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## CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 5 January 2021

At 6.00 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

### Present:

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman	A McMahon
	L Ashbourne	A Prosser
	M Jones	
Officers:	Nicky Cayley	Democratic Services Officer
	Adam Clapton	Office Manager
Others:	0 members of the public.	

#### P1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for her absence was received from Cllr Gwatkin.

#### P2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

#### P3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

#### P4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee received and considered a schedule of planning applications received from West Oxfordshire District Council.

**RESOLVED:** that the comments, as per the attached schedule, be forwarded to West Oxfordshire District Council.

#### P5 APPEAL DECISION - APPEAL REF: APP/D3125/X/20/3257288, BIRDLIP CLOSE, WITNEY OX28 5GE

The Committee received an appeal decision for 4 Birdlip Close on the erection of a fence. Members were interested that in fact the appeal appeared to have been upheld on a technicality. Officer advised that this should be noted as such applications were becoming more frequent and there was a notable occasion on which a resident had been instructed to remove a fence on appeal.

**RESOLVED:** that the appeal decision be noted.

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The meeting closed at: 6.40 pm

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Chair

## Witney Town Council

### Planning Minutes - January 2021

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4- 1 WTC/001/21 Plot Ref :-20/03056/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE  
Applicant Name :- POWELL, DR TIM Date Received :- 14/12/20  
Location :- 17 WOODGREEN Date Returned :- 06/01/21  
WOODGREEN  
WITNEY  
Proposal : Erection of a pergola.  
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

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4- 2 WTC/002/21 Plot Ref :-20/03185/FUL Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- SOMAIYA, MR Date Received :- 14/12/20  
Location :- HACKETTS Date Returned :- 06/01/21  
WESLEY WALK  
WITNEY  
Proposal : Demolition of Existing single storey Side & Rear Extensions. Erection of new Two-Storey Side Extension. Change of use for ground floor from A3 to A1 & to C3 on First & Second Floors with Alteration to existing roof to allow creation of 8 Flats.  
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objection to the application in principle but would like clarification that the storage area and cycle store is accessible for the flats and not just the retail unit on the ground floor.  
Additionally the Town Council does not object subject to a favourable biodiversity report.

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4- 3 WTC/003/21 Plot Ref :-R3.0120/20 Type :- COUNTY COU  
Applicant Name :- OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Date Received :- 14/12/20  
Location :- WEST WITNEY COUNTY Date Returned :- 06/01/21  
PRIMARY SCH  
EDINGTON SQUARE  
WITNEY  
Proposal : Details pursuant to condition 9 (Travel Plan) of planning permission 16/03776/PREAPP (R3.0131/16 ) at West Witney County Primary School Edington Road Witney OX28 5FZ.  
Observations : Witney Town Council understands how stretched schools are and the impact that this will have on the headteacher drafting the travel plan. The Town Council asks that the County Council's Active Travel Officers help by taking the work out of school street proposals by drafting them and doing the admin for the school. This would really help to capitalise on the opportunity West Witney County Primary has for safer and greener travel to school at this juncture, despite the pressure of Covid and lockdown.

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4- 4 WTC/007/21 Plot Ref :-20/03281/FUL Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- ELLIOT, MRS B Date Received :- 21/12/20  
Location :- 87 CORN STREET Date Returned :- 06/01/21  
CORN STREET  
WITNEY  
Proposal : Demolition of existing workshop and storage units and erection of eight new dwellings.  
Observations : Witney Town Council objects to this as it notes the air quality response asking for electric charging points for vehicles and it echoes this request. The Town Council requests the the developers go further with their acknowledgement that green energy should be included and ask that they explore truly green alternatives for the development. Ten cycle racks are also not sufficient for the number of residents. The Town Council does however, approve of development of a brownfield site.

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4- 5 WTC006/21 Plot Ref :-20/03256/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE  
Applicant Name :- HAU, MS LOUISE Date Received :- 21/12/20  
Location :- 5 APPLGARTH COURT Date Returned :- 06/01/21  
APPLGARTH COURT  
WITNEY  
Proposal : Construction of wooden summerhouse in the rear garden.  
Observations : Witney Town Council cannot comment on this application as there are insufficient plans to consider.

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The Meeting closed at : 7.40pm

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council