

Droitwich Spa Town Council

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29 July 2014

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** to be held in The Council Chamber, St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DS on Monday 4 August 2014 at 6.00pm.



Pam Craney
Town Clerk

Please review Planning Applications in advance by going online at http://www.e-wychavon.org.uk/wychavon/plan_search/search.html

PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public are invited to attend the committee meeting. Time is set aside at 5.45pm to receive views or questions on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration before the start of the Committee meeting. Notice of these should be lodged with the Town Clerk by 1pm that same day at the latest. Members of the public may not take part in the committee meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interests
3. To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 July 2014 [*enclosed*]
4. (a) Planning applications [*schedule attached*]
(b) Amended planning applications [*there are none*]
5. Correspondence concerning Planning Application W/14/01312/PN – Land adjacent 19 Brantwood Close [*copy attached for information*]
6. Decisions of the Local Planning Authority:-
 - a Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued six approval notices, all but one of which of which accorded with the recommendations of the Town Council.
 - b Refusal Notices: one refusal notice has been issued. This accorded with the recommendation of the Town Council.

7. Raven Hotel Development – to note that Origin3 will be undertaking a further public consultation exercise in the Council Chamber on Thursday 7 August, 1pm to 8.30pm with the first hour of the event (1pm - 2pm) being a private session for Councillors.
8. South Worcestershire Development Plan – 2 representatives to be nominated to attend a Briefing Session [see attached correspondence from Wychavon District Council]
9. Worcestershire County Council – Minerals Local Plan: Call for Sites

Worcestershire County Council is calling for information by 22 August 2014 on preferred locations for aggregate extraction in Worcestershire. This follows the Second Stage Consultation on the emerging Minerals Local Plan for Worcestershire. At that stage, it was intended to rely on Areas of Search as the primary means of directing where aggregate minerals development would take place. In the responses received it was noted that this might create unacceptable levels of uncertainty, both for the minerals industry, landowners and Worcestershire's residents and businesses. Government guidance has also been strengthened and the County Council advised to plan for the steady and adequate supply of minerals in one or more of the following ways (in order of priority):

- 1. designating Specific Sites – where viable resources are known to exist, landowners are supportive of minerals development and the proposal is likely to be acceptable in planning terms. Such sites may also include essential operations associated with mineral extraction;*
- 2. designating Preferred Areas, which are areas of known resources where planning permission might reasonably be anticipated. Such areas may also include essential operations associated with mineral extraction; and/or*
- 3. designating Areas of Search – areas where knowledge of mineral resources may be less certain but within which planning permission may be granted, particularly if there is a potential shortfall in supply.*

To enable assessment of all proposals on the same basis, additional information or locations are requested to be put forward for consideration for Specific Sites, Preferred Areas or Areas of Search in the consultation on the Draft Plan. Supporting information is also required to assess whether the sites should be included in the Minerals Local Plan:

- A location plan, preferably on an OS map base.*
- An estimate of the quantity of mineral resource. Borehole or other survey results would be helpful.*
- Details of minerals operator(s) interested in working the site (an estimate of when they might expect to bring the site forward would help us to plan delivery through the plan period).*
- Details of landowner(s) and confirmation that they would support mineral working. Landowners should be aware from the start of the process that sites may not be fully restored to agricultural use following extraction.*
- Details of any landowner or community aspirations for the land which might influence site restoration and after-use options.*
- Potential site access options (water, rail, conveyor and/or road).*
- Processing options – would you expect processing plant to be provided on site, or would material be transported to another site for processing?*

Sites put forward will be in the public domain. These will be consulted upon as part of the draft plan intended for submission to the Secretary of State for Examination later this year.

Distribution:

All Members of the Planning Committee

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