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Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee Meeting of Witney Town Council



Tuesday, 9th March, 2021 at 6.00 pm

To members of the Climate, Biodiversity & Planning Committee - R Smith, A Prosser, J Aitman, L Ashbourne, R Bolger, V Gwatkin, M Jones and A McMahon (and all other Town Councillors for information).

You are hereby summonsed to the above meeting to be held in the **Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom** for the transaction of the business stated in the agenda below.

Admission to Meetings

All Council meetings are open to the public and press unless otherwise stated.

Admission to this meeting will be online by virtue of The Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panels Meetings)(England & Wales) Regulations 2020.

Zoom login details of this meeting will be published on the Council's website prior to the meeting.

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Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the council's public meetings may be recorded, which includes filming, audio-recording as well as photography.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Town Clerk or Democratic Services Officer know before the start of the meeting.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

To consider apologies and reasons for absence.

Committee Members who are unable to attend the meeting should notify the Deputy Town Clerk (adam.clapton@witney-tc.gov.uk) prior to the meeting, stating the reason for absence.

Standing Order 309a)(v) permits the appointment of substitute Councillors to a Committee whose role is to replace ordinary Councillors at a meeting of a Committee if ordinary Councillors of the Committee have informed the Proper Officer **before** the meeting that they are unable to attend.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in any of the items under consideration at this meeting in accordance with the Town Council's code of conduct.

3. Public Participation

The meeting will adjourn for this item.

Members of the public may speak for a maximum of five minutes each during the period of public participation, in line with Standing Order 42. Matters raised shall relate to the following items on the agenda.

4. **Planning Applications** (Pages 3 - 6)

To receive and consider a schedule of Planning Applications from West Oxfordshire District Council.

5. Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Minutes (Pages 7 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 12th January 2021.

6. Request to purchase Town Council Land - 67 Thorney Leys (Pages 11 - 24)

To receive and consider the report of the Operations and Estates Advisor.

7. Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP) (Pages 25 - 28)

To receive correspondence from West Oxfordshire District Council concerning the proposed Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan.

8. Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport and Connectivity Plan - Vision Consultation (Pages 29 - 30)

To receive and consider a consultation from Oxfordshire County Council concerning a local transport and connectivity plan for Oxfordshire. Please use the link as follows to view the documentation: https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/localtransportconnectivity/consultationHome

9. New street name - Access road for new school - West Witney (Pages 31 - 38)

To receive and consider correspondence from West Oxfordshire District Council concerning a name for the access road for the new school at West Witney.

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4.	Planning Applications				
4 1	Parish :-	DAVIS, GEMMA CENTRAL	Plot Ref :-		93/FUL Type :- FULL Date Received :- 22/02/2021 Date Returned :-
	Location :-	WITNEY COMMI HOSPITAL WELCH WAY WITNEY	JNITY	Agent	
	Proposals :- Observations :-	Siting of a tempo	rary modula	ar buildir	ng (retrospective).
4 2	WTC/026/21		Plot Ref :-	21/002	47/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOL
	Applicant Name :- Parish :-	DEAN, MR NORTH			Date Received :- 23/02/2021 Date Returned :-
	Location :-	BEECH HOUSE, WOODSTOCK R WOODSTOCK R WITNEY	OAD	Agent	
	Proposals :-	Construction of n	ew carport	attached	d to existing garage.
	Observations :-	_			
4 3	WTC/027/21		Plot Ref :-	21/002	36/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOL
	Applicant Name :- Parish :-	SMITH, MR AND WEST	MRS		Date Received :- 23/02/2021 Date Returned :-
	Location :-	14 TETBURY DR TETBURY DRIVI WITNEY		Agent	
	Proposals :-	extension, constr	uction of ne	ew front	new single storey rear entrance porch and conversion s and shower room.
	Observations :-				
4 4	WTC/028/21		Plot Ref :-	21/000	33/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOL
	Applicant Name :- Parish :-	JONES, MRS SA EAST	RAH		Date Received :- 23/02/2021 Date Returned :-
	Location :-	12 THE CRESCE THE CRESCENT WITNEY		Agent	
	Proposals :-	Erection of a sing	le storey fla	at rear e	extension.
	Observations :-	_			

