

Abingdon Town Council
Planning & Highways Committee

**Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held at the
Old Abbey House on Monday 3rd December 2012 at 7.00pm.**

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Alice Badcock, Vice Chairman
Councillor Michael Badcock, Chairman
Councillor Jeanette Halliday
Councillor Lesley Legge
Councillor Hermann Matheson
Councillor Penny McDougall

Also in Attendance :- Mr Nigel Warner, Town Clerk
Mrs Nina Özdemir, PA to Town Clerk
3 Members of the Public

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Alice Badcock chaired items 1-4.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Peter Jones; Angela Lawrence; Katie Nobes; Sandy Lovatt (Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee); and Monica Lovatt (Mayor of Abingdon).

02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hermann Matheson declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 9.10 as he is acquainted with a neighbouring resident.

03 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2012 be signed as a correct record.

04 MATTERS ARISING

The Town Clerk updated the Committee on application 8.23 from the previous meeting of 12th November 2012. Planning advice was being obtained prior to the Council's response being submitted to the Vale.

05 WORK TO VARIOUS TREES

Cllr Michael Badcock took the Chair, it being 7.05pm.

Members noted the following work to trees:

1. Removal of Norway Maple tree at 38-44 Stert Street Abingdon. The application states that another tree would be planted in place of this.

2. Fell and grind out stumps of 1 x Yew and 1 x Holly tree, Victoria Road entrance to Albert Park, Abingdon.

06 RH BUSES: REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPLACEMENT SERVICES

Members noted the arrangements for replacement services from Oxfordshire County Council, following the demise of RH Buses.

07 SPRING ROAD - PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF ZEBRA CROSSING

Members noted the proposed implementation of Zebra Crossing at Spring Road, Abingdon. A member asked if the location would have been more appropriate further down Spring Road, however the Chairman of the Committee confirmed that Oxfordshire County Council had advised that this location was the most appropriate.

08 PLANNING DECISIONS

The latest list of planning decisions from the Vale of White Horse District Council were presented to members.

09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning applications were received and considered from the Vale of White Horse District Council. Following consideration of the planning applications, it was RESOLVED that the following comments be forwarded as the Council's recommendations on the various applications.

09- 1	P12/V2091/FUL/AMD	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	MINOR
	Applicant Name :-	Abingdon & Witney College	Date Received :-	15/11/2012
	Location :-	Abingdon & Witney College Wootton Road Abingdon OX14 1GG	Date Returned :-	04/12/2012
	Proposal :	Construction of a single storey building for the teaching of advanced engineering and associated landscaping. As amended by letter from agent. Amendment No 1		
	Observations :	The Committee objected to the proposed development on the same grounds as the original application:		
		1. The scale, height and mass of the proposed building in relation to the adjoining property in Northcourt Road adversely affects those attributes that make a positive contribution to the character of the locality, in contravention of Policy DC1 (design) of the of the adopted Vale of White Horse District Local Plan 2011.		
		2. The development unacceptably harms the amenities of the neighbouring property in Northcourt Road, specifically due to loss of daylight and sunlight, and dominance/ visual intrusion, in contravention of Policy DC9 (impact of		

development on neighbouring uses) of the of the adopted Vale of White Horse District Local Plan 2011.

3. Car parking provision would be reduced onsite, and therefore there would be inadequate parking provision following the proposed development, in contravention of Policy DC5 (access) of the adopted Vale of White Horse District Local Plan 2011.

Members noted that they understood that there were ongoing discussions between the College and local residents. Members stated that if, following their discussions, the objections of residents were withdrawn, then the Committee would be content to remove the above objections to the development.

In addition, Members also requested that a holding objection would be registered on drainage and flood risk grounds. They stated that this objection should be removed if these matters are resolved to the satisfaction of the District Council (Technical Services).

09- 2	P12/V2190/HH	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	OTHER
	Applicant Name :-	Barr, Mr Robert	Date Received :-	19/11/2012
	Location :-	Lindfield, Faringdon Road Faringdon Road Abingdon OX14 1BD	Date Returned :-	04/12/2012
	Proposal :	Single storey extension to side, new window to front and replacement of existing window and door area at rear with French doors.		
	Observations :	No objections.		

09- 3	P12/V2247/HH	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	OTHER
	Applicant Name :-	Gorton, Mr and Mrs C	Date Received :-	12/11/2012
	Location :-	9 Heathcote Place Heathcote Place Abingdon OX14 3YQ 9 Heathcote Place Heathcote Place Abingdon OX14 3YQ	Date Returned :-	04/12/2012
	Proposal :	Kitchen extension.		
	Observations :	No objections.		

09- 4	P12/V2253/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	MINOR
	Applicant Name :-	The Greater London Fund	Date Received :-	14/11/2012
	Location :-	Canvas House, Wyndyke Furlong Wyndyke Furlong Abingdon OX14 1UJ	Date Returned :-	04/12/2012

Proposal : Installation of a free standing packaged chiller enclosed by metal palisade fencing.

