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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 5 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) P M Webster (In the Chair)

Councillor: P Adams
A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
(Mrs) A Durrant
G Edwards
N Gardiner
(Mrs) A Livall
K Smith
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

1 Member of the Public, 4 representatives of the Aldi Project and 1 Member of the Press

APOLOGIES

65. Councillors C Adams (Unwell), R Acres (Work Commitment), (Mrs) J Clark, (Mrs) M Penny (SBC Mayoral Commitment) and (Mrs) L Vardy (Family Commitments)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

66. None.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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KINGSDOWN SITE - . S/OUT/17/1821 JABU Outline planning application for a mixed use development comprising up to 1,650 dwellings, a local centre (Use Classes A1-5, D1, C2 and C3), a primary school (Use Class D1), public open space, landscaping, new Vehicular accesses including a bridge across the A419 and associated works. (Means of access not reserved). Kingsdown (Land to East of A419), Swindon,

67. It was strongly recommended that this application be refused:

- Highworth Town Council submitted a strong objection to this planned development at the Consultation stage of the SBC Local Plan 2026 on the grounds that the plan caters initially for only one entrance and egress from the development on to the B4019, to be augmented by a second exit over a newly constructed bridge over the A419 to join a spur road at Groundwell. Construction of this bridge, it would seem, is to be commenced only after a significant number of houses are sold.
- All the objections to the proposed application, including the one from Highways England have concentrated on the adverse effects on traffic at the Cold Harbour junction at Broad Blunsdon. Highways England also concentrates on the adverse effects it will have on the White Hart Roundabout, however, this scheme will also have a seriously adverse affect on Highworth at the junction of Cricklade Road and Swindon Street. Much of the traffic leaving the development via the B4019 will turn right, either to travel towards Oxford or to travel to Swindon avoiding the tail back at the Cold Harbour junction. The Cricklade Road junction already suffers its own tail backs, all the way back to the Freke Arms at peak travel times, already causing severe delays and congestion in what is a small market town. The only result of allowing the sole, for now, egress onto the B4019 will be to cause absolute vehicular chaos at either end of the B4019.
- The B4019 is not sufficiently developed to accept another potential 2000 cars onto it. The road is fast and already dangerous, suffering fatal accidents fairly regularly over the years. The plan does not address this and, in the opinion of Councillors, there needs to be a consideration of some provision from the CIL contribution towards up-grading the B4109.

CORRESPONDENCE

68. None.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS

PERMISSIONS

69. a. S/HOU/17/1184SASM. Erection of a garage. The Stables, Cricklade Road, Highworth. (Councillors recommended acceptance).
- b. S/HOU/17/1433HC. Erection of a first floor and single storey rear extensions and porch to front. Hillview, 12 Sevenhampton Lane, Sevenhampton. (Councillors deferred to the Officers)

REFUSALS

70. a. None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

71. a. S/17/1771 SASM Erection of Class A1 Foodstore and Associated Access, Parking and Landscaping. Land North of Blackworth Industrial Estate, Highworth. Councillors recommended acceptance but for there to be two conditions included in that acceptance. (1) There must be provision for adequate acoustic shielding, particularly in respect of the property adjoining the site to the North. (2) That with regard to the route from the bus stop to the site, via the footpath shown on the plan, be upgraded in accordance with the submitted proposal.
- b. S/OUT/17/1772 SASM Outline Application for the Erection of Class B1, B2 & B8 Employment uses plus New Vehicular and Pedestrian Access – Access not reserved. Land to the North of Blackworth Industrial Estate, Highworth. Councillors recommended acceptance.
- c. S/HOU/17/1852 CHHO Erection of a single storey rear extension, two storey side and front extensions and rear Dormer Window. 6 Westhill Close, Highworth. Councillors recommend acceptance but requested that a condition be placed on the acceptance there be a provision for a watching brief for archaeological remains as this is an area of past significant finds.
- d. S/HOU/17/1938 TOOC Erection of a single storey rear extension. 39 Home Farm, Highworth. Councillors recommended acceptance.
- e. S/17/1914 FELY Conversion of 1 no. dwelling into 2 no. dwellings. 40 Park Avenue. Councillors recommended acceptance. They would like to see a condition attached to limit the movement of site vehicles during school pick up and set down times.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

72. a. Councillor S Weisinger. A letter is to be written to the Highworth asking the hotel to address the parking of customers' cars which obstruct the pavement at this location.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) A Livall. The dead hawthorn tree at the Blackworth Roundabout is already on the job-sheet for removal.
- c. Councillor A Bishop. Councillors unanimously agreed for a notice to be placed on the windscreen of cars parked on grass verges along St Michaels Avenue requesting that they cease doing so.
- d. Councillor (Mrs) P Webster. It was confirmed that there has been no consultation regarding any change to the phasing of the traffic lights at the junction of High Street/Swindon Street/ Cricklade Road/Lechlade Road.

Meeting closed 8.03 pm