

South Swindon Parish Council

Minutes of the **Planning Committee** meeting held on 7th November 2023, at 6.30pm
Council Chambers, Parish Council Offices, Gladstone Street SN1 2AN

Present:	Cllr S James (Vice Chair) Cllr D Dias Cllr J Miah	Cllr G Philpot Cllr T Silberberg Cllr J Firmin substituting for Cllr P Herring Cllr T Philpot
Officers:	Matt Leather Carol Clark	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Administration Assistant
Public:	Four	
Apologies:	Cllr P Herring (Chair) Cllr S Ahmed Cllr M Davies	Cllr M Hamid Cllr G Philpot Cllr T Silberberg

2324 - 210 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

2324 - 211 Public Representations

The S/23/1140 applicant, Mr H Chowdry presented the community benefit for the HMO and restaurant project. Representation of support for the community kitchen was made by members of The Thames Down Islamic Association and The Swindon Pakistani Association.

2324 - 212 Planning Applications Delegated to Chair & Vice - Chair

The CEO presented a written report containing the delegated responses of the Chair & Vice-Chair, a copy of which appears in the minute book as appendix A.

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed responses to planning applications of the Chair & Vice-Chair.

2324 - 213 Planning Decisions

The CEO presented a written report containing planning decisions received from Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears in the minute book as appendix B.

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions made by Swindon Borough Council.

Planning Applications to be Examined

2324 - 214	S/22/1513 24 High Street, Old Town, SN1 3EP	Change of use from hotel (sui generis) and continued use as a 38no. bedroom HMO (sui generis) and 2 self-contained residential units (C3) - retrospective.
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RESOLVED: Objection due to:

It remains South Swindon Parish Council's Policy to object to additional House of Multiple Occupation applications within the Central and Eastcott wards as the nominal threshold has been reached and it is deemed that they have a detrimental effect on services, space and quality in the area.

2324 - 215 **S/LBC/22/1514**
24 High Street, Old Town SN1 3EP Alterations and works to Listed Building to facilitate the change of use from hotel (sui generis) to a 38 no. bedroom HMO (sui generis) and 2 self-contained residential units (C3) - retrospective.

RESOLVED: Objection due to:

It remains South Swindon Parish Council's Policy to object to additional House of Multiple Occupation applications within the Central and Eastcott wards as the nominal threshold has been reached and it is deemed that they have a detrimental effect on services, space and quality in the area.

2324 - 216 **S/23/1209**
70 Eastcott Hill, SN1 3JF Change of use from 2No. flats to a 7 Bedroom HMO (House in Multiple Occupancy) and loft conversion with erection of a rear dormer window.

RESOLVED: Objection due to:

It remains South Swindon Parish Council's Policy to object to additional House of Multiple Occupation applications within the Central and Eastcott wards as the nominal threshold has been reached and it is deemed that they have a detrimental effect on services, space and quality in the area.

2324 - 217 **S/23/1188**
First Floor, 21 - 22 Regent Street, SN1 1JL Erection of an additional floor with conversion of 1st floor to 4 no, self contained flats and associated works.

RESOLVED: No comments.

2324 - 218 **S/OUT/23/0285**
32 - 34 Bridge Street, SN1 1BP Application for Outline planning permission related to matters of layout and appearance for the division of the ground floor space to provide 2no separate commercial units and conversion of the existing first floor to provide 5no self contained residential units.

RESOLVED: No comments.

2324 - 219 **S/OUT/23/0289**
32 - 34 Bridge Street, SN1 1BP Application for Outline planning permission related to matters of layout and appearance for the demolition of the existing building and erection of a 5

storey, mixed use building containing ground floor commercial use and 19 self-contained residential units from 1st to 4th floor.

RESOLVED: No comments.

2324 - 220 **S/23/1085**
55 Courtenay Road, Walcot SN3
3DG

Change of use of public open space to residential garden.

Objection due to:

South Swindon Parish Council maintain this public open space and object to publicly owned land being sold off for private ownership.

There is ambiguity regarding the planning application title. Currently this public open space is being used for off-street parking. The planning application doesn't show this land being integrated into the resident's garden, leading to concerns this public open space is being turned into a private parking area.

South Swindon Parish Council query why it was not consulted prior to this being made into a public consultation and why there is a need to sell off public open space, reducing South Swindon Parish Council resident's amenity land.

The Meeting Closed at: 7.00pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council.....