

Witney Town Council

Planning Minutes - 17 December 2019

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514- 1 WTC/200/19 Plot Ref :-19/03056/HHD Type :- HOUSEHOLDE
Applicant Name :- GEANEY. MS J Date Received :- 25/11/2019
Location :- 27 LOWELL PLACE Date Returned :- 18/12/2019
LOWELL PLACE
WITNEY
Proposal : Single storey extension to form garden room.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

514- 2 WTC/201/19 Plot Ref :-19/03034/ADV Type :- ADVERTISIN
Applicant Name :- WALSH, MR JOHN Date Received :- 02/12/2019
Location :- UNIT 3 MARRIOTTS WALK Date Returned :- 18/12/2019
MARRIOTTS WALK
WITNEY
Proposal : Erection of one fascia and one hanging sign.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

514- 3 WTC/202/19 Plot Ref :-19/02952/RES Type :- RESERVED
Applicant Name :- DAVIES, MR MARK Date Received :- 05/12/2019
Location :- LAND AT WEST WITNEY Date Returned :- 18/12/2019
DOWNS ROAD
CURBRIDGE
Proposal : Primary school sub- station.
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

514- 4 WTC/203/19 Plot Ref :-19/3205/FUL Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- HAGGIS, MR NATHAN Date Received :- 09/12/2019
Location :- Unit 11 Vanbrugh Quarter Date Returned :- 18/12/2019
Northwood Road
Windrush Industrial Park
OXON
Proposal : Change of use from Light Industrial (Class B1 (C) use) to Leisure for use as a private 1-1 personal training Unit (Class D2 use).
Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

Applicant Name :- MAWLE TRUSTEE & TRUSTEES OF NO Date Received :- 09/12/2019

Location :- LAND SOUTH EAST OF OXFORD Date Returned :- 18/12/2019
HIL
OXFORD HILL
WITNEY

Proposal : Scoping opinion in relation to a proposed planning application for a residential development.

Observations : Witney Town Council welcomes this application and agrees there is a need for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out on this site as part of the pre-application procedure.

Traffic and Transport, Air Quality and Ecology are all real concerns for the residents in this area and Witney as a whole. In these areas the Town Council would particularly like to see the EIA explore all options and modelling for the proposed Shores Green Junction, along with clarification on its delivery as a multi-directional junction (as stressed by the District Council in the submitted documents) which therefore alleviates traffic away from the centre of Witney where air quality is already particularly poor. The scoping report does not explicitly offer a timescale as to when these slip roads will be completed and the Town Council would ask that this takes place before the residential construction begins and that the movement of construction traffic is also considered. While the committee also notes crossings and new routes within the site, connectivity to schools and other areas in the Town are also important, including pedestrian crossings at Blake's School and at Cogges Hill Road near to the Blake's Avenue/Oxlease exit. The Town Council notes that Highways meetings are due to be held, and as elected representatives with an understanding of the issues and areas in question it would welcome discussions on these at an early stage of planning.

The Town Council has concerns that a number of additional factors appear to be scoped out of the EIA.

There are already signs that the current sewerage infrastructure on the Cogges Estate is overloaded with sewerage having to be removed from certain areas throughout the year. With cumulative impacts of additional sewerage on the current system, as well as the other new developments across the town the Town Council asks that full consideration must be given at an early stage. The same is asked of drainage and run-off water; by nature the application site is sloping and Witney already has an issue with hard surface peak run-off which is causing run off and sewerage to be discharged into the already pressured river Windrush.

Having declared a Climate Emergency along with the other two tiers of Local Government for Witney, the Town Council feels that even though the current West Oxfordshire Local Plan does not contain this stipulation, that consideration should also be given to this aspect of the application and covered in the EIA, particularly in terms of energy and climate change.

In the Town Council's opinion, consideration should also be given to flight paths into RAF Brize Norton under noise and vibration and to the timings and potential dust hazard which could be created during the course of construction, this would hopefully avoid the health concerns raised during building works at other recent developments.

514- 6 WTC/205/19

Plot Ref :-19/02624/FUL

Type :- FULL

Applicant Name :- HEAST, MR DALE

Date Received :- 09/12/2019

Location :- 43 VALENCE CRESCENT
WITNEY
OXON

Date Returned :- 18/12/2019

Proposal : Change of use of land to extend domestic garden, construction of new boundary fencing and erection of outbuilding for use as home office/gym (Retrospective).

Observations : Witney Town Council has no objections regarding this application

The Meeting closed at : 7.25pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Witney Town Council