

PLANNING COMMITTEE
1ST AUGUST 2023

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors:	Bridewell	Corbett	East
	Gay	Geddes	Greenwood
	Hoult	Hunter	Oliver
	Ormerod	Wallis	Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Elanor Oddy, Office Manager

Members of the Public: Seven

121. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2023 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Nash, Giraud-Saunders, Britten, Tanner, Brown and Rose.

123. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillor Wallis declared an interest in item 125, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.
Councillor Greenwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2023/05410, the applicant being known to him. Councillor Corbett declared an interest in item 130 as a trustee of DOCA.

124. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Seven members of the public were present.

125. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/05775 – No objection
PL/2023/05096 – No objection
PL/2023/05204 - No objection. Officers were asked to obtain clarification of the boundary with Quakers' Walk.

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PL/2023/05410 - Following some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ormerod and seconded by Councillor Bridewell that the application be opposed. The motion was not carried.

It was then proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Hoult and
AGREED

THAT the Committee did not object to the application.

PL/2023/05874 - No objection.

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

The report was received and noted.

127. REPORT FOR DECISION – LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LCWIP) CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the suggested text to be a good response, with the deletion of paragraph 2 and the paragraph referring to page 6.

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

THAT the proposed response, with the two deletions as specified, should be submitted as the Council's response to the consultation.

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

Following a useful discussion in which several further issues were raised, it was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Hunter and
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee agrees with the actions and objectives in the plan to improve air quality, but felt that the junction / roundabout by Roses shop should be included with other junctions needing improvement like Shane's Castle and the Brewery Corner.

The committee were disappointed that the plan has no project timeline, an indication of what funding will be needed to deliver both the Devizes element of the plan and the wider county plan and how the priorities for Devizes compare with other towns

with some form of ranking systems so that expectations of delivery can be managed.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the committee agrees with the principle of the supplementary planning documents as it is important that measures are in place so that likely future traffic issues created by developments are understood, as inevitably they will raise air quality problems and we need to be alert to what these will be so that future developments in the town contribute towards the cost of the mitigation measures.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Bridewell, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee agrees the Confetti Battle road closures as outlined in the report.

131. REPORT FOR DECISION – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FOR H-BARS IN LONGCROFT ROAD

Councillor Greenwood proposed, seconded by Councillor Hunter, and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee supports a resident's request for H-Bars at 52 Longcroft Road.

132. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from Councillors.

A member of the public raised several issues and commented positively on the recent line painting in the Market Place.

CHAIRMAN