WTC/029/21 Plot Ref :- 21/00028/FUL Type:-FULL 4..5 Applicant Name :- DURICI, MR CHRIS Date Received :- 23/02/2021 Parish: CENTRAL Date Returned:-Location :- 2 SPRINGFIELD PARK Agent SPRINGFIELD PARK WITNEY Proposals:-Construction of detached dwelling and formation of new access onto Burford Road. Observations:-4..6 WTC/030/21 Plot Ref :- 21/00179/FUL Type:-FULL Applicant Name :- DOMINIKOWSKI, MR K Date Received :- 01/03/2021 Parish: NORTH Date Returned:-Location: 35 TAPHOUSE AVENUE Agent TAPHOUSE AVENUE **OXON** Proposals:-Conversion of existing garden outbuilding to create self contained living accommodation. Observations:-WTC/031/21 4..7 Plot Ref :- 21/00164/HHD Type:-HOUSEHOL Applicant Name :- WALTON, MR IAN Date Received :- 01/03/2021 Parish: EAST Date Returned:-Location :- 1 HARVEST WAY Agent HARVEST WAY **WITNEY** Widening of existing gateway to driveway and to create an additional opening to allow access for two vehicles. Observations:-4..8 WTC/032/32 Plot Ref: 21/00321/HHD Type:-HOUSEHOL Applicant Name :- GINDRE, MR JOAQUIN Date Received :- 01/03/2021 Parish: NORTH Date Returned:-Location :- MILL VIEW Agent 13 CRAWLEY ROAD WITNEY Proposals:-Erection of single and two storey rear extensions to provide additional living space at both lower ground and ground floor levels. Alterations to include the enlargement of exsiting dropped kerb. Observations:-

4...9 WTC/033/21 Plot Ref :- 21/00306/ADV Type :- ADVERTISIN

Applicant Name :- DOLAN, MS FREYA Date Received :- 02/03/2021

Parish :- SOUTH Date Returned :-

Location :- LIDL Agent

DUCKLINGTON LANE

WITNEY

Proposals :-Erection of 2no internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 internally illuminated totem sign and 1 non-illuminated directional sign together with internally applied window graphics. Observations :-4..10 WTC/034/21 Plot Ref :- 21/00342/HHD Type:-HOUSEHOL Applicant Name :- SMITH, MR & MRS A Date Received :- 02/03/2021 Parish:- WEST Date Returned :-Location :- 53 SNOWSHILL DRIVE Agent SNOWSHILL DRIVE **WITNEY** Removal of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear Proposals:-

extension.

Observations:-



Agenda Item 5

WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 12 January 2021

At 2.30 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

Present:

Councillor A Coles (Chair)

Councillors: J Aitman

L Duncan

D Enright

Other Members:

J Croxton

Thames Valley Police

K Hickman

Windrush Bike Project

A Lyon

West Oxfordshire Community

Transport

T Bayliss

Stagecoach

Officers: Odele Parsons

Mike Wasley

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Oxfordshire County Council Officer

Oxfordshire County Council Officer

Maria Wheatley

Nicky Cayley Project Officer
Adam Clapton Deputy Town Clerk

Others: 1 member of the public.

T755 **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

As the Chair of the Committee, Cllr Price had sent her apologies, the Committee was required to elect a Chair for the meeting. Cllr Coles was proposed, seconded and duly elected.

RECOMMENDED: that Cllr Coles be elected Chair for the meeting,

T756 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs Price, Constance, King, and Morris.

T757 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee adjourned to receive public participation from Mr Damian Holland who addressed the Committee about the possibility of having speed bumps installed on Cogges Hill Road.

After his address, the Committee reconvened.

T758 ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

This item was moved up the agenda with the express permission of the Chair so that the member of the public present could hear the debate.

Members had a lengthy discussion on the possibility of installing speed bumps but funding would be an issue. The County Council could not fund it and may not even be able to fund an assessment. Mike Wasley was happy to look at it from an engineering point of view.

Two members pointed out that if the speed limit though the town was reduced to 20mph this should help.

Odele Parsons reported that the County Council was still in discussions with the developer for the Witney East development and had asked for three crossings along the road so this may help with speed reduction.

It was agreed to add it to the action plan for members to continue to investigate.

RECOMMENDED: that the possibility of Speedbumps on Cogges Hill Road be looked at further by members.

T759 MINUTES

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020.

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020 be agreed as a correct record with the following amendments:

K Hickman and A Lyon are removed from the list of Councillors and Trevor Bayliss to be added to attendees.

T760 TAC ACTION PLAN

The Committee received and considered the action plan from the last meeting and revised this where required. This is attached to the minutes.

T761 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

There was no update for this meeting.

