

**Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held on
Wednesday 18 September 2024**

Present Councillor A Brown (Chair)
Councillors S Abbott, H Belcher OBE, N Brakspear, J Brook,
T Ellis, N Farmer, R Munn and R Williams.

In Attendance Mrs K Gilby (Finance and Planning Officer)

In Attendance online Councillor R Hopkinson.

PL 43/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors A Jones, J Robertson, A Thomas,
L Waugh, G Ward and A White.

PL 44/24 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

PL 45/24 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

PL 46/24 Applications

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

[PL/2024/07531](#) 37 Westwells - Ground and first floor extensions as well as
alterations to existing dwelling; construction of self-contained
annexe.

*Resolved: to object to the proposal on the grounds that it
would represent overdevelopment of the site and concerns
regarding the appropriateness of the timber cladding on the
front elevation in this location.*

*If Wiltshire Council is minded to approve the application the
Town Council asks that a condition be included to limit the
use of the annexe to that which is ancillary to the main dwelling.*

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

[PL/2024/07823](#) 5 St Barbaras Road - Proposed demolition of existing side
extension and replacement two-storey side extension.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

PL 47/24 Amended/Additional Plans

There were none.

PL 48/24 Decisions

- (1) Approvals

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

- * PL/2024/03415 27 Post Office Lane - Change of use from storage area over fish and chip shop to C3 residential flat on first floor. (Resubmission of PL/2023/08681).
- PL/2024/04073 81 High Street - Works to a Listed Building - Refurbishment of existing dwelling house to include structural repairs and thermal improvements along with rehabilitation of workshop space to provide additional family accommodation.
- PL/2024/05241 42 Queens Avenue – Two-storey side extension.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

- PL/2024/05110 8, Leafield Industrial Estate, Leafield Way - Change of Use of building from general industrial to a mixed use of general industrial and storage and distribution; use of part of yard for siting storage containers for self-storage; associated changes.

- (2) Refusals

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

- * PL/2024/01979 Land Opposite Nos 6 And 7, Silver Street - Erection of four residential dwellings, access, footpath extension, landscaping and associated works.

- (3) Withdrawn

There were none for this meeting.

PL 49/24 Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and Other Changes to the Planning System

The Government consultation on Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and Other Changes to the Planning System can be accessed via - <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

Comments to be submitted by 24 September 2024.

This item had been deferred from the Planning Meeting on 7 August.

Following discussion and input from the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Meeting on 5 September 2024, the Finance and Planning Officer had prepared a draft response (*attached*).

Resolved: that, subject to the amendments agreed at this meeting, the submission of the consultation response be delegated to the Finance and Planning Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Council.

PL 50/24 Wiltshire Council Enforcement Policy Consultation –

Wiltshire Council is investing additional resources to build the capacity and expertise of its enforcement teams. Alongside this, policies are being reviewed to ensure Wiltshire Council's approach is transparent, accountable, proportionate, consistent and targeted. You can [read the policies here](#).

An assertive and coordinated approach to enforcement will help to increase compliance, prevent further infringements and deter other offenders, in line with their Business Plan commitment to prevention and early intervention.

An umbrella enforcement policy has been drafted, with several accompanying service specific enforcement policies developed in line with this. As well as clearly and transparently communicating our approach to our communities, these policies will be used to inform service specific processes and training, and support coordinated action within the council and with other public service partners.

Wiltshire Council welcomes any comments on these policies and accompanying service measures before further changes and formatting takes place.

Please consider in particular:

- Are there areas you think we can go further or strengthen our approach in the enforcement policy?
- Are there any specific changes you would like to see to the wording in the policies?
- Are there any changes to the proposed performance measures you would wish to see?

Please send any comments to david.bowater@wiltshire.gov.uk by 26 September 2024.

Resolved: The Town Council had no comments on the Enforcement Policies. However, it recommends increasing resources to enable improved monitoring by building regulations officers in conjunction with planning officers during the build process. This could prevent the need for planning enforcement at a later date, as some things cannot be enforced once they have been built incorrectly.

PL 51/24 Consultation on the pre-submission draft Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document

Wiltshire Council had published the draft Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document (DPD) along with accompanying evidence reports, for formal consultation. The Gypsies and Travellers DPD set out the vision and framework to allocate land for Gypsies and Travellers in sustainable locations meeting identified permanent and temporary accommodation needs up to 2036 (since revised to 2038), in line with Government planning policy and legislation. Once adopted, relevant planning applications would be determined against the Plan, making it an important document in meeting accommodation need for Gypsy and Traveller communities in Wiltshire.

Comments were invited on the Gypsies and Travellers DPD and supporting evidence base documents during the consultation period, which runs from 9am on Tuesday 20 August to 5pm on Friday 4 October 2024.

How to respond

The Gypsies and Travellers DPD and supporting evidence documents were available to view and download at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers> from 9am on Tuesday 20 August, and people could also download a representation form and a simplified guidance note from this page.

Following the consultation, the council would consider the comments received before submitting the Gypsies and Travellers DPD and supporting evidence to the Secretary of State for examination. All comments received during this consultation would be passed on to the appointed independent Planning Inspector at that stage.

Any representation received may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of any of the following: that the Gypsies and Travellers DPD has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination; that the Inspector's Report (including any recommendations) into the DPD has been published; and that the Gypsies and Travellers DPD has been adopted.

Should you require further information, please email: strategicplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk or call

This item had been deferred at the previous meeting.

Resolved: the Town Council acknowledged and agreed with the recommendation regarding the additional pitches at Easton Lane (Policy GT9). The Town Council encourages Wiltshire Council to seek a mechanism of reporting back to ensure that the aims of the policies are met, perhaps in the form of an annual report or update on progress.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 8.10pm. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

CHAIR

DATE

Councillors' comments on planning applications are based on the information available to them at the time of the meeting.