

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

**Held on Tuesday, 29 June 2021**

**At 6.00 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom**

**Present:**

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	A Prosser J Aitman	L Duncan V Gwatkin
Officers:	Adam Clapton Claire Green  Simon Wright	Deputy Town Clerk Administration Support - Planning & Stronger Communities Democratic & Legal Services Officer
Others:	1 member of the public.	

**P335 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Owen Collins, Mel Jones and Andy McMahon.

**P336 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from members or officers.

**P337 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Committee adjourned for this item.

A member of the public addressed the Committee on Application WTC/108/21 at 43 Ducklington Lane, Witney.

*The Committee reconvened following public participation.*

**P338 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

It was noted that two applications had already been responded to due to consultation deadlines and as Witney Town Council was the applicant on another application no response was required.

**RESOLVED:**

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

P339 **PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS**

Notification of planning appeal decisions at 85 Barrington Close and Ash Close, Gloucester Place, Witney were received.

**Resolved:**

That the planning appeal notification for 85 Barrington Close and Ash Close, Gloucester Place, Witney be noted.

P340 **LICENSING APPLICATION W/21/00207/PRMA - 62A HIGH STREET WITNEY OXFORDSHIRE OX28 6HJ**

The Committee received and considered an application for a premises licence at 62A High Street, Witney.

**Resolved:**

That, no objection be raised to the application for a premises licence at 62A High Street, Witney.

P341 **APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - CINEWORLD MULTIPLEX MARRIOTTS WALK WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE OX28 6GW**

The Committee received and considered an application for the variation of a premises licence at Cineworld Multiplex, Marriotts Walk, Witney.

**Resolved:**

That, no objection be raised to the variation of a premises licence at Cineworld Multiplex, Marriotts Walk, Witney.

P342 **R3.0079/21 - REQUEST FOR SCOPING OPINION FOR THE PROPOSED 'ACCESS TO WITNEY' SCHEME**

The Committee received and considered a consultation document from Oxfordshire County Council regarding a scoping opinion for an Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed 'Access to Witney' scheme.

It was agreed that the document was comprehensive and the main topic areas identified in the report should be supported. However members were of the opinion that reference should be made to the impact on the existing Station Lane junction, that quantitative data on air quality be included from the start of construction and that the views of South Leigh Parish Council regarding the extension of the radius for air quality monitoring be supported.

**Resolved:**

That, the Committee considers the document to be very comprehensive and supports the topics identified in the document in respect of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

In addition the following observations be forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council for consideration:

1. The impact on the existing Station Lane junction should be assessed, including using receptors if possible, as part of the process;
2. The Council supports the view of South Leigh PC on the issue of Air Quality in that the proposed monitoring up to 200m from the centre of the works is too short a distance and ideally the Air Quality Monitoring (AQM) be extended to a minimum of 0.5km; and
3. In respect of the AQM the Council feels that quantitative data should be collected from the start of construction.

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The meeting closed at: 7.15 pm

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Chair