

14th March 2023

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 20:35

PRESENT

Cllr N Fox (Chair)
Councillors: Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey, Cllr A Tebboth, Cllr P Dennis, Cllr P Hornsby, & Cllr K Malvern.

IN ATTENDANCE

PT Officer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr M Fumagalli
Cllr D Hinton

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

None.

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

None

ACTION: PT OFFICER

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Shepherd-Dubey and seconded by Cllr Tebboth, and it was
that the minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 7th February 2023 (pages 16689 to 16694) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**RESOLVED
30589**

ACTION: PT OFFICER

MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 5)

The Monitoring Report dated 01st February 2023 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.

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WBC laid a concrete plinth. When SpokeSafe arrived to install it was apparent that only 3 of the 4 could be installed. They installed 3 but must return as they did not have the internal part for the lockers whereby the Cyclist places and can lock on inside their bicycle.

WBC have been informed that 45cm of concrete needs to be placed at right hand side of existing 3 lockers. They have agreed to do this hopefully this week. Once complete SpokeSafe will return to install 1 locker and fit internal parts to all 4 lockers. The lockers will then be opened to the public.

SpokeSafe are investigating a system whereby if Locker is released it can be offered for hire on the same day. They are currently concentrating on creating an app for iPhone and Android as a priority.

BUS SHELTERS

The Planning officer updated the Committee on Bus Shelters since the last P&T meeting.

There was graffiti successfully removed from the Bus Shelter at Jubilee Avenue. Thanks to Cllr Malvern for notifying us.

Cllr Malvern asked if we could have an identifier on each of our Bus Stops with contact number so that the public recognise that they are maintained by Wokingham Town Council.

ACTION: PT OFFICER

Draft Recommendations for Ward Boundaries in Wokingham (Agenda Item 6)

To receive and consider the draft recommendations for new wards, ward boundaries, and ward names for Wokingham Borough Council. Comments are required by 10th April 2023

The Committee have two comments.

- Where would the Polling Station be for the new Norreys Ward?
- It would make more sense to rename Norreys East to Wescott North and not have Norreys Central but have this as Norreys East.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 7)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 28th February 2023 was received and noted.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 8)

**RESOLVED
30590**

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

230086 Evolution House 2-6 Easthampstead Road RG40 2EG

Full application for the proposed conversion of the existing building into a mixed use of 1 no. two bedroom residential unit and 1 no. ground floor commercial unit, plus the erection of a first floor rear extension, changes to fenestration, addition of rooflights and 2 no. lantern rooflights, part rendering of the existing building and provision of rear balcony and 2 no. entrance canopies.

The Committee have no objections but have concern with potential overlooking from the balcony into neighbour's garden.

The site has no parking and there is a concern of parking on road outside the building.

230264 St Crispins School London Road RG40 1SS

Application for Listed Building Consent for the proposed erection of a single storey extension to the existing dining hall and existing school outdoor dining courtyard. Erection of a new entrance canopy and replacement windows to eastern elevation of hall/stage.

The Committee support this application.

230412 5a Market Place Wokingham RG40 1AL

Application for the Listed Building Consent for the proposed variation request to approval (111542) change of use over shop offices conversion to residential 2no. flats, a variation to existing 3no. flats consent.

No Comments

230520 Ashridge House Oaklands Park Wokingham RG41 2FD

Outline application for the proposed conversion of the existing building of Ashridge House to form a residential development for 19 apartments with an additional storey erected on the existing building (Building A) and the construction of an additional two-storey building in the existing car park for 10 new apartments (Building B) (29 dwellings total) and associated infrastructure and landscaping. Access, Landscaping, Layout and scale to be considered (with Appearance to be reserved).

The committee would like clarification that there is access into Lesley Sears and what this access consists of. Will it be accessible access?

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The Committee were disappointed that there would be no affordable housing within this development.

There are no solar panels planned for the roof.

There does not seem to be provision for a lift.

The proposed building heights are not within keeping of the area.

The committee object on the following.

CP3 - General Principles for development a) Mass

230479 Land to rear of The Bowers Sandhurst Road RG40 3JX

Full application for the proposed erection of 1 no. four bedroom dwelling with associated access and landscaping.

No Comments.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (AGENDA ITEM 9)

The PT Officer stated that the expected proposal from Andy Croy (SpeedWatch) was not received so this could not be added to the Agenda.

The PT Officer asked if there was one more volunteer from the Committee to join Cllr Malvern in attendance of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) on 30th March. Unfortunately, none of the committee are able to attend so this will be open to all Wokingham Town Councillors.

CHAIRMANS SIGNATURE _____

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