T762 REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER - TRAFFIC SCHEMES AREA OPERATIONS (NORTH) - OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Committee received and considered a report from the Principal Officer - Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North). There were updates on the Active Travel Grant, new crossings for West Witney (in addition to the Range Road one) and the crossing at Sainsbury's.

Odele Parsons explained that the cycle signs that had been painted on the roads around town had been incorrectly placed too near to the kerbs. She asked the committee if they would like them repositioned correctly or removed altogether. Mr Croxton commented that all road signs

should come from the Traffic Signs Manual and this sign was not included. After discussion, members felt there was little value in retaining them and agreed that they should be removed.

Cllr Fenton also raised concerns about the new road layout at the Ducklington roundabout, which had been complicated by the entrance to the new Lidl Store and the new hotel and Costa Drive through. He asked for his concerns to be minuted and the Chair asked that it be added to the action plan.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted and that the cycle signs be removed.

T763 WEST WITNEY BUS SERVICE ALLOCATION

The Committee received and considered a report from Mr David Miles, the Town's Independent Parish Transport Representative. He had expressed particular concern about money being pooled meaning that Witney may miss out on significant funding for public transport/infrastructure, primarily at the West Witney housing development. It was agreed to put David Miles in touch with Odele Parsons so that he could have a direct discussion about this with her.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted and that the Town Council puts David Miles in touch with Odele Parsons with particular reference to his concern that the County Council has decided to pool together all the strategic sites in the vicinity of the A40, which may well mean that hundreds of thousands of pounds earmarked specifically for the benefit of Witney could disappear elsewhere.

T764 UPDATE FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ON ACTIVE TRAVEL GRANT

The Committee received and considered an update on the Active Travel Grant.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

T765 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.

Mr Hickman asked if a member of the Oxfordshire Association of the Blind could attend meetings and become a member of the Committee. Following support from members, the Office Manager advised that it was the association itself which would need to be added to the Committee constitution and it in turn would be free to choose a representative. If the association in question could make a formal request to the Town Council, the request and change to the constitution could be added to the next meeting agenda for consideration.

RECOMMENDED: that the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind writes to the Town Council requesting a seat on the Committee.

T766 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting was 23 March 2021.

The meeting closed at: 4.00 pm

Chair

CLIMATE, BIO-DIVERSITY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: 9th March 2021

Title: Land Purchase Request 67 Thorney Leys.

Contact Officer: Operations and Estates Advisor – John Hickman

Background

The purpose of this report is for Councillors to consider the request from the owners of 67 Thorney Leys to purchase a piece of Witney Town Council's amenity land.

Current Situation

The owner of 67 Thorney Leys has requested to purchase approx. 18' x 12' of Witney Town Councils land that is part of the boundary between the Thorney Leys Estate and the Curbridge Road.

The Operations and Estates Officer has been carrying out works in this area for several years now to bring the hedge to the front of the area that had become overgrown very thin at the base and full of debris placed there by the property owners to try to stop members of the public cutting through what remained of the hedge.

The remaining old hedge is being steadily reduced to 8-foot height with stands of trees where they are suitable and safe to remain. The whole length of the hedge has been cleared of all the debris in the base and replanted some 3 years ago.

The grass area between the rear of the hedge and the properties boundary is currently a rough-cut area on the Grounds Contract and has become used as a dumping ground for rubbish. The grass is cut annually currently and any debris or fly tipping cleared.

The rough grass area, hedge and trees are important for the wildlife in this area, and there are many wildflowers in amongst the grass. It is the Operations and Estates Advisors intention that once the hedge has been reduced to the intended height of 8' and is again forming an impenetrable barrier between the properties and the road with the remaining tree stands that the grass would be looked at to ensure the wildflowers and wildlife are able to flourish.

It can be expected that if this property can extend its garden out to the hedge more properties will make the same request. This will not only make maintaining the hedge and trees and remaining grass area very difficult to maintain as areas will no longer be accessible it will also take away the wildlife and wildflowers that are in the area.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates. Council should consider the affect that this may have on wildlife currently in this area and the future wildlife if the land is allowed to be purchased by the houseowner as an addition to their garden.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should consider any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Financial implications

Not currently known. If the request is accepted, the Town Council would need to negotiate terms with the owner on the transfer of the land.

Recommendations

Member are invited to note the report and consider the following.

1. If the request to purchase part of the Amenity land to the rear of 67 Thorney Leys is granted or refused.

Dear Hollie

Please find attached the close up of our property with the area we wish to purchase roughly highlighted in red.

The area we wish to purchase is 12foot deep by 18foot across.

