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

Held on Tuesday, 4 July 2023

At 6.00 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

### Present:

Councillors:	G Meadows R Smith J Aitman	J Robertshaw S Simpson
Officers:	Adam Clapton Derek Mackenzie Claire Green	Deputy Town Clerk Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk Administration Support - Planning & Stronger Communities
Others:	0 members of the public.	

### P369 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Bailey and O Collins.

### P370 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from members or officers.

### P371 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

### P372 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

#### **Resolved:**

That, the comments, as per the attached schedule be forwarded to West Oxfordshire District Council.

### P373 ADDRESS MANAGEMENT - NEW DEVELOPMENT AT THE CROFTS, WITNEY

The Committee received the request from West Oxfordshire District Council address management team regarding the naming of what was previously know at St Marys Court to be named Rosser Court/House.

Members discussed the proposal and felt the suggestion that a 20-year rule on naming streets or places after deceased individuals should be waived would potentially set a difficult precedent. If the District Council wished to proceed it would do so without the support of the Town Council.

**Resolved:**

1. That, the correspondence be noted and,
2. That, a response be submitted requesting an alternative name to be considered or for the continued use of St Marys Court.

**P374 AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Committee welcomed the consultation on the Witney Air Quality Action Plan, noting the last AQMA report was in 2005. Members asked that the following comments be submitted:

- Requirement for more data on vehicle types passing through Witney.
- Survey of Log burning stoves to discover the level that are exempt from the list of non-desirable devices.
- Survey of the level of engine idling, hotspots and for anti-idling to be highly prioritised within the framework
- A visual display to be erected to show real time carbon emissions in congested areas, such as Bridge Street in order to increase public awareness.

Members also noted that there weren't references to help reduce the reliance on polluting generators for mobile food outlets, like ice cream vans and coffee vans. The District Council promoted street vendors within the town, however these traders often had generators that were detrimental to air quality in the area. There were newer, less polluting technologies available, and this plan should be encouraging that.

Overall, members felt this was a good start after several year hiatus and they encouraged focused goal and target setting along with raising awareness.

**Resolved**

1. That, the report be noted and
2. That, a response be submitted outlining the above comments and
3. That, individual members were encouraged to submit a personal response.

**P375 BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM - SCOPING REQUEST**

The Committee received correspondence regarding the submission of a Scoping Report by the developers of the Botley West Solar Farm scheme along with a verbal update from the Deputy Town Clerk.

Members considered the information provided and discussed if it was appropriate to submit additional comments.

Members unanimously agreed that any submission should wait until the full planning application was submitted, and a consultation raised by West Oxfordshire District Council which was expected to be in September 2023. This would allow sufficient time to canvas the options of Witney residents and assess the impact the scheme would have on Witney as currently none of the development fell within the wards of Witney.

**Resolved:**

That, the correspondence be noted.

P376 **APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE FOR SAINSBURYS SUPERMARKET**

The Committee received the application from Sainsburys Supermarket, Witan Way, OX28 4FF for a minor variation of a premises licence under the Licencing Act 2003.

**Resolved:**

That, the Town Council has no objection to this application.

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The meeting closed at: 6.46 pm

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Chair

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- 372- 1 WTC/099/23 Plot Ref :-23/01303/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE  
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 20/06/23  
 Location :- 21 HERON DRIVE Date Returned :- 05/07/23  
 HERON DRIVE  
 Proposal : Single storey side extension.  
 Observations : While Witney Town Council does not object to this application in terms of material concerns, it notes the loss of permeable drainage and would ask that mitigating measures are considered to help decrease the possibility of surface water flooding in this area, in accordance with policy EH7 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031.
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- 372- 2 WTC/100/23 Plot Ref :-23/01308/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE  
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 21/06/23  
 Location :- 15 COTSWOLD MEADOW Date Returned :- 05/07/23  
 COTSWOLD MEADOW  
 Proposal : Erection of a timber gazebo.  
 Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.
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- 372- 3 WTC/101/23 Plot Ref :-23/01132/FUL Type :- FULL  
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 21/06/23  
 Location :- MULBERRY HOUSE Date Returned :- 05/07/23  
 9 CHURCH GREEN  
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 Proposal : Construction of a self-build dwelling, demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new outbuilding.  
 Observations : While Witney Town Council does not object to this application in terms of material concerns, it notes the loss of permeable drainage. Whilst the development is small, Members expressed concern that loss of green space on the site may cause increased flood risk locally. Members ask that a SUDS strategy and mitigating measures are demonstrated, to help decrease the possibility of surface water flooding in this area, in accordance with policy EH7 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031.
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- 372- 4 WTC/102/23 Plot Ref :-23/01440/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE  
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 21/06/23  
 Location :- 22 CHERRY TREE WAY Date Returned :- 05/07/23  
 CHERRY TREE WAY  
 Proposal : Erection of single storey rear extension.  
 Observations : While Witney Town Council does not object to this application in terms of material concerns, it notes the loss of permeable drainage and would ask that mitigating measures are considered to help decrease the possibility of surface water flooding in this area, in accordance with policy EH7 of the West

372- 5 WTC/103/23 Plot Ref :-23/01307/ADV Type :- ADVERTISIN  
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 21/06/23  
Location :- 1 TUNGSTEN PARK Date Returned :- 05/07/23  
COLLETTS WAY  
Proposal : Erection of a non illuminated fascia sign.  
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

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372- 6 WTC/104/23 Plot Ref :-23/01505/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE  
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 21/06/23  
Location :- 1 BUTCHERS COURT Date Returned :- 05/07/23  
BUTCHERS COURT  
Proposal : Proposed Loft Conversion with velux lights.  
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

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The Meeting closed at : 6:47pm

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

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council