

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

**Held on Tuesday, 4 October 2022**

**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 P Hiles
Officers:	Adam Clapton Claire Green  Derek Mackenzie	Deputy Town Clerk Administration Support - Planning & Stronger Communities Senior Administrative Officer & Committee Clerk
Others:	None	

**P506 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor T Ashby.

**P507 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor L Duncan declared an interest in planning application 22/02454/HHD by virtue of knowing the applicants.

**P508 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**P509 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**Resolved:**

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

**P510 CONSULTATION - TRAFFIC CALMING AT THE LEYS, WITNEY**

The Committee received and considered the correspondence from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) in respect of the Proposed Traffic Calming scheme for The Leys.

Members discussed the details of the scheme and were concerned to see that there was no provision for traffic calming around the crossing area from the St Mary's church footpath across to the central footpath through The Leys, particularly as the OCC Notice mentioned the reason for the calming was to improve pedestrian safety.

Members were also advised that Windrush Bike Project had raised concerns about the provision of sufficient space either side of the calming 'cushions' suitable for the width of a tricycle.

**Resolved:**

1. That, the OCC consultation be noted and,
2. That, a response is submitted suggesting the inclusion of a cushion to be positioned by the pedestrian crossing area and,
3. That, Witney Town Councils supports the Windrush Bike Project's comments regarding sufficient space for bikes and trikes to navigate to the side of the calming cushions.

**P511 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE SALT CROSS GARDEN VILLAGE AREA ACTION PLAN**

The committee received and considered the correspondence from West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) regarding the proposed main modifications to the Salt Cross Garden Village Plan.

Members were disappointed to see that the plans had been diluted and would now not deliver the same Carbon Neutral aims as the original plan. Members agreed to explore the proposal in greater detail and discuss further at the meeting of Climate Biodiversity and Planning Committee on 25 October 2022.

Members of this Committee who held a District Council seat were reminded they could respond in each capacity as an elected representative on each Authority.

**Resolved:**

That, Members will continue discussions further at the next meeting of this Committee on 25 October 2022

**P512 ADDRESS MANAGEMENT - WINDRUSH PLACE, WITNEY**

The Committee received and considered the correspondence from West Oxfordshire District Council's Address Management Officer. The request was for ideas for the naming of a road on the Windrush Place housing estate.

Members discussed various names associated with the De Havilland plane company. One member raised that historically Lapwings were known to frequent the area whilst the aerodrome was in operation and in which now the new road is located.

The committee ask that the nomination be for “Lapwing Fields” due to the historical relationship of the bird with the aerodrome

**Resolved:**

That, “Lapwing Fields” is suggested to the West Oxfordshire District Council’s Address Management Officer for forwarding to the developers.

P513 **RENEWAL OF PAVEMENT LICENCE - W/22/01144/PAVLIC - PART & PARCEL**

With the express permission of the Chair an additional item was added to the meeting regarding Pavement Licences which had very short consultation periods.

The committee considered the application by Part & Parcel, 2-4 Market Square for a renewal of their pavement licence. The members had no objections and therefore no reply is required to be sent to West Oxfordshire District Council.

They also noted there were no objection decisions taken virtually (as previously agreed by resolution) for Greggs, Welch Way, Coffee#1, Market Square and The Cross Keys, Market Square on the renewal of their licences.

**Resolved:**

That, no further action or formal representation is required.

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The meeting closed at: 6.52 pm

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Chair