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

Held on Tuesday, 28 January 2025

At 6.03 pm in the Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney

Present:

Councillor G Meadows (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman G Doughty	J Doughty R Smith
Officers:	Adam Clapton Derek Mackenzie Cara Murray	Deputy Town Clerk Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk Admin- Communities & Planning
Others:	None.	

P53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Bailey, T Ashby & S Simpson.

P54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members or officers.

P55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

Councillor R Smith joined the meeting at 6:08pm

P56 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.

P57 **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - ANPR ENFORCEMENT CONSULTATION**

This item was debated following the resolution of the Council on 6 January 2025 to refer the submission to the Climate Biodiversity & Planning Committee (Minute 006 Refers) and for the meeting to be held in person to allow all Members of the Council to attend should they wish and actively participate.

It was established early in the debate that Members were supportive of the introduction of ANPR cameras in order that the existing Traffic Regulation Order was enforced. Responses to the most recent County Council High Street improvements consultation and comments from ward residents they had spoken with since the TRO's introduction reinforced a need for such infrastructure.

Members raised concerns regarding the visual appearance of the enforcements and felt that clear signage was required should the ANPR camera proposal proceed. There were further comments concerning exemptions for blue badge holder and businesses. However, it was felt the changes to the visual appearance to both ends of the High Street following the infrastructure changes would be obvious to road users approaching the enforcement area and they were confident that OCC Officers would ensure compliance and that appropriate measures would be considered regarding exemptions

Another concern was the impact of the ANPR to be sited at the southern end of the High Street as this would be placed adjacent to one of the Town Council's Christmas trees.

The Committee agreed the content to be included in the response.

Response to the Proposal of ANPR Cameras for Witney Market Square/High Street

The Council support the introduction of ANPR cameras in Market Square and the High Street to enforce prohibited use.

The Council believe that the implementation of ANPR cameras is most critical to significantly enhance the safety and security of pedestrians, cyclist and road users when accessing the High Street.

Councillors found that through their interactions with residents since the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the High Street that most road users are adhering to the TRO and are frustrated at those that are not. This was also backed up by a number of the responses received to the OCC consultation events held in Autumn 2024 to consult on the changes to the High Street and Market Square.

The Council trust in OCC's ability to address and alleviate concerns regarding Blue Badge holders and for the allowance of deliveries & collections to and from local business' located in the High Street and are confident that appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that these groups are not adversely affected by the new system.

Members are looking forward to the planned enhancements to the High Street, they hope with the reduction in traffic, changes in carriageway design and the introduction of new planting and benches that the High Street will become a pleasant and enhanced environment for all residents and visitors to the town.

Resolved:

That, the above response be submitted to Oxfordshire County Council.

P58 **CHURCH GREEN & CORN STREET PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

The Committee received notification of the proposed residents permit & shared use parking scheme for Corn Street & Church Green.

Members were pleased to see that their comments regarding the extension of the scheme to neighbouring properties had been included in the proposal.

Resolved:

That, the correspondence be noted.

P59 **LAND WEST OF DOWNS ROAD, WITNEY**

The Committee received the correspondence from David Lock Associates advising of the submission of a planning application for Land West of Downs Road, Witney.

Members noted that this application fell within the boundary of Curbridge Parish however, understood that like similar developments on the outskirts of the town Witney would become the developments service centre with its infrastructure being utilised by residents.

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to view the full application details when they became available for consultation as a neighbouring parish.

Resolved:

That, the correspondence be noted.

The meeting closed at: 6.58 pm

Chair

Witney Town Council

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P56- 1 WTC/012/25 Plot Ref :-24/03155/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 14/01/2025
 Location :- 80 BLAKES AVENUE Date Returned :- 29/01/2025
 BLAKES AVENUE
 Proposal : Erection of a single storey front 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.

P56- 2 WTC/013/25 Plot Ref :-24/03160/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 14/01/2025
 Location :- 46 HAILEY ROAD Date Returned :- 29/01/2025
 HAILEY ROAD
 Proposal : Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension, single storey front extension and storm porch. Proposed dropped kerb, driveway and access to highway to front of property.
 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 concerns that surface water is to discharge to existing drainage, with the possibility of this causing an increased flood risk and given the site location and associated flooding that occurs in the Hailey Road area. Members ask that a SUDS strategy and 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.

P56- 3 WTC/014/25 Plot Ref :-24/03176/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
 Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 14/01/2025
 Location :- 39 OXFORD HILL Date Returned :- 29/01/2025
 OXFORD HILL
 Proposal : Removal of front extension. Erection of single storey and two storey extensions and construction of a front porch, works to include re-rendering the existing facade and changes to rear roof structure.
 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 also noted that the re-rendering will contribute positively to the street scene.

P56- 4 WTC/015/25 Plot Ref :-25/00029/LBC Type :- LISTED BUI
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 16/01/2025
Location :- CROFTDOWN 34 CORN STREET Date Returned :- 29/01/2025
CORN STREET
Proposal : Internal alterations to kitchen hearth height.
Observations : Witney Town Council does not object in principle however, Members request re-consultation should the opinion of the Conservation/Heritage Officer not concur.

P56- 5 WTC/016/25 Plot Ref :-24/03240/FUL Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 16/01/2025
Location :- WITNEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL Date Returned :- 29/01/2025
WELCH WAY
Proposal : Proposed cycle store and associated works.
Observations : Witney Town Council supports this application and welcomes the installation of a new cycle store at Witney Community Hospital, reducing the current reliance that is placed on private cars for journeys into Witney by promoting active travel.

P56- 6 WTC/017/25 Plot Ref :-24/03227/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 16/01/2025
Location :- 50 NEW YATT ROAD Date Returned :- 29/01/2025
NEW YATT ROAD
Proposal : Erection of two storey rear and side extension, single storey side extension, replacement doors and windows and associated landscape work.
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.

P56- 7 WTC/018/25 Plot Ref :-25/00055/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- . Date Received :- 22/01/2025
Location :- 38 ORCHARD WAY Date Returned :- 29/01/2025
ORCHARD WAY
Proposal : Erection of two storey side and single storey 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.

The Meeting closed at : 6:58pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council