

18th April 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 20:50

PRESENT

Cllr N Fox (Chair)

Councillors: Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey, Cllr P Dennis, Cllr K Malvern & Cllr M Fumagalli

IN ATTENDANCE

PT Officer.

Cllr J Ainslie

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr A Tebboth

Cllr D Hinton

Cllr P Hornsby

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)

**RESOLVED
30605**

It was proposed by The Chair and seconded by Cllr Malvern, and it was that the minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 14th March 2023 (pages 16702 to 16705) 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 12th April 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.

The four lockers at Carnival Hub are now fully installed and operational.

SpokeSafe are currently adding phone apps for bookings. They have completed

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the iPhone app and are expecting to complete the Android app by the end of April. Once this is complete, they will install new signs with QR Code on both sets of Lockers.

There will be a social media and leaflet drop campaign to raise the awareness of the Lockers. They will also be promoted at WTC events. The PT Officer will contact MyJourney so they can promote the lockers as well.

Cllr Dubey asked whether we can add to the Carnival Hub mailing list.

Spokesafe will be investigating shorter booking times once they have completed their phone Apps for booking.

Cllr Dennis said it was disappointing that WBC had not included to secure lockers on their newsletter that went all the residents.

BUS SHELTERS

The Planning officer updated the Committee on Bus Shelters since the last P&T meeting. Following Cllr Malvern's request the PT Officer is investigating notices being placed at the Bus Shelters that are maintained by WTC.

As Cllr Ainslee had joined the meeting to discuss Planning Application 230881 it was agreed to bring forward this from Agenda Item 9.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 9)

230881 19/21 Market Place Wokingham RG40 1AP

Cllr Ainslie spoke against the application on behalf of residents of Howard Road and Howard Close.

The main concerns are safety for pedestrians on Howard Road and Howard Close with increased traffic, bin lorries and deliveries that will go through this route. This is used by children and elderly residents walking through and is not ideal as a shared service.

The Committee thought that the height of the building was an issue as it was four storeys and not in keeping with character of area.

The other main issue was Inappropriate access through Howard Road as this has safety issues as a shared surface with pedestrians.

There are concerns that this will cause an impact on the Community Garden and residents of sale garden cottages.

There is no affordable housing in the development.

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Therefore, the Committee object as follows;

**CP1 – Sustainable development
10) attractive, safe, secure**

**CP3 - General Principles for development
a) Mass
b) functional, accessible, safe, secure**

CP5 - Housing mix, density and affordability

**CP6 - Managing Travel Demand
f) Enhance road safety**

ACTION: PT OFFICER

Street Name Request (Agenda Item 6)

Following a request received, the Civic Committee considered adding the name 'Paul Gallagher' to the list of proposed names and requested that this is passed to the Planning and Transport Committee for referral to the Wokingham Borough Council. Members suggested that, if approved, it would be appropriate for his name to be used in any new roads in the Emmbrook area.

The Committee support this request for Paul Gallagher to have a road named after him in the Emmbrook area of Wokingham.

The Committee would also like an investigation into the feasibility of adding QR codes to road signs that would lead through to some information (website) on the road name. Or if that is not feasible a web page\ on current website with this information.

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT OXFORD ROAD (Agenda Item 7)

To discuss the order of stopping up the Highway on the development at 1 Barkham Road, the order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Wokingham Borough Council, under planning reference 200700. Any objections need to be made prior to 18th May

There were no comments.

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 8)

A report on the Committee's budget as of 31st March 2023 was received and noted.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 9)

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30606**

The following applications were received and considered, and it was that the Committee would make comment as shown, including planning application **230881** that was discussed earlier in the Agenda.

223765 Cantley House Hotel And Country Club Milton Road RG40 5QG

Full application for the proposed erection of a single storey detached building containing 4 no. hotel bedrooms, a two storey, side extension to existing hotel containing 10 no. hotel bedrooms and 5 no. first storey balconies, installation of 2 no. rainwater harvesting tanks and landscaping following demolition of existing outbuilding and existing single storey, side extensions.

The Committee support this application and welcome new local job opportunities.

230677 Land Adjacent to the North of St Helier close and Junction of Finchampstead Road RG40 2NT

Description: Full Application for prior notification of proposed development for the erection of a 15m telecommunications mast, additional 3No cabinets and paving slabs.

The Committee would like to know what colour this will be painted.

The Committee have requested before. Is it possible to have an overall plan of these transmitters in the Wokingham Town area so we can see the bigger overall picture.

230604 Glebelands Lodge Glebelands Road Wokingham RG40 1DR

Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed removal of the existing windows and replacement with reproduction frames based on existing profiles, to preserve the leaded panels, opening sashes and all metalwork for reuse. Windows will be white painted timber in all cases.

The Committee support this application.

230350 30A Rose Street Wokingham Wokingham RG40 1XU

(Part Retrospective) Full application for the replacement of original wooden staircase with new metal stairs.

The committee were unsure of what the use of the stairs were, a main staircase or a fire escape?

The Committee object to this application.

It is not in keeping with the building.
There will be excessive noise from the metal stairs.

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There is currently a privacy issue with neighbour due to the staircase and once a screen is added this will impact the light on to neighbours property.

This metal staircase should be removed and replaced with a more appropriate wooden staircase.

230825 11 The Terrace Wokingham RG40 1BP

Listed Building Consent application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension. Following demolition of existing rear extension and internal changes.

No Comment

ACTION: P&T OFFICER

INFORMATION ITEMS (AGENDA ITEM 9)

Cllr Malvern stated that he attended the meeting of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) on behalf of the Committee. He asked whether the PT Officer had had any feedback or report on this meeting. The PT Officer stated that he hadn't.

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