

PLANNING COMMITTEE
24TH October 2023

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

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

Officers: Elanor Oddy, Office Manager
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: One

277. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 26th September and 10th October 2023, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

278. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Bridewell, Gay and Hunter.

279. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis both declared an interest in item 280, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee.

280. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/06662 - No objection
PL/2023/06867 - It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Wallis and AGREED

THAT The Committee, whilst not objecting, remarked that there was insufficient space to turn a vehicle off the A road and as another resident had been required to install a turntable, this should be fully considered, particularly in view of the property's proximity to a busy junction.

PL/2023/08480 - No objection. Members noted that this appeared to relate to Dunkirk Hill rather than Bath Road.

PL/2023/08495 - No objection
PL/2023/08670 - No objection
PL/2023/08733 - No objection. Members considered the quality of the plans submitted to be appalling and requested that Wiltshire Council ensures satisfactory documentation is made available for subsequent tree work applications.

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

The report was received and noted.

282. FOR INFORMATION – PLANNING APPEAL DECISION, LAND WEST OF HILLWORTH ROAD/JOHN RENNIE CLOSE

The Committee expressed its disappointment that the development had been approved despite widespread opposition. Members were advised that Government policy had previously been revised to remove the imposition of mandatory housing targets, and yet the appeal decision centred on that issue of land supply.

Following a long discussion, it was considered that pressure should be applied politically, working with Wiltshire MPs, Wiltshire Council and parish and town councils. Councillor Wallis and Councillor Jacobs of Wiltshire Council would pursue this.

283. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

284. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members were asked to deal with issues of car park lighting and speeding that were confirmed as being Wiltshire Council matters and which were already being followed up by Councillors. A request for road resurfacing was not within the scope of the Town Council and should be addressed to Wiltshire Council. The problem of the Crammer was also raised, which is already the subject of an in-depth review by a Town Council-led stakeholder group.

CHAIRMAN