

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022 at 6.30pm
In the Council Chamber, Parish Council Office Gladstone Street.

Present	Cllr P Herring	Chair
	Cllr J Firmin	Vice Chair
	Cllr M Hamid	
	Cllr J Milner-Barry	
	Cllr S Pajak	
	Cllr M Strinkovsky	
	Cllr D Griffiths	Non-Committee Member
Officers	Matt Leather	Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO)
	Theresa Gordon	Planning & Agenda Clerk

Public Two

Apologies

Cllr S Ahmed
Cllr J Ali
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr E Heavens
Cllr S James

1633 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

1634 **Planning Applications Delegated to the Chair & Vice-Chair**

The Chair submitted a report containing the delegated responses of the Chair and Vice Chair, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute book.

RESOLVED that the responses of the Chair and Vice Chair be approved.

1635 **Planning Decisions**

The Deputy CEO submitted for information a report containing the decisions made by Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute book.

NOTED

1636 **Planning Applications to be examined**

1636.1 **S/22/0093/JP** Land Fronting, 129 Commercial Road Swindon SN1 5PL

DECISION: Objection due to:

- 1) Obstruction on private property for residents/businesses parking in front of Commercial Road units
- 2) Danger to partially sighted users and wheelchair users through obstruction of the pavement.
- 3) Anti-Social behaviour would increase in the area. The Management Plan suggests that it will be a matter for the Borough Council and Police however, resource would be an issue.
- 4) Distraction to car drivers driving towards the pedestrian crossing.
- 5) Support the Highways Officer comments and recommendation for refusal of both Commercial Road S/22/0093 and S/ADV/22/0021 applications
- 6) In Breach of Swindon Borough Council Local Plan 2026 TR2

RESOLVED that the committee response be approved

1636.2 **S/ADV/22/0021/JP** Telephone Box, Commercial Road Swindon

DECISION: Objection due to:

- 1) Obstruction on private property for residents/businesses parking in front of Commercial Road units.
- 2) Danger to partially sighted users and wheelchair users through obstruction of the pavement.
- 3) Anti-Social behaviour would increase in the area. The Management Plan suggests that it will be a matter for the Borough Council and Police however, resource would be an issue.
- 4) Distraction to car drivers driving towards the pedestrian crossing.
- 5) Support the Highways Officer comments and recommendation for refusal of both Commercial Road S/22/0093 and S/ADV/22/0021 applications.
- 6) In Breach of Swindon Borough Council Local Plan 2026 TR2
- 7) It will be within ten metres of the media phone box.

RESOLVED that the committee response be approved

1636.3 **S/22/0097/LW** Telephone Box, Prospect Place Old Town Swindon

DECISION: Objection due to:

- 1) The site area obscures the view of the traffic coming out of Prospect Place and obstructs traffic coming out of Commercial Road
- 2) It is clearly visible from the Prospect Place conservation area and mars the historical view.
- 3) It should be noted that Prospect Place and Old Town are conservation areas.
- 4) The flower beds had been created and tended by Old Town residents who have worked really hard with Councillor Linda Kasmaty. The flower beds have won a silver medal in the Pennant section of the 2021 RHS Britain In-Bloom and was noted in their 2021 brochure.
- 5) It is a danger to partially sighted users and pavement wheelchair users.
- 6) It is distracting to traffic and obscures the view of people at the busy junction.
- 7) It is a peaceful corner which could attract anti-social problems.
- 8) There is a medical surgery close to the site which may be at risk of Wi-Fi disruption.

RESOLVED that the committee response be approved.

1636.4 **S/22/0124/PM** Land Adjacent To 252 Croft Road, Swindon

DECISION Objection due to:

- 1) On the walking and cycling route there is no pavement and no crossing on Black Horse Way which could lead to pedestrian's dangerous crossing behaviour.
- 2) The walking route to Croft Road is up steps which are not accessible to wheelchair and pushchair users. The walking route along the towpath does not exist and will not until it is built.
- 3) There is an issue with noise and air quality from the M4 and Croft Road.
- 4) The house sizes are slightly undersized: 3 bed 6 person houses internal floor space is 97m². but should be 108 m².
- 5) 2 bed 4 person houses internal floor space is 76 m². and should be 79 m².

- 6) There is a parking issue as people are likely to use road parking rather than use their spaces.
- 7) Loss of green space, trees, and wildlife habitat.

RESOLVED that the committee response be approved.

1636.5 **S/22/0161** The Steam Railway, 14 Newport Street Old Town Swindon

DECISION Comment:

We note the concerns of local residents regarding the removal of trees on their property and concerns regarding construction work leaving their gardens exposed.

RESOLVED that the committee response be approved.

1636.6 **S/HOU/22/0055** 9 The Quarries, Old Town Swindon

DECISION Objection due to:

The development would be overbearing and overshadowing to neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED that the committee response be approved.

The meeting closed at 19:33pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council