

PLANNING COMMITTEE

30th April 2024

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins

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

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator
Chris Taylor, Sustainability Officer

Members of the Public: 12

539. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th April 2024 having been circulated to all members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

540. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Town Mayor, Councillor Stevens, and Councillor Tanner.

541. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

Councillors Nash and Wallis both declared an interest in item 543, as members of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Regulatory Planning Committee.

Councillor Giraud-Saunders declared an interest in planning application PL/2024/03117, as a local resident and that he would participate in the discussion but not vote.

Councillor Britten declared an interest in item 547 as a local resident of Quakers Walk.

542. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 11 members of the public and one guest speaker, present for the subsequent meeting.

A member of the public raised several issues, one for which he was asked to complete a highways improvement form; and regarding the need for resurfacing and better speed bumps within the town, it was understood these would be scheduled when the current water main replacement works were completed.

543. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PL/2023/07281 - No objection

PL/2024/03117 - There was a long discussion during which members of the public and Councillors expressed their disappointment that the developers in submitting details of reserved matters for the outline application, opposed by Devizes Town Council and Wiltshire Council but allowed on appeal by the Planning Inspector, had not addressed concerns of inappropriate over-development of green land, with poor access remaining a feature of the design which will exacerbate traffic problems at the junction with London Road. There was concern that the proposals differed from those approved by the Inspector.

A recorded vote was requested. Councillor Oliver proposed and was seconded by Councillor Britten, with Councillors Hopkins, Corbett, Bridewell, Geddes, East, Rose, Gay, Hunter, Wooldridge, Oliver, Hault, Brown and Greenwood agreed

THAT The Committee objects to the application on the grounds that the highways issues with a proposed dog leg route for large vehicles such as refuse collection through the existing Parkfield Estate to the new estate will negatively impact on traffic movement within Parkfield Estate, and the plan to apply for double yellow lines though traffic orders will significantly impact on those residents who have no off-street parking and have to park on the highways. The application therefore seeks to solve a problem that currently does not exist and greater thought needs to be given to alternative options that do not significantly impact on existing residents. Additionally, the application does not deal with previous objections regarding managing increased traffic flow and resulting congestion between London Road and the access roads. The Council's concerns about the threat to local biodiversity and overdevelopment of the site are not addressed within this application.

Councillors Giraud-Saunders, Nash and Wallis abstained, as stated.

PL/2024/03216 - No objection
PL/2024/03260 - No objection.

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

The report was received and noted.

545. FOR DECISION – TRAFFIC ISSUES BETWEEN VICTORIA ROAD AND NEW PARK ROAD

A local resident addressed the meeting, setting out the problems caused by unrestricted parking in the area. It was noted that the request for the next tranche of parking restrictions (yellow lines) within the town had already been submitted. It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Bridewell and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Officers should invite a Wiltshire Highways engineer to meet with residents and Councillors as soon as possible, to discuss the worsening problem and decide upon appropriate solutions.

546. FOR DECISION – DEVIZES TRAFFIC SURVEYS, ADDITIONAL DATA

It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins from the Chair, seconded by Councillor Nash and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the new Planning Committee should consider the information supplied and make recommendations for appropriate action.

547. FOR DECISION – QUAKERS WALK ESTATES LINK PATH

Members were disappointed that the developer had constructed the minimal length of path required, and agreed with residents that an additional footpath was necessary. It was considered a good use of CIL funds received as a result of the Quakers Walk developments.

It was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Britten and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Officers should consult with residents to agree the most appropriate route to extend the footpath across land adjacent to Quakers Walk, and further, that the project should be progressed using CIL funds.

548. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN