

13th March 2018

Minutes of the proceedings of the **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **Main Hall, Town Hall, Wokingham** from 7.34pm to 8.47pm.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr K Morgan
Councillors: Cllrs N Campbell-White, Mrs A N Drake, C George, C Moore, M L Richards and I L Shepherd-Dubey.

IN ATTENDANCE

Planning & Transportation Officer – Mike Dunstan
Technical Officer – Miles Thorne

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs M Ashwell, P Lucey (The Mayor) and A N Waters.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Cllr Richards stated that he would not vote on planning matters.

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

None received.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Mrs Drake and it was

**RESOLVED
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that the Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 6th February 2018 (pages 15524 to 15528) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 7th March 2018 was received and considered.

Concerns over unsustainable development

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and read out the response by Dominic Raab MP to the Town Council's letter to the Prime Minister. The Committee agreed that it was a disappointing response that did not answer the points raised and contained no timescale for action.

Cllr George stated that members of the public could sign a national petition (not endorsed by the Town Council) to show their support for change.

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (Agenda Item 6)

Concerns were raised about the phasing of the traffic signals with the level crossing and the pedestrian barrier in Rose Street. Otherwise the work is progressing well and Broad Street is due to reopen on 25th March.

PLANNING POLICY (Agenda Item 7)

A motion by Cllr Waters was received and considered. The Committee supported the issues raised and agreed that the motion should be expanded to include other concerns, including the provision of infrastructure and much needed



affordable housing. Members of the public were encouraged to write to the Town Council with their concerns. The final draft will be considered at the next meeting.

ACTION: CLLRS CAMPBELL-WHITE AND GEORGE

NPPF CONSULTATION (Agenda Item 8)

A government consultation to revise the NPPF was received and considered. It was noted that it was a scaled down version of the current policy with a lot of important controls missing. It was agreed that a draft response would be prepared for the next meeting.

ACTION: CLLR MORGAN

PREMISES LICENCE (Agenda Item 9)

An application to revise the premises licence for the Molly Millar public house was received and considered and the Committee made no objection.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda Item 10)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 31st January 2018 was received and noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 11)

The following applications were received and considered and it was

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that the Committee would make comment as shown.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

180314 47 Simons Lane

Full application for the proposed erection of a replacement 5 bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and retention of existing garage.

No objection.

180598 3 Rectory Road

Listed building consent for proposed change the use of the building from office to residential to form 1 x 2-bed and 1 x 1-bed flats with internal alterations; single storey side extension to the existing building plus insertion of door through front boundary wall to provide access.

Objection on the following grounds:

- The proposed flat roof is out of keeping with the host dwelling
- Overdevelopment of a residential garden contrary to policy TB06 of the adopted MDD
- Inadequate natural light to the ground floor of Plot 1 contrary to the adopted Borough Design Guide.

180396 10 Rose Street

Application for advertisement consent for the erection of 1 fascia sign (retrospective)

No objection.



INFORMATION ITEMS (Agenda Item 12)

Notification of the approval of the Eastern Gateway was received and noted.

CHAIRMAN

