

PLANNING COMMITTEE

6th February 2024

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

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

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

Members of the Public: Five representatives from Wessex Water were present, together with four members of the public.

421. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd January 2024, having been circulated to all members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

422. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Ormerod, Rose and Tanner.

423. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis declared an interest in item 427 as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Regulatory Planning Committee.
Councillor Hoult declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 426, as a member of Cycle Friendly Devizes.

424. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Five representatives from Wessex Water were present to address the meeting, together with four members of the public.

425. FOR INFORMATION – WESSEX WATER MAINS REPLACEMENT SCHEME UPDATE

Jamie Prangle of Wessex Water provided a comprehensive update on the continuing mains replacement works to improve the town's water quality.

Phase1 was almost complete and phases 2 and 3 were to be combined, starting 4th March, with completion anticipated in November. There was a extensive information campaign in effect to ensure that residents and businesses are kept well informed.

Members acknowledged that Wessex Water had been successful in carrying out the major works with minimal disruption so far, for which the company's representatives were thanked.

426. FOR DECISION – LOCAL WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE PRIORITISATION

Graham Martin of Cycle Friendly Devizes addressed the meeting, explaining the need to prioritise a cycling route as identified in the *Devizes Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan* (LCWIP), in order to apply for available government funding.

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

THAT the Committee supports the prioritisation of route DC1 (west end towards Bishops Cannings, London Road and Southbroom) and seeks to form a partnership with the Devizes Area Board and Cycle Devizes to take the project forward.

427. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/03573A - It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Wallis and AGREED

THAT the Committee OBJECTS to the application, until such time as members' concerns are addressed on the matters of:

- the interface with Assizes – poor design, and given the importance of this historic building, its setting needs to be enhanced by the development and not crowded out;
- parking – poor design, with the level of private parking within the public spaces being unacceptable;

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- the block fronting New Park Street – out of keeping with the area, and it is vital that this design element fits the layout pattern of this curved street;
- the frontage boundary with the old filling station - poor design, especially as the site has now been sold for development;
- affordable housing – the application makes no provision for affordable housing and there is no reference that the affordability test has been properly scrutinised by Wiltshire Council

PL/2023/10881	- No objection
PL/2023/05410	- No objection
PL/2024/00356	- No objection
PL/2024/00392	- No objection
PL/2024/00486	- No objection
PL/2024/00492	- No objection
PL/2024/00522	- As no information was found to be available online, members requested further details to be provided
PL/2024/00554	- No objection
PL/2024/00595	- No objection

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

The report was received and noted.

429. FOR DECISION – PROPOSED NEW NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN DEVIZES

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

THAT the Committee supports the proposed no waiting restrictions for Devizes as set out by Wiltshire Council, with amended requests that: restrictions outside a residential property in Hillworth Road are no longer required and should be removed from the plans; and further that the loading bays in Southbroom Road be on a peak time basis, ie 8am to 4pm, to ensure that evening parking is available to residents and customers of the nearby food outlets.

430. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN