

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

EXTRAORDINARY PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021 at 6:00
at a VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Present	Cllr P Herring	Chair
	Cllr J Firmin	Vice Chair
	Cllr S James	
	Cllr J Milner-Barry	
	Cllr M Strinkovsky	
	Cllr S Pajak	
Officers	Rob Core	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	Matt Bradley	Events & Communications Manager (CEM)
	Theresa Gordon	Planning & Agenda Clerk

Public
1407
Apologies
Cllr S Ahmed
Cllr J Ali
Cllr A Hamid
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr E Heavens

1408 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

1409 **Planning Application to be examined**

S/21/0739/TB

Phase 3,
Land at Cavendish Square, Park South Swindon

Erection of 14no. flats, 6no. retail
units and associated works.

Councillors discussed the planning application in depth and agreed to objections.

DECISION Objection due to:

- 1) Size of units: 1 bed would be unsuitable for more than 2 persons, similarly 2 bed units unsuitable for more than 3 persons.
- 2) There are no balconies, communal areas or garden space which should be provided as per Swindon Residential Design Guide (SPD).
- 3) No fire escape route or safety plan given.
- 4) Drainage is not sufficient as indicated in the drainage engineers report. The plans do not describe any mitigation for the existing flooding issues.
- 5) Emergency vehicle access would be an issue in Royston Road particularly at times of school traffic which residents have also identified.
- 6) Parking needs are high and residents of George Hall Court with mobility issues need parking close to the flats.
- 7) Poor design, the main promenade is narrow approximately 6-7 metres to the units, with no plans for lighting which creates security issues and could encourage crime. Retail unit 3 has no windows facing the promenade and retail unit 6 has rear access and bin storage facing the main public square.
- 8) No information has been provided regarding use of the retail units which is a concern as any future change of use may not be beneficial to the area.

The meeting closed at 19:26pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council