

**South Swindon Parish Council**  
**Planning Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 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:** Carol Clark Assistant Clerk  
Max Tanner Committee Officer

**Public:** None

**Public Questions:** None

**Apologies:** Cllr S Ahmed

**Absent:** Cllr A Hamid Cllr J Miah

**2425 – 233** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

**2425 – 234** **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**

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| <b>2425 – 235</b> | <b>S/PAOTH/24/1411</b><br>Trinity Hall Victoria Road Old<br>Town Swindon SN1 3AL | Prior notification application (Part 3, Class MA) for change of use of building from Commercial, Business and Service (Class E) to create 2no studio flats, 5no 1-bed self-contained flats and 6no 2-bed self-contained flats (use class C3 - Residential). |
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**RESOLVED:** No objection and to make the following comments:

We support the comments of the Highways Officer and propose the inclusion of bat and swift boxes.

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| <b>2425 – 236</b> | <b>S/24/1521</b><br>53 Eastcott Road, Old<br>Town Swindon SN1 3LR | Change of use of garage to 1 no., flat (class C3) with single storey extension, alterations and associated works. |
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**RESOLVED:** To object and to make the following comments:

The application represents overdevelopment in back alleyways in the area, which we object to and the application is overdeveloped for the size of the plot.

The bin store does not appear large enough to support the Borough Council's bin collection schedule for the number of people occupying the building.

The bike storage space is inappropriate as it occupies space within living spaces such as the kitchen and the living rooms, this is unhygienic and impractical.

The development will be removing at least one off-road parking space.

There is no outdoor amenity space associated within the development.

HMO does not meet NDS space standards.

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| <b>2425 – 237</b> | <b>S/OUT/24/1426</b><br>The Oasis Leisure<br>Centre Hawksworth Way<br>Swindon SN2 1EP | Outline application for multi-storey residential development of up to 707 no. apartments to include car parking, associated public and residential amenity space, cycle parking facilities and outdoor play facilities, along with associated engineering and site clearance (Access not Reserved). |
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**RESOLVED:** To object and to make the following comments:

Due consideration needs to be given to restoring the canal route in line with the comments in line with the comments of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust.

Insufficient modelling of leisure facilities across the town as per the standards of Sports England. This could have an impact on the leisure facilities within South Swindon Parish.

Support the active travel comments along Station Road. Quality of the cycling and foot travel on offer needs to be improved.

Leisure centre and housing development doesn't have enough parking. Parking issues could spill over into the town centre and impact South Swindon residents.

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| <b>2425 – 238</b> | <b>S/24/1431</b><br>The Oasis Leisure Centre<br>Hawksworth Way Swindon SN2 1EP | The re-ordering, demolition in part and construction of new building elements of the Oasis Leisure Centre including the associated site clearance, engineering works. |
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**RESOLVED:** To object and to make the following comments:

Support the active travel comments along Station Road. Quality of the cycling and foot travel on offer needs to be improved.

Leisure centre and housing development doesn't have enough parking. Parking issues could spill over into the town centre and impact South Swindon residents.

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| <b>2425 – 239</b> | <b>S/OUT/24/1427</b><br>The Oasis Leisure<br>Centre Hawksworth Way<br>Swindon SN2 1EP | Outline application for employment units (Use Class B8, B2 and or E (g) (iii)), along with all associated engineering and site clearance (Access not reserved). |
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**RESOLVED:** To object and to make the following comments:

Support the active travel comments along Station Road. Quality of the cycling and foot travel on offer needs to be improved.

Due consideration needs to be given to restoring the canal route in line with the comments in line with the comments of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust.

Concern is raised regarding HGV movement along County Road and the Town Centre due to the construction of commercial warehouses.

The Meeting Closed at: 19:01pm

Signed.....

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Chair of the Council.....