

23rd April 2024

Minutes of the proceedings of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE meeting held on this day in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Wokingham from 19:30 to 20:30

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr Shepherd-Dubey (Chair), Cllr N Nagella (Vice Chair), Cllr L Timlin, Cllr W Dixon, Cllr K Malvern, Cllr A Croy, Cllr A Betteridge, Cllr B Alvi, Cllr Lack

IN ATTENDANCE

PT Officer
Cllr C Jamthe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

None.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)

None

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

**RESOLVED
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It was proposed by the Cllr Betteridge and seconded by Cllr Malvern, and it was that the minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 19th March 2024 (pages 16942 to 16947) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

ACTION: PT OFFICER

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 17th April 2024 was received and considered.

SECURE BICYCLE STORAGE IN WOKINGHAM TOWN

The Planning officer updated the Committee on the progress of the project since the last P&T meeting.

There was a steady increase in usage during March.

CHAIRMANS INITIALS _____



When we have a predicted 3 days in a row of dry weather the roofs of the lockers will be painted with the environmentally friendly paint.

The PT Officer has chased up the Committee's request on any update on the 'release' mechanism whereby a locker is available once a bike is removed by hirer. The PT Officer received confirmation that this is on the Spokesafe 'road map' but a date has not been given.

As the Carnival Hub lockers are performing better than the Denmark street lockers the PT Officer investigated the possibility of moving the lockers at Denmark Street to a more viable location. The figures for this have been passed on to the Committee for consideration.

BUS SHELTERS

There has been a glass panel smashed on the shelter in Wellington Road (shelter WBC replaced recently). This was replaced with polycarbonate panel on 11th April.

Cllr Croy mentioned that there is graffiti on the shelter in Crutchley Road that is on the polycarbonate panels and his attempts to remove graffiti have just smeared it. The PT Officer will investigate whether cleaning will be possible.

The Bi yearly cleaning of all the shelters took place in March.

ACTION: PT OFFICER

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 31st March 2024 were received and noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 7)

The following applications were received and considered, and it was that the Committee would make comment as shown.

240395 66 Finchampstead Road Wokingham RG40 2NS

Full application for the proposed change of use, refurbishment and extension of existing physiotherapy/dwelling to Class C3 residential. Following demolition of existing cottage and an erection comprising of 3no. residential units plus associated parking and landscaping.

The Committee have some concerns regarding this development.

With the additional hard standing has the predicted affect on drainage been considered? **CP1 – 4 Sustainable development - Drainage**

**RESOLVED
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CHAIRMANS INITIALS _____



Have the environmental elements of the development been considered enough. Will there be any solar panels on the roof? CP1 – 12 – Sustainable development – (a) renewable energy.

240720 Wokingham Baptist Church Milton Road RG40 1DE
SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION FOR WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA T1,
Yew Fell.

The Committee strongly object to the cutting down of this beautiful and historic tree.

The tree can be sympathetically trimmed as a viable alternative to removal.

231579 25 Murdoch Road Wokingham RG40 2DQ

Full application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension and a single storey rear extension, plus changes to fenestration to provide accessible en-suites, one additional bedroom and communal areas.

The Committee have no objections and support this application. It is good to see the investment in this building.

240523 Greenfields House Edneys Hill Wokingham RG41 4DT

Full application for the change of use from storage Barn to residential dwelling.

There are some concerns that this is a development in a countryside area.

240903 24 Murdoch Road Wokingham RG40 2DF

Full application for the proposed erection of a single storey, west side extension and a single storey, east side rear extension, loft conversion. Following the demolition of the existing east side rear extension. This to provide 2no. two-bedroom flats.

The committee object to this application.

The removal of the trees before the development is a major concern and this is happening more frequently with developments in Wokingham.

This development is seen as over development.

Development in heritage location.

Previously the windows were not replaced for like (timber) and this is not in keeping with heritage requirements. It is a concern that the developments will not be in keeping with a building in a heritage area.

The development is seen as massing.

CP1 Sustainable development 1 – Quality of environment.

CHAIRMANS INITIALS _____



CP3 General principles for development

A – Mass

C – Ecological, heritage, landscape, geological

G – Open space

CP 9 – Scale and location of development proposals

TB24: Designated Heritage Assets (Listed Buildings, Historic Parks and Gardens, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Conservation Areas)

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (AGENDA ITEM 8)

Cllr Betteridge asked if we could discuss the issue of tree removals, prior to developments and the TPO process. The PT Officer will add this to the next P&T Agenda.

CHAIRMANS SIGNATURE _____

CHAIRMANS INITIALS _____