Observations : No objections.

09- 5 P12/V2291/A Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Market Gold Ltd Date Received :- 12/11/2012
Location :- Land at Thames View Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Thames View
Abingdon
OX14 3UJ

Proposal : Erection of new internally illuminate signage.

Observations : Recommend refusal.

Whilst the Committee had no objection to the signage itself, it recommended refusal on the grounds of illuminated signage facing into residential properties; due to its adverse effect on the character of the area and the amenity of neighbouring properties in contravention of Policy DC20 (External Lighting) of the adopted Vale of White Horse District Plan 2011.

09- 6 P12/V2293/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Busson, Mr Martin Date Received :- 19/11/2012
Location :- Green Garth, Radley Road Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Radley Road
Abingdon
OX14 3SN

Proposal : Proposed front and rear single storey extension. Ground and first floor extension to side and loft conversion.

Observations : No objections.

09- 7 P12/V2320/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Edney, Mr Graham Date Received :- 19/11/2012
Location :- 65 Norris Close Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Norris Close
Abingdon
OX14 2RN

Proposal : Two storey extension to provide one extra bedroom, side extension.

Observations : No objections.

09- 8 P12/V2338/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Webb, Mr Matthew Date Received :- 14/11/2012
Location :- 51 Swinburne Road Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Swinburne Road
Abingdon
OX14 2HG
Proposal : New dormer window extension on the south elevation.
Observations : No objections.

09- 9 P12/V2341/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- MINOR
Applicant Name :- Everon Group Ltd Date Received :- 14/11/2012
Location :- 11-17 Stert Street Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Stert Street
Abingdon
OX14 3JF
Proposal : Revision to planning permission P11/V0731/EX for changes to balcony /
windows (part retrospective)
Observations : No objections.

09- 10 P12/V2351/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Dix, Mr D Date Received :- 19/11/2012
Location :- 63 Farm Road Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Farm Road
Abingdon
OX14 1NE
Proposal : Proposed first floor side and rear extension, including rear dormer window and
re-roof existing rear extension, remove existing flat roof porch and replace with
tile pitched roof. (Amendment to planning permission P12/V1542/HH)
Observations : The Committee recommended a holding objection, as the VWHDC has, on
drainage and flooding grounds. If these concerns were to be alleviated to the
satisfaction of the District Council, then the objection would be withdrawn.

09- 11 P12/V2370/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Farthers, Mr and Mrs Gary Date Received :- 19/11/2012
Location :- 59 Springfield Drive Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Springfield Drive
Abingdon
OX14 1JF
Proposal : Erection of a single storey rear extension.
Observations : No objections.

09- 12 P12/V2373/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- MAJOR
Applicant Name :- Abingdon School Date Received :- 19/11/2012
Location :- Abingdon School, Park Road Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Park Road
Abingdon
OX14 1DE
Proposal : Demolition of existing school building (Medical Centre). Erection of three storey Science Centre and the reconfiguration of the existing coach park, including alterations to the points of ingress and egress.
Observations : RECOMMEND REFUSAL due to serious concerns regarding the safety of the proposed coach park exit, given its proximity to the junction with Larkhill Road, where there is already a large volume of parked vehicles, and the junction is a busy one. Therefore Members considered that the application contravened Policy DC5 (i) (Access) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011 in that it did not provide for safe and convenient access to the adjoining highway network.

09- 13 P12/V2379/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Burgess, Mr and Mrs D Date Received :- 12/11/2012
Location :- 103 South Avenue Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
South Avenue
Abingdon
OX14 1QS
Proposal : Proposed single storey side extension.
Observations : No objections.

09- 14 P12/V2403/HH Plot Ref :- Type :- OTHER
Applicant Name :- Not given Date Received :- 19/11/2012
Location :- 5 Gordon Drive Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Gordon Drive
Abingdon
OX14 3SW
Proposal : Proposed first floor extension over existing integral garage and internal alterations.
Observations : Object due to the application being out of character with the neighbouring properties, in contravention of Policy DC1 (design) of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011.

09- 15 R3.0146/12 Plot Ref :- Type :- RENEWAL
Applicant Name :- Oxfordshire County Council Date Received :- 19/11/2012
Location :- Thomas Reade Primary School Date Returned :- 04/12/2012
Radley Road
Abingdon

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Abingdon
OX14 3RR

Proposal : Renewal of consent and continued use of one double and one single re-locatable building unit Ref T1 (E009 & E194) for a further period of five years.

Observations : No objections, however the Committee would like to see a new permanent building erected as soon as possible.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 17th December 2012 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting closed at : 8.06pm

Signed :

Chairman Date:

On behalf of :-Abingdon Town Council