

# Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at St Richards House on Monday 6 November 2023 at 6.00 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor GA Duffy – Chairman  
Councillor GR Brookes  
Councillor M Brook  
Councillor SJ Brazier  
Councillor PD Clements  
Councillor DI Davidson  
Councillor J Grady  
Councillor Mrs K Fellows (Ex officio)

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors, RP Hopkins, VP Humphries, & RJ Morris.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Mrs C Bowden, E Bowden, Mrs J Chaudry, A Key & AM Sinton.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** There were none received.

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**176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor DI Davidson noted a non-pecuniary interest for the amendment to Application Reference W/23/00887/CU (Change of use for 25 Station Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8JD) for the reason that he knows the applicant and neighbours.

**177. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2023.**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9 October 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**178. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

For the application schedule all decisions were voted unanimously by the Committee Members.

**RESOLVED** That the comments of the Planning Committee upon the planning applications received from Wychavon District Council, appended as a schedule to these Minutes, be approved.

**179. AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(1) Wychavon District Council have updated on 10 October 2023 that amended/additional details have been received for Planning Application Reference W/22/02700/FUL dated 17 August 2023 – Redevelopment of car wash site to include cover to existing car wash, creation of 6no shop units and cafeteria, and demolition of existing valet/store building. Location – Land rear of 67 High Street, Droitwich Spa [*notification letter attached with Agenda for information.*]

(2) WDC updated on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 that further to the Town Council Planning Committee consultation comments for Application Reference W/23/00887/CU (Change of Use for 25 Station Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8JD) submitted on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and attached, the applicant has provided additional information to address the highway concerns. WCC Highways have now withdrawn their objection and recommended approval with conditions. The information is attached for further considered comment by the Town Council by 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 *[notification letter attached with Agenda for information.]*

Councillor DI Davidson abstained from the discussion and vote for the amendment number 2 - Application Reference W/23/00887/CU (Change of Use for 25 Station Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8JD), for the reason that he knows the applicant and neighbours.

RESOLVED That the information be noted. In addition to update the Town Council Planning Committee response for Application Reference W/23/00887/CU (Change of use for 25 Station Street, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8JD) to “no objections and recommend approval, to accord with the WCC Highways amended response”. Amended response submitted direct to case Officer 7.11.2023.

#### 180. DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

a) Approval Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued 7 approval notice since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting on 9 October 2023. Of these 5 did accord with the recommendations of the Town Council Planning Committee and 2 did not *[for information]*.

(b) Refusal Notices: Wychavon District Council, the Local Planning Authority, has issued no refusal notices since the last Town Council Planning Committee Meeting which took place on 9 October 2023 *[for information]*.

RESOLVED That the information be noted

181. Worcestershire County Council – “Bus Back Better” – National Bus Strategy. The County Council have notified Organisations and Stakeholders on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023, who have an interest in improving bus services and connectivity for the County. The links below are for the Consultation Questionnaire and to review the plans & schemes of the Enhanced Partnership. Feedback responses are requested by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. It is usual for one corporate response to be collated and submitted for Organisations and Stakeholders. The QR Code in the letter is recommended if there are difficulties accessing through the online links *[Letter from Mike Rouse – WCC Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways and Transport attached]*.

The Enhanced Partnership Document [Worcestershire enhanced partnership plan and scheme](#)

Consultation Questionnaire <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Enhanced Partnership Consultation 2023>.

Or [Enhanced Partnership Consultation 2023\(snapsurveys.com\)](#)

RESOLVED That the information be noted

182. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). 21 Day Notice for temporary traffic restrictions. To notify the closure of the C2254 Ombersley Way, Droitwich Spa from the junction of the U41705 Union Lane to the B4090 Salt Way. Provision is 21 days and anticipated closure timescales are 10 days from 16 October 2023. The reasons for the closure are to enable works to replace missing/dangerous tactile crossings and investigate &

reconstruct sunken areas of the footway [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

183. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Notice of Temporary Closure of Footpaths DW-501 (part) & DW-583 from Isaacs Way to Kingcup Fields in Droitwich Spa as an Emergency Measure. This is for the reason to repair flood damage to the footpaths. The provision and anticipated works timescales are both set for 21 days commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. There is no practical diversion route available for this works location [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

184. Worcestershire County Council – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Notice of Temporary Closure of Footpaths DW-508 (part) between Holly Close and Raven Gardens in Droitwich Spa. This is for the reason to repair damage and wear to the footpaths. The provision and anticipated works timescales are both set for 5 days commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. There is no practical diversion route available for this works location [*public notice and location details attached with Agenda for information*].

RESOLVED That the information be noted

The meeting closed at 6.22pm.

Chairman of Committee .....  
4 December 2023  
Chairman of Council .....  
18 December 2023