

PLANNING COMMITTEE
7th November 2023

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

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

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: One.

297. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th October 2023 having been circulated to all members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

298. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs Brown, Corbett, Hunter and Ormerod.

299. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillor Hopkins declared a pecuniary interest in item 305 as a resident of Southbroom Road. Councillors Wallis and Nash both declared an interest in item 301 as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee. Councillor Greenwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 08525, as a friend of the applicants.

300. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public.

301. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/07677 -	No objection
PL/2023/07957 -	No objection
PL/2023/08525 -	No objection
PL/2023/08817 -	No objection
PL/2023/08995 -	No objection

PL/2023/09150 - No objection
PL/2023/09193 - No objection, with members noting that the felled tree should be replaced with another tree.

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

The report was received and noted.

303. FOR INFORMATION – LHFIG FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Members were reminded that the double yellow lines about to be painted would be paid for by Wiltshire Council, but any future requests for further parking restrictions will require a financial contribution by the Town Council. There was a discussion about the need for greater speed enforcement, with clarification given that SIDS data would enable the police to target enforcement where most needed. It was suggested that the Police and Crime Commissioner and a police officer should be invited to attend a meeting of the Town Council, to discuss the issue.

304. FOR INFORMATION – LHFIG PROJECT TRACKER

Members again raised the question of crossings in Bath Road and The Nursery, which would be pursued as part of the metro count projects.

305. FOR DECISION – HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FOR SOUTHBROOM ROAD

It was noted that there were increasing numbers of requests for intervention to deal with perceived speeding in the town, and that any related decisions must be evidence-based. It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Geddes and AGREED

THAT a metro count should be requested in Southbroom Road for objective traffic speed data.

306. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPEAL ON LAND WEST OF HILLWORTH ROAD/JOHN RENNIE CLOSE

Members expressed disapproval of the appeal outcome but doubted the likelihood of Wiltshire Council agreeing to a judicial review, given the cost of such legal proceedings. Councillor Hoult had contacted Danny Kruger, MP for Devizes, who had asked Michael Gove, Secretary of State, to call in the planning appeal for discussion with Planning Ministers. It was proposed by Councillor Hoult, seconded by Councillor Wallis and AGREED

THAT the Committee should await the response from the Secretary of State before considering any further action.

307. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN