

# **Droitwich Spa Town Council**

## **TOWN MEETING 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

### **Report of the Chairman of Planning Committee**

The Droitwich Spa Town Council maintains an advisory position on consultations, within the town development boundary, submitted to Wychavon District Council as the Local Planning Authority. As a council, we always try to give fair consideration to all applications with care given to the opinions and needs of our town and residents.

We do this through our Town Planning Committee which consists of nine members including the Mayor and myself with what has been excellent guidance from our Town Council Officers who I would like to thank for, among other things, tracking applications and ensuring we are able to make informed decisions. I would also like to thank the members both on and off the committee who help bring local knowledge to the proceedings. The Planning Committee has met 11 times since the last Annual Report in March 2021. The last Town Meeting took place in 2019 with two years affected by the pandemic. For the past twelve months the Town Council Planning Committee has consulted on 97 applications in total. Of these 70 were recommended for support, 5 were of comments only, 7 recommended for refusal and 15 were already approved by WDC. Our decisions mostly accorded with the decisions made by the Local Planning Authority. We have also heard from developers in updates and public presentations as well as many Worcestershire County Council Road Traffic regulation orders put in place to keep our roads safe and functional.

We were lucky to be able to use the main room of the community hall to return to face to face meetings in June 2021 with greater safety, seeing many applications for renovations to properties on our High street which keep listed buildings alive in our community.

Through the year, we have discussed large and small applications affecting single houses, protected buildings, entire estates and our shared town centre and I am glad to have put my efforts towards giving each application the chance to be considered, outlining the comments of those most closely affected. Leaving me now, just to thank again all Committee Members, our Town Clerk and Officers Mark, Sharon & Jane.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor George Duffy  
Chairman of the Planning Committee