

Witney Town Council are not objecting to this application, but it does ask that the applicant works closely with the Active Travel team at Oxfordshire County Council to improve both the number of cycle spaces that are provided and their locations on the site, to ensure best safety and compliance with the Active Travel Strategy. The LTCP from July 2022 stipulates walkable communities and inclusive cycle networks, which give priority at junctions for cyclists.

Swift sightings are now prevalent on the site and this development should include provision for swift bricks or universal bricks to support this endangered species.

Members are aware that the original site layout included provision for a pedestrian crossing on the Western side of this development, which would have encouraged safe crossing for pedestrians on the important walking route from the Community Hub area to the school, crossing Isabelle Spencer Way. Witney Town Council would like to see a commitment for a full Zebra Crossing in this area, and not just a dropped kerb, 'indicative safe space to cross' arrangement.

Witney Town Council request that a Grampian condition be imposed which requires that both this Community Hub development, and the Sports Pavilion development (23/01202/RES) be completed ahead of the construction of 74 homes sought by planning application 23/01206/FUL.

311- 4	WTC/091/23	Plot Ref :-23/01206/FUL	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-		Date Received :-	31/05/2023
	Location :-	LAND WEST OF WITNEY NORTH OF A40, EAST OF DOWNS RD CURBRIDGE	Date Returned :-	13/06/2023

Proposal : Erection of seventy four dwellings and associated infrastructure.

Observations : Witney Town Council would have preferred that more information be available when considering this proposal - At the time of being discussed by Members the consultee responses are not available from Thames Water or the Highways Authority.

Members request that a full Environmental Impact Assessment is sought. Whilst an EIA was prepared some years ago for this development area, Members now consider this information to be out-of-date and not representative of the much changed biodiversity at the site, including newly established habitats while the land has been unoccupied. Members raised the point that the Biodiversity Report Declaration of Adequacy has not been signed in Part B by the applicant and it has not been signed off in Part D by WODC or an appointed person on behalf of WODC.

Members discussed concerns brought to them from residents with regards to the changing ground levels at the development site. Residents of the neighbouring residential area in Mott Close report that ground levels to the rear of their properties have been increased during construction phases to a point that their privacy is compromised. Witney Town Council ask that Planning Officers ensure that natural ground levels are measured and agreed ahead of any planning permission being granted.

Another concern raised by residents is access to the existing properties in Mott Close being compromised and whether there will be adequate space for a new bin store, since residents currently use the pavement area to the West of Plot no. 74.

Witney Town Council would support the imposition of a Grampian Condition requiring that Thames Water demonstrate a sewerage capacity for this

development before any construction is started.

Further, Witney Town Council request that a Grampian condition be imposed which requires that this proposed development cannot be commenced until both the Community Hub development (23/01203/RES) and the Sports Pavilion development (23/01202/RES) are complete.

Witney Town Council ask that Section 106 funding be sought for associated infrastructure for this area, including play areas, benches, waste bins, dog bins and grit bins. And if applicable a Section 278 request from Oxfordshire County Council, or other developer contribution to enhance Active Travel, specifically for the long awaited Deer Park Road to Curbridge Bridleway improvements which runs through the estate.

311- 5	WTC/092/23	Plot Ref :-23/01086/HHD	Type :-	HOUSEHOLDE
	Applicant Name :- .		Date Received :-	31/05/2023
	Location :- 191 FARMERS CLOSE FARMERS CLOSE		Date Returned :-	14/06/2023
	Proposal :	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions.		
	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.		
		Members request that the Planning Officer consider concerns raised by residents at a neighbouring property.		

311- 6	WTC/093/23	Plot Ref :-23/01390/HHD	Type :-	HOUSEHOLDE
	Applicant Name :- .		Date Received :-	31/05/2023
	Location :- 33 BLENHEIM DRIVE BLENHEIM DRIVE		Date Returned :-	14/06/2023
	Proposal :	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions (previously approved 23/00018/HHD).		
	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.		

311- 7	WTC/094/23	Plot Ref :-23/01362/FUL	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :- .		Date Received :-	02/06/2023
	Location :- BEEKEEPERS 18 - 22 MARKET SQUARE		Date Returned :-	14/06/2023
	Proposal :	Installation of new external TV and supporting framework to rear garden.		
	Observations :	While Witney Town Council do not object to this application, Members discussed the neighbourliness of the proposal and ask that careful consideration be given to potential harm from sound and light disturbance.		

311- 8 WTC/095/23 Plot Ref :-23/00997/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 02/06/2023
Location :- 43 WOODPECKER WAY Date Returned :- 14/06/2023
WOODPECKER WAY
Proposal : Erection of an orangery to rear of dwelling and construction of a summer house
added to detached garage.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application.

311- 9 WTC/096/23 Plot Ref :-23/01202/RES Type :- RESERVED
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 02/06/2023
Location :- LAND WEST OF WITNEY Date Returned :- 14/06/2023
NORTH OF A40
EAST OF DOWNS ROAD
Proposal : Reserved matters application for a sports pavilion and associated infrastructure.
Observations : Witney Town Council support this application for a sports pavilion. Members
make the following observations:

Witney Town Council request that a Grampian condition be imposed which
requires that both this Sports Pavilion development, and the Local Centre
development (23/01203/RES) be completed ahead of the construction of 74
homes sought by planning application 23/01206/FUL.

The cycle parking provision for the pavilion is inadequate for the facility,
opportunities should be taken to encourage active travel and Members
recommend that secure cycle parking should be available for at least 30 cycles.

Members ask that the pavilion be named 'Windrush Place Pavilion' to avoid any
confusion with existing facilities in Witney, especially for visiting teams.

The Meeting closed at : 7:45pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council