



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall, 17 West End Road, Mortimer RG7 3TB on Thursday 21 December 2023 @ 7.30pm

These Minutes are subject to approval

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr G Bridgman, Cllr A Richardson, and Cllr J Wells

Clerk:

Mrs L Hannawin

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

Part I

23/0105 Public Session

None.

23/0106 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Butler, Cllr S Hill, and Cllr D Morsley.

Cllr M Lock did not attend, and no apologies were received.

23/0107 To receive any declarations of interest

None received.

23/0108 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 December 2023 were received with no amendments. APPROVED unanimously for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

23/0109 Items to be taken into private session

None.

23/0110 Current Projects

The following updates were received:

a. Tower House Farm

It was noted that:

- i. The pre-app for the Reserved Land has been submitted to West Berkshire Council (WBC).
- ii. Planning application 23/02548/FULMAJ for the construction of a retaining wall and for details of the appearance and landscaping within the southern public open space has been received and will be considered at the Committee meeting on the 11th of January.

b. Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath/Cycleway

It was noted that planning permission has been granted. The next step will be to establish revised costs in order that funding may be sought, and contractors may be found for elements of the project as required.

23/0111 Schedule of Applications

The following applications were considered:

23/02602/HOUSE: 3 Birchland Close, Mortimer West End, Reading RG7 3UG

First floor side extension above existing single storey, flat roof extension (to be rebuilt)

SMPC Comments: No objections.

23/02038/FUL: 9 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RN

Erection of 4no. 3 bed dwelling houses. (*Submission of amended plans*)

SMPC Comments: The Committee objected to the amended plans as the revised 9 spaces remains insufficient for the 4 houses, ie the WBC Parking Policy (P1), as adopted in Stratfield Mortimer's Neighbourhood Plan (Policy GD2), requires (Zone 3) 2.5 spaces per 3 bed house. In addition, for the same reason, the 1 space now proposed for the existing retained property on the plot is also insufficient. It is inappropriate to argue that the property previously had no parking when, if needed, the occupants could have parked on the land where it is proposed to build the four houses (which had gated access to the road).

23/00794/REVPP: Farnborough Airport (Rushmore Borough Council)

Rushmore Borough Council ref: 23/00794/REVPP - Variation of Condition 2 (aircraft movements) and 6 (aircraft weight), replacement of conditions 7 (1:10,000 risk contour) and 8 (1:100,00 risk contour), of planning permission 20/00871/REVPP determined on the 22/02/2022, in order to: a) to increase the maximum number of annual aircraft movements from 50,000 to 70,000 per annum, including an increase in non-weekday aircraft movements from 8,900 to 18,900 per annum, and b) to amend the aircraft weight category of 50,000 - 80,000 Kg, to 55,000 - 80,000 Kg, and an increase from 1,500 to 2,100 annual aircraft movements within this category, including an increase from 270 to 570 annual aircraft movements for non-weekdays, and to c) replace Conditions Nos. 7 (1:10,000 risk contour) and 8 (1:100,000 risk contour) with a new condition to produce Public Safety Zone maps in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority/ Department for Transport Requirements at Farnborough Airport, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 6XA.

SMPC Comments: No comments.

23/0112 West Berkshire Local Plan Review

To consider West Berkshire Council's proposal to withdraw the Local Plan 2022-2039 and AGREE any further actions.

It was noted that further to the intervention of the Secretary of State, WBC have withdrawn their plans to withdraw the emerging Local Plan. Therefore, as agreed at the meeting held on the 7 December, Members should continue with the review of the Inspector's report as follows:

Development Strategy (pages 10-25) – everyone.

Climate change, flood risk (pages 25-32) – Cllr Bridgman

Design quality (pages 33-42) – Cllr Richardson

Landscape character (pages 35-37) – Cllr Richardson

Historic environment (pages 37-42) – Cllr Richardson

Biodiversity and geodiversity (pages 45-51) – Cllr Morsley

Fostering economic growth (pages 73-85) – Cllr Morsley

Housing (pages 105-210) – Cllr Butler

Economic Growth (pages 210-238) – Cllr Butler

Transport – Cllr Lock

Appendix 6: policies and interaction with NP (pages 258-261) – Cllr Morsley

Comments should be submitted to the office by Thursday 4 January in order that they may be issued for consideration at the meeting on the 11 January.

Cllr Bridgman is liaising with the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with regards to ensuring that responses are in tune a combined response to the Inspector's report.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of WBC's response to the Secretary of State's letter (which had been issued by the Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Building Safety).

23/0113 Items for information only

a. Decisions received from West Berkshire Council

23/02218/HOUSE: 84 The Avenue, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3QX

First floor side and rear extension, together with new ground floor green roof.

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SMPC Comments: No objections.

b. Update on Four Houses Corner public consultation

It was noted that, as part of the consultation, a public meeting had been held. Cllr Bridgman intends to speak as the Chairman of the Planning Committee at the Eastern Area Planning meeting on Wednesday 10 January at 6.30pm.

c. Minor matters for information.

None.

23/0114 Communications

None.

23/0115 Future Agenda Items

WBC Local Plan review: comments for consideration.

23/0116 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm.

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