

Minutes of the Bicester Town Council Planning Committee on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019** at **The Garth, Launton Road Bicester OX26 6PS.**

**Present**

- Cllr Nick Mawer – Chairman
- Cllr Sean Gaul
- Cllr Dan Hallett
- Cllr Harry Knight
- Cllr Zoe McLernon
- Cllr Richard Mould
- Cllr Robert Nixon
- Cllr Les Sibley

**In Attendance:**

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer

Minute Number	Agenda item No	
226/1920	1	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies were received from Cllr Lynn Pratt and Cllr Jason Slaymaker</p>
2271920	2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>2.1 None were received.</p> <p>2.2 <b>Declarations of Interest for District &amp; County Councillors</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Sean Gaul, Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Richard Mould and Cllr Les Sibley as District Councillors and Cllr Les Sibley as County Councillor on this Planning Committee will make their comments and decision based upon information available at the time of the Meeting. It is accepted that District Councillors may come to different decision in the light of more information being made available at District Planning Meetings.</p>
228/1920	3	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Committee confirmed the following minutes of the Planning Committee meeting:</p> <p><b>PL5/1920 - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.</b></p>
229/1920	4	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>No members of the public were present.</p>

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230/1920	5	<p><b>UPDATES ON LARGE DEVELOPMENTS AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES</b></p> <p><b>5.1 NORTH WEST BICESTER</b></p> <p>The Committee was advised that the Cherwell District Council Executive had received confirmation of HiF funding approval for the ridge works at Howes Lane which are timetabled for Easter 2021. If the 2021 date is missed, the next opportunity will be 2023 due to other planned major engineering works on the line. Cherwell District and Oxfordshire County Councils are working hard together to ensure the roads are realigned in advance of the bridge works to ensure a seamless implementation.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Bicester Town Council welcomes the news and supports Cherwell District and Oxfordshire County Councils as much as possible to enable the completed road and bridge works in order to aid development in the NW Bicester area.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that there was no further update at present on the availability of the burial ground site.</p> <p><b>5.2 GRAVEN HILL</b></p> <p>Members raised concern regarding public transport following the announcement of the new medical surgery site to be placed at Graven Hill. The Committee will await the detail of a planning application for the site.</p> <p><b>5.3 GARDEN TOWN</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>5.4 OTHER BICESTER STATEGIC SITES</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
231/1920	6	<p><b>CONSULTATION</b></p> <p>No consultations to note.</p>
232/1920	7	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following comments be made:</p> <p><b>19/00881/F</b> – No objection  <b>19/01100/F</b> – Welcome the application  <b>19/01210/F</b> – Welcome the application  <b>19/01225/TPO</b> – Leave to Arboriculture Officer  <b>19/01276/REM</b> – No objection  <b>19/01585/REM</b> – Welcome the application  <b>19/01586/REM</b> - Welcome the application  <b>19/1589/REM</b> - Welcome the application  <b>19/01590/REM</b> - Welcome the application</p>

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		<p><b>19/01623/F</b> – OBJECT due to overdevelopment of the site, an adverse effect on the visual impact of the street scene, the effect on parking in the local area as an impact of the development where there is already a lack of parking availability in the immediate area.</p> <p><b>19/01646/F</b> – OBJECT due to an adverse effect on the visual impact of street scene, the effect on parking in the local area caused by loss of a garage and additional parking on street as an impact of the development which is situated on a tight bend with a narrow pathway.</p> <p><b>19/01703/F</b> – No objection</p> <p><b>19/1706/ADV</b> – Welcome the application.</p> <p><b>19/01740/HYBRID</b> – Welcome the application, particularly the proposal for additional leisure facilities, B1 use, especially B1b as there is a demand for R&amp;D facilities and the proposed improvements to the wetlands which should provide a biodiversity gain. Bicester Town Council would welcome a review of the design of the main A41 roundabout at Vendee Drive to deal with the added impact of this development in order to address highways and traffic concerns. The Council would also welcome enhanced public access to wetlands areas for educational and leisure purposes.</p> <p><b>19/01746/OUT</b> - Welcome the application, particularly the proposal for B1 use, particularly B1b as there is a demand for R&amp;D facilities and the proposed improvements to the wetlands which should provide a biodiversity gain. Bicester Town Council would welcome a review of the design of the main A41 roundabout at Vendee Drive to deal with the added impact of this development in order to address highways and traffic concerns. The Council would also welcome enhanced public access to wetlands areas for educational and leisure purposes.</p> <p><b>19/01783/F</b> – Welcome the application.</p> <p><b>19/01833/F</b> - Welcome the application</p> <p><b>19/01834/F</b> – No objection.</p> <p><b>19/01835/F</b> - No objection</p> <p><b>19/01838/F</b> - No objection</p> <p><b>19/01855/F</b> - No objection</p> <p><b>19/01883/F</b> - No objection</p> <p><b>19/01884/ADV</b> - No objection</p> <p><b>19/01895/F</b> – OBJECT due to lack of suitable parking to facilitate the development, design changes leading to an adverse effect on the conservation area, additional traffic movements in an area with some of the worst air pollution issues in the town.</p> <p><b>19/01923/F</b> – No objection</p> <p><b>19/01973/F</b> – OBJECT due to effect on existing open space amenity which was the original intention of the condition, potential danger to children playing on the open space and users of the three converging footpaths, potential adverse negative effect on landscaping required by condition 4.</p> <p><b>19/2002/F</b> – No objection.</p>
233/1920	8	<p><b>AMENDED PLANS</b></p> <p>No amended plans to note..</p>
234/1920	9	<p><b>WITHDRAWN PLANS</b></p> <p>No withdrawn plans to note.</p>

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235/1920	10	<p><b>APPEALS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the dismissal of appeal 18/01841/F be <b>NOTED</b>.</p>
236/1920	11	<p><b>NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Committee is asked to <b>NOTE</b> the planning decisions from Cherwell District Council. <b>PD6/1920</b>.</p>
237/1920	12	<p><b>COUNCILS COMMIT TO CUTTING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN OXFORD</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a response be made to the consultation on behalf of the Council. The Committee consider that the plans should recognise the need to be more incentive based than punitive (more carrot and less stick), particularly as costs are likely to be passed on to employees, many of whom are lower paid public sector employees in the NHS who work irregular hours and are already paying for parking. Bicester Town Council would prefer to see ways of incentivising those who use public transport and an exploration of improvements to services and their reliability from the Bicester (and other) Park &amp; Ride sites over a longer daily time period. Shoppers should be discouraged from using car parks with a levy being placed which could subsidise public transport alternatives. Greater consideration should also be given to levels of development offset (e.g. S106 and/or CIL) on employment &amp; housing proposals in the future.</p>
238/1920	13	<p><b>FORWARD PLAN</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Committee <b>AGREED</b> to move East West Rail and Oxford/Cambridge Arc Development to January 2020 on the Forward Plan.</p>
239/1920	14	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7pm</b></p> <p><b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 8.00pm</b></p>