

South Swindon Parish Council

Minutes of the **Planning Committee** meeting held on 30th July 2024, at 6.30pm
Council Chambers, Parish Council Offices, Gladstone Street SN1 2AU

Present: Cllr P Herring (Chair) Cllr J Firmin
Cllr S James (Vice Chair) Cllr T Silberberg
Cllr M Davies Cllr G Philpot
Cllr D Dias Cllr T Philpot

Officers: Jake Mee CEO
Max Tanner Committee Officer

Public: None

Public Questions: None

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr S Ahmed Cllr A Hamid
Cllr D Dias

2425 - 51 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

2425 - 52 **Planning Decisions**

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

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

Planning Applications to be Examined

2425 - 53 **S/24/0721** Change of Use of Existing Units 10B, 12B, 13B and 14B to flexible use for higher education facilities (Use Class F), offices (Use Class E(g)(i) or Research and Development (Use Class E(g) (ii), installation of a mezzanine floor in Unit 10B, new drainage connections within Unit 8B, roof repairs, new external doors and façade glazing, provision of cycle and motorcycle parking, landscaping and other associated internal and external works.

Units 8b, 10b, 12b, 13b, And 14B
West Shed Carriage Works
London Road Swindon SN1 5DG

RESOLVED: No objection and to make the following comments:
Public Car Parking
The Parish Council would like to note the loss of public car parking space in the Bristol Street Car Park which will affect users of GWR Park.

2425 - 54	S/23/0457 Brunel House 52 Havelock Street Swindon SN1 1SD	Change of Use of existing first and second floors from Retail to Residential and the addition of a further two floors to provide a total of 12 no. residential units.
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RESOLVED: No objection and to make the following comments:

Outdoor Amenity space

The Parish Council has concerns about the availability of outside amenity space for all units. Although there are balconies on the 3rd and 4th floors, these are not provided for on the 1st and 2nd floors and could have been included.

NDSS Standards

In four flats the plans detail accommodation for single occupancy. The Parish Council notes that these one-bedroom flats are more than large enough for single occupancy and appear to have been designed for double occupancy and in this case are undersized. Can the council confirm how it is planning to manage potential overoccupancy of these units and the additional domestic waste presentation in a public square as has been observed in other similar conversions in and around the Town Centre.

Windows

The Parish Council notes and supports that all the flats are multi-aspect with windows on multiple sides of the flats.

To Consider Proposals from Cllr David Griffiths

2425	<u>Oxford House</u> 57-58 Victoria Road Swindon SN1 3BB	Councillors to consider formally requesting that the Borough Council's Planning Enforcement service use its Section 215 powers under the Town and Country Planning Act to remedy the condition of the properties due to their current condition "adversely affecting the amenity of a part of the area".
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RESOLVED: No comments as the Borough Council had already issued the Section 215 powers on this building.

2425	<u>Former Co-op Funeral Care</u> 20 High Street Swindon SN1 3EP	Councillors to consider formally requesting that the Borough Council's Planning Enforcement service use its Section 215 powers under the Town and Country Planning Act to remedy the condition of the properties due to their current condition "adversely affecting the amenity of a part of the area".
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RESOLVED To send a letter to the Borough Council referencing the vacant property having a negative impact on local area and community. The Parish Council will request the Borough Council's planning enforcement service to use its Section 215 powers to remedy the condition of the property.

The Meeting Closed at: 19:48pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council.....