

PLANNING COMMITTEE

2nd April 2024

Present: Vice Chairman: Councillor Corbett
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors: Bridewell East Geddes
Hoult Hunter Nash
Tanner Wallis Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: One

511. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March 2024, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

512. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hopkins, Britten, Brown, Gay, Giraud-Saunders, Greenwood, Oliver and Rose.

513. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis both declared an interest in item 515 as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee and advised they would only speak on applications relating to their ward.

514. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the community present.

515. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/00703 - Councillor Wooldridge raised concerns about the potential for two cars to be able to park off the street following the completion of the extension, therefore it was proposed by Councillor Woodridge, seconded by Councillor Geddes and
AGREED

THAT the Council objects to the application on grounds of loss of parking, in that the extension reduces the drive length thus requiring a second car to park on the highway.

PL/2024/01845 - it was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Bridewell and AGREED

THAT the Council supports the application as the applicant has made a comprehensive submission, giving confidence that the work will be done to a high standard for this important town landmark.

PL/2024/02245 - No objection

PL/2024/02249 - it was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Bridewell and AGREED

THAT the Council supports the application as the application has made a comprehensive submission giving confidence that the work will be done to a high standard for this important town landmark.

PL/2024/02385 - No objection

PL/2024/02640 - No objection

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

The report was received and noted.

517. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL EV CHARGERS FOR DEVIZES TOWN CENTRE

The committee received and noted the report and acknowledged the project will be a positive way to increase access to electric vehicle charging points in the town. The issues of charging speeds were raised and it was advised that the grant under which the project is being supported was based on residential use where town centre residents do not have access to a drive and therefore sets a cap on charging speed. It was also asked if any disabled parking bays would be lost as this has happened in other towns. It was advised that the project has been designed not to use disabled bays.

518. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - TAXI LICENSING FOR WILTSHIRE

The report was received and noted.

519. REPORT FOR DECISION – HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR UPGRADED TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON THE JUNCTION BETWEEN LONDON ROAD AND WINDSOR DRIVE

After a general discussion It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Nash and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the committee could not support the request at this time and it should be deferred until there is a significant change in the traffic patterns that use it and there is greater evidence that there is a risk of accidents.

520. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Bridewell advised that she had been contacted by a resident who was concerned about dogs running off the lead in the cemetery, and whether there were any plans to increase signage. The Town Clerk advised that the issue was not widespread, however officers were aware that a few people had raised a concern, and to help remind some dog owners the Open Spaces team plan to increase the number of signs.

CHAIRMAN