We wish to purchase this piece of land to give us additional garden space in order to erect a shed

I hope this is enough information to move forward with the application. Please inform us if any further details are required.

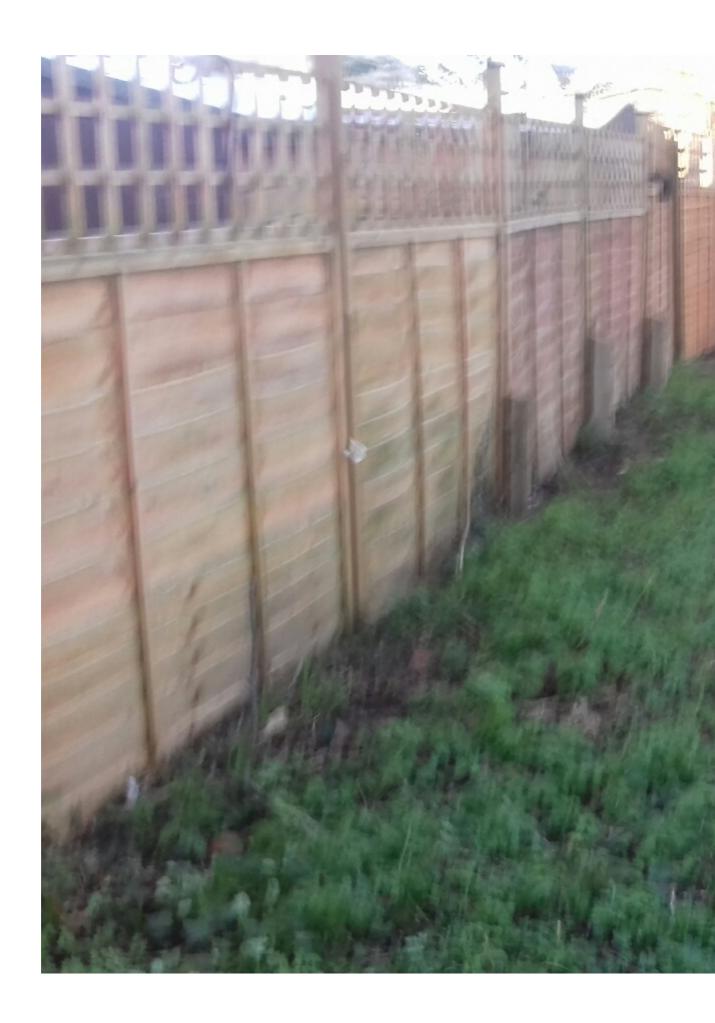
Yours Sincerely

Michael Atkin









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SALT CROSS GARDEN VILLAGE AREA ACTION PLAN (AAP)

Dear Consultee

I am writing to notify you that following a successful public consultation last autumn, West Oxfordshire District Council has formally submitted the Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP) to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for independent examination, in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The submitted AAP and all other relevant documents have been made available on the Council's website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage

This includes copies of the representations received, the submission letter to PINS as well as a series of core documents, supporting documents and technical evidence reports.

The Council's website will be updated as the examination progresses and more information becomes available, including the name of the appointed Planning Inspector and the anticipated dates of any hearing sessions.

Ordinarily, the District Council would make hard copy documentation available in the locations listed in the schedule of 'deposit locations' below*, but due to the current public health situation this has not been possible. Should these venues re-open in the near future, we will endeavour to make hard copies of key documents available as appropriate.

In the interim, if you do require access to any physical documents, please contact the planning policy team via email at planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk or by telephone on 01993 861667.

The Council have appointed an independent Programme Officer to facilitate the examination process and her contact details are as follows:

Rosie Morton - Programme Officer C/O West Oxfordshire District Council Planning and Strategic Housing Elmfield New Yatt Road Witney OX28 1PB

Tel: 01628 672181

Email: rosemary.morton@publicagroup.uk

Should you require any additional information about the examination process at this stage, please contact the planning policy team at planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk or telephone 01993 861667.

Alternatively please contact the Programme Officer using the contact details above.

Yours faithfully

Chris Hargraves

*Schedule of Deposit Locations

West Oxfordshire District	Witney Town Centre Shop	Witney Town Council
Council Offices	3 Welch Way	Town Hall
Elmfield	Witney	Market Square
New Yatt Road	OX28 6JH	Witney
Witney	Tel: 01993 861000	OX28 6AG
OX28 1PB	Open: Monday – Friday 9am	Tel: 01993 704379
Tel: 01993 861000	to 5pm	Open: Monday – Friday 9am
Open: Monday – Friday 9am		to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm
to 5pm		
Carterton Town Council	Chipping Norton Town	Burford Visitor Information
19 Alvescot Road	Council	Centre
Carterton	The Guildhall	33 High Street
OX18 3JL	Chipping Norton	Burford
Tel: 01993 842156	OX7 5NJ	OX18 4QA
Open: Monday – Friday	Tel: 01608 642341	Tel: 01993823558
9.30am to 4.30pm	Open: Monday – Friday 9am	Open: Monday – Saturday
	to 1pm	9.30am to 5pm, Sunday
		10am to 4pm
Bampton Library	Burford Library	Carterton Library
Old Grammar School	86A High Street	6 Alvescot Road
Church View	Burford	Carterton
Bampton	OX18 4QF	OX18 3JH
OX18 2NE	Tel: 01993 823377	Tel: 01993 841492
Tel: 01993 850076		
Charlbury Library	Chipping Norton Library	Eynsham Library
Charlbury Community Centre	Goddards Lane	30 Mill Street
Enstone Road	Chipping Norton	Eynsham
Charlbury	OX7 5NP	OX29 4JS
OX7 3PQ	Tel: 01608 643559	Tel: 01865 880525
Tel: 01608 811104 North Leigh Library	Stonesfield Library	Witney Library
Memorial Hall	Village Hall	Welch Way
Park Road	Longore	Witney
North Leigh	Stonesfield	OX28 6JH
OX29 6SA	OX29 8EF	Tel: 01993 703659
Tel: 01993 882935	Tel: 01993 898187	101. 01555 705055
Woodstock Library	Wychwood Library	
The Oxfordshire Museum	29 High Street	
Fletcher's House	Milton-under-Wychwood	
Park Street	OX7 6LD	
	OA7 OLD	

Woodstock	Tel: 01993 830281	
OX20 1SN		
Tel: 01993 814124		



Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Vision Consultation

From: Kay, Joseph - Communities < Joseph. Kay@Oxfordshire.gov.uk > On Behalf Of LTCP5

Sent: 15 February 2021 10:50

Subject: Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Vision Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Vision Consultation

We are writing to you with regard to Oxfordshire County Council's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP). The LTCP vision document is now out to public consultation and we would welcome your feedback on the document. The vision consultation runs from 15 February until the 29 March 2021 and can be found here: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltcpvision

The LTCP vision is the first step in developing our updated Local Transport Plan. The purpose of developing a transport vision is to set out the overarching direction for transport in Oxfordshire.

The vision ensures a clear long-term ambition for transport in the county and will underpin all the policies and schemes included in the full LTCP document.

The vision has been developed following analysis of the council's engagement activity conducted in March 2020, through engagement with stakeholders and through an analysis of transport data. We are consulting upon the draft vision document so that residents and stakeholders can feedback on the direction the LTCP is heading in.

What happens next

Once the consultation period is complete, a summary of the responses received will be produced and we will update the vision, key themes and policy focus areas accordingly. Work will then commence on developing the detailed LTCP which will include the specific policies, and proposed schemes.

A second consultation planned for later 2021 will cover the development of the full LTCP including an updated vision and themes.

Thank you for your interest and participation, please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Joe Kay Strategic Transport Lead Infrastructure Strategy Team Planning and Place Communities Oxfordshire County Council



NEW STREET NAME FOR THE WEST WITNEY DEVELOPMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Good Morning

I have received an application from Persimmon Homes to allocate a new street name to the access road that will serve the new Primary School & local centre at the West Witney development. Please see attached plans.

The developer has proposed the name 'School Way/Road' but confirmed that they also welcome any other suggestions. They did also request 'School Lane' but we have refused this name, as there is already a School Lane in Minster Lovell.

Please can I ask you to confirm if you are happy to proceed with the proposed name or if you have any other name that you would like to propose.

The River Learning Trust urgently need their new Primary School address but we are unable to provide this until the street name has been allocated. If I could ask for all responses by or before Tuesday 16th March 2021.

Thank you for your assistance.

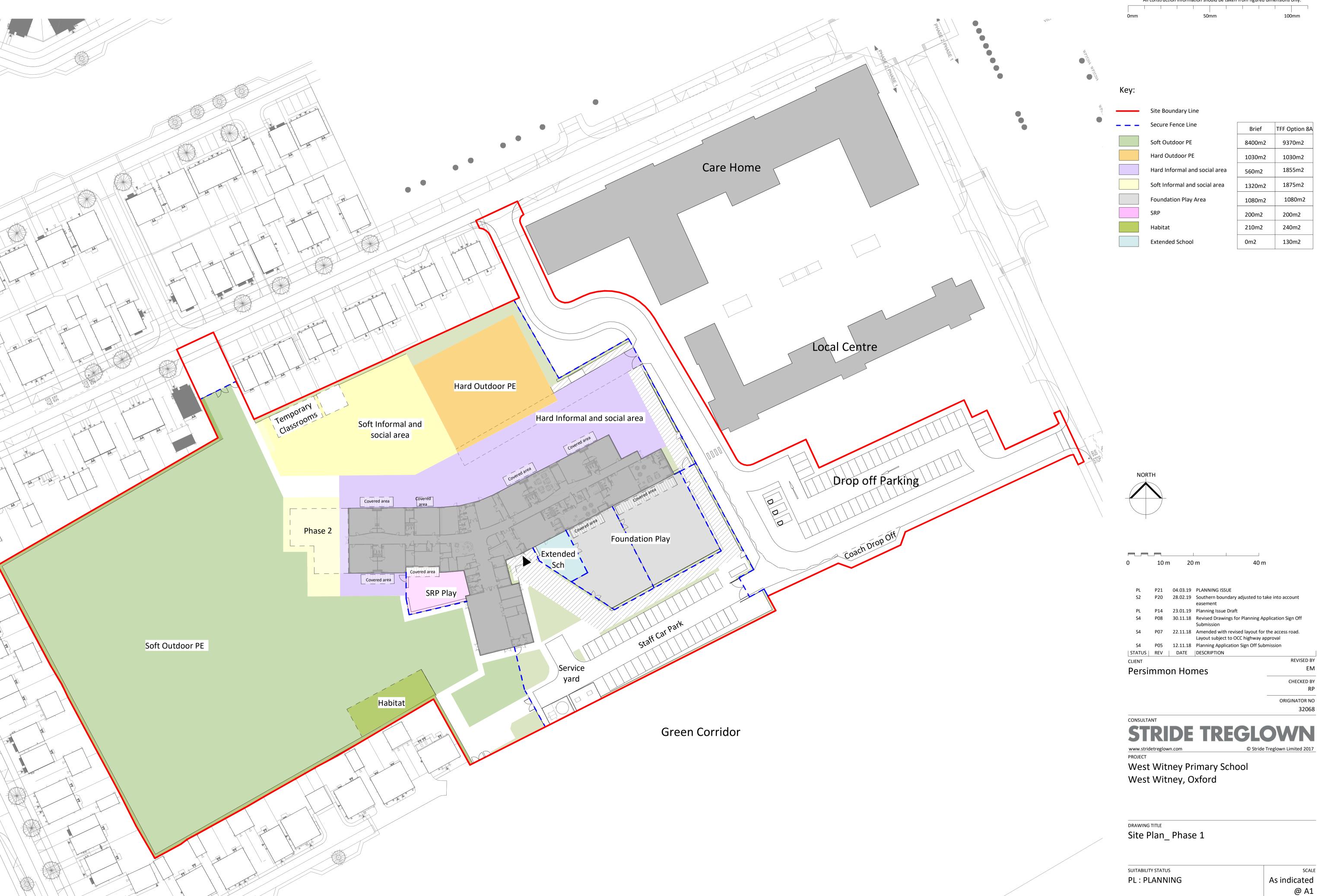
Kind regards Julia

Julia Hilborne Address Management Officer Business Support Services Email: Julia.hilborne@publicagroup.uk

Telephone: 01993 861135

Working on behalf of Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and Cheltenham Borough Council.





Site Plan_Phase 1

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From: Katherine Spencer < kspencer@riverlearningtrust.org >

Sent: 23 February 2021 16:02 **To:** Info <Info@witney-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: Windrush Church of England School

Dear Sir / Madam

I am working with the River Learning Trust, the multi academy trust of schools in Oxfordshire, to open the new Windrush CE School on the Windrush development in Witney.

I have been informed by Julia Hilborne, West Oxon District Council, that a consultation has gone out to the Town Council and the developers to suggest a name for the service road directly to the school and the local shops as this remains unnamed at present. I am aware that the Town Council has been involved in naming the roads on this new development.

If at all possible we would like to propose a suggestion that this service road is named River Way, or River Road, to link with the Windrush River, and hence the school name.

I would be grateful if you would consider our suggestion.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully Katherine Spencer

Katherine Spencer | Support and Challenge Partner

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