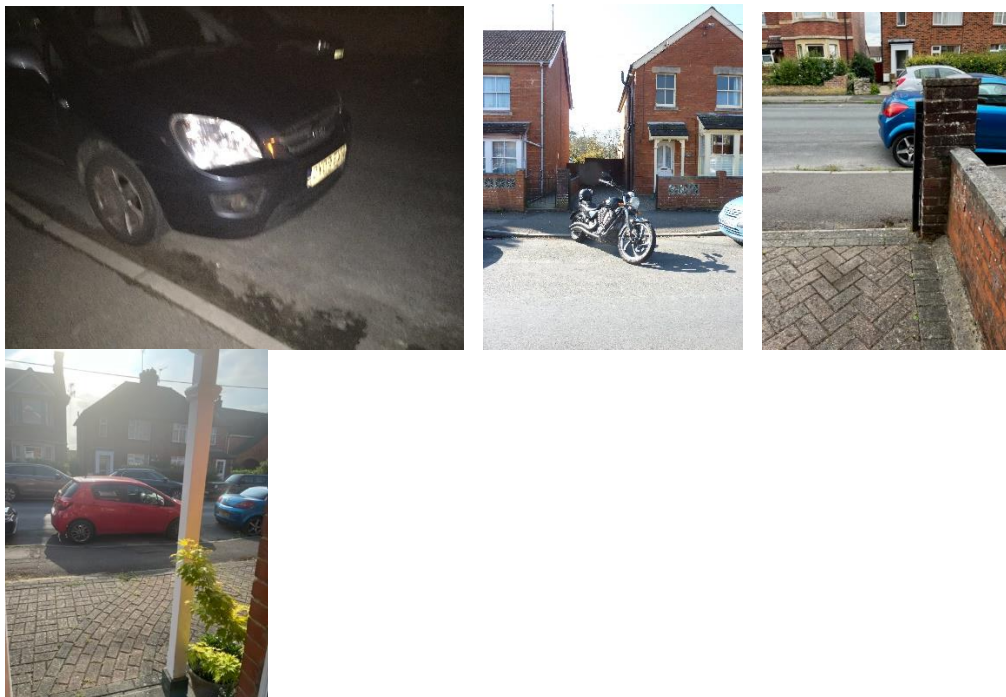
Background

Officers have received a Highways Improvement Request Form from a resident of Longcroft Road, requesting that H-Bars are positioned outside number 52.

In the request, the resident explains that cars park overhanging their drive, denying them access and obscuring visibility when trying to pull in and out.

The resident has been in contact with Wiltshire Council and has been advised by them to call 101 when it happens, which they have had to do when the driver of a parked car became abusive, but they are concerned this is not a good use of Police resources and are therefore requesting H-Bars to be installed. The resident is willing to contribute £150.00 towards the cost as they are keen to protect their access.

To highlight the problem the resident has supplied several photographs which are shown in this report.



Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if it supports this request.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

On this occasion the resident as agreed to make a contribution towards the cost therefore there should be no cost for the council

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

11. QUESTION TIME

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk



TOWN CLERK

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Committee Members :

1 New Applications for Consideration

51.1 PL/2023/05775 Plot Ref :- Type :- TREE CONS
Applicant Name :- Butler Conservation Contrators Date Received :- 12/07/2023
Parish :- South Ward Date Returned :-
Location :- East Croft House Agent
38 Long Street
Devizes
Proposals :- T1 Pine Reduce by 2m over the building and remove dead wood
T2 Cedar Reduce by 2m over the building and remove dead wood
T3 T4 Pine remove deadwood
T5 pine remove as tree is in decline
Observations :-

51.2 PL/2023/05096 Plot Ref :- Type :- LISTED
Applicant Name :- Mr Steve Woodley Date Received :- 12/07/2023
Parish :- North Ward Date Returned :-
Location :- 10 Agent
10 Long Street
Wiltshire
Proposals :- Replacement of existing front door and repairing and repainting of
existing windows.
Observations :-

51.3 PL/2023/05204 Plot Ref :- Type :- VARIATION
Applicant Name :- Mr Tony McElhone Date Received :- 12/07/2023
Parish :- Roundway Ward Date Returned :-
Location :- Land Off Quakers Road Agent
Quakers Road
Devizes
Proposals :- Variation of Condition 6 (Ecology) of 15/01388/OUT (Particulars of
Development: . Reserved Matters Details of Layout, Scale,
Appearance and Landscaping for the erection of 123 dwellings
and associated open space including play area, attenuation
basins, and site infrastructure at Land at Quakers Road)
Observations :-

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51.4 PL/2023/05410 Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- Mr J Butler Date Received :- 12/07/2023
Parish :- Roundway Date Returned :-
Location :- Land at Roundway Farm Agent
Folly Road
Roundway, Devizes
Proposals :- Demolition of existing barns and erection of 3x dwellings, with
associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space
and access (Resubmission of PL/2022/06061)
Observations :-

51.6.1 PL/2023/05874 Plot Ref :- Type :- TPO
Applicant Name :- Mr McVernon Date Received :- 17/07/2023
Parish :- Date Returned :-
Location :- 21 Wadworth Road Agent
Devizes
Proposals :- Willow tree - reduce by 2m
Observations :-

[Link to Plan../05410](#)

[Link to Plan../05874](#)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS WHICH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HAVE EITHER GRANTED OR REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION

Reference	Details	Applicant	Devizes Town Council Response	Granted or Refused
PL/2022/08970	Engineering operations for the creation of a vehicular access point and hardstanding area. Construction of stone walls. Partial demolition of front boundary wall. (Resubmission of Permission 21/01030/FUL)	Mr Neil Rutherford 2 Southbroom Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2JH	Devizes Town Council objected to this application	Refused 13/07/2023
PL/2023/02333	Proposed demolition of redundant outbuilding and construction of new holiday let accommodation and garden visitors' tearoom	Mr & Mrs Cardiff, Broadleas House, Broadleas Park, Devizes	No objection	Granted 17/07/2023
PL/2023/04606	Small tree outside No 5 to be removed to ground level; 2/3 self seeded trees to be removed completely, shrubs reduced – at 1 Rendells Court, Devizes	Nick Richards	No objection	Granted, 19/07/2023
PL/2023/04782	Works as set out in report – at St Mary's Churchyard, New Park Street	Mr Simon Fisher	No objection – Town Council application	Granted, 20/07/2023

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