

South Swindon Parish Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026, at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr Sam James (Vice-Chair) Cllr Meural Cardoso Cllr John Firmin Cllr Linda Kasmaty (Substitute)	Cllr Graham Philpot Cllr Tom Silberberg Cllr Daniel Vales (Substitute)
Apologies:	Cllr Mike Davies Cllr Domingos Dias	Cllr Patrick Herring (Chair)
Absent:	Cllr Saleh Ahmed Cllr Abdul Hamid	Cllr Jamal Miah
Officers:	Carol Clark Max Tanner	Assistant Clerk Governance & Support Lead
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2526 – 302 **Apologies**
The committee accepted apologies from Cllr M Davies, Cllr D Dias and Cllr P Herring.

2526 – 303 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Councillor T Silberberg declared a disclosable pecuniary interest for Item 4.1 due to their employment within the building subject to the planning application, and withdrew from the meeting without taking part in the discussion or vote

2526 – 304 **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

2526 – 305	S/PAOTH/26/0188 Focal Point 27 - 35 Fleet Street Swindon SN1 1RQ	Prior Notification requirement under Part MA of the GPDO for the change of use of Class E space to form 56 apartments.
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RESOLVED: To submit no comments.

2526 – 306	S/PAOTH/26/0008 1 Blagrove House 2 - 3 Newport Street Old Town Swindon SN1 3DX	Prior approval application for the upward extension of two storey for additional 12 Residential Units.
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RESOLVED: To object and offer the following comments:

Not all areas meet NDS size standards. For example, apartments 13 & 15 are 34.2m2 and not 37m2 as per the plans.

Bin storage and cycle storage are not outlined the plans.

2526 – 307

S/26/0086

Whitbourne House Colston Close Park South
Swindon SN3 2JX

Demolition of Whitbourne House Care
