4th March 2025

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 20:00

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey (Chair), Cllr N Nagella (Vice Chair), Cllr A Betteridge, Cllr A Croy, Cllr H Richards Cllr L Timlin, Cllr B Alvi, Cllr W Dixon

IN ATTENDANCE

PT Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr C Jamthe Cllr W Dixon (arrived at 7.50pm)

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey declared an interest in Planning Application 250288.

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

None

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED 31009

It was proposed by Cllr L Timlin and seconded by Cllr N Nagella, and it was that the minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on 4th February 2025 (pages 17150 to 17153) 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 26th February was received and considered.

SECURE BICYCLE STORAGE IN WOKINGHAM TOWN

The PT Officer gave a verbal update on the Secure Bike Lockers

Feb 2025

The usage figures have reduced in line with what is expected for the winter months.





There was an issue with the reporting of figures for December and the usage was higher in Denmark Street than Carnival Hub. We will keep an eye on this to see whether this is an upward trend or an anomaly.

The PT Officer is investigating the possibilities of moving the Denmark Street Secure Lockers to another location in the Town that will be more viable on the request of the Committee.

The PT Officer had conversations with Julie Pillai (MyJourney) regarding possible locations. She thought that Waitrose and Peach Place were worth investigating. The PT Officer have contacted Waitrose & Carl Grint (Peach Place) and is awaiting a response.

Spokesafe are currently surveying the users of the Lockers for their feedback on the service.

RESOLVED 31010

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of concessionary parking for the Secure Lockers at Carnival Hub. There is currently a scheme for car parking on the site. Cllr Betteridge is going to investigate whether this could include our Secure Lockers on site.

ACTION: PT OFFICER, CLLR BETTERIDGE

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There were no updates to report

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET (Agenda Item 6)

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

ACTION: PT OFFICER

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Agenda Item 7)

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

250074 68-70 Peach Street Wokingham RG40 1XH

Full application for the proposed relocation of ground floor shop frontage, changes to fenestration and installation of electric roller shutter.

The Committee support this application.



250221 36 and 38 Rose Street Wokingham RG40 1XU

Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed demolition of the existing conservatory, replacement of 3 no. flat roofs and repairs to 2 no. pitched roofs at the rear, installation of new front canopy roof plus changes to fenestration, refurbishment and internal repairs.

The Committee support this application.

250313 68-70 Peach Street Wokingham RG40 1XH

Application for advertisement consent for the proposed installation of 1 no. internally illuminated fascia sign board to replace the existing fascia sign board.

The Committee support this application.

250426 Glebelands Woolf Drive Wokingham RG40 1DU

Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed demolition of existing conservatory.

The Committee support this application.

250288 37 Market Place Wokingham RG40 1AT

Application for Listed Building consent for the proposed shop front and window repairs and/or replacements.

The Committee support this application.

INFORMATION ITEMS (AGENDA ITEM 8)

The PT Officer reminded the Committee that there is a presentation from Cratus Group on a proposed development - Land at the South Wokingham Strategic Allocation Development Location (SDL). This will take place Thursday 6th March at 1pm.

CHAIRMANS SIGNATURE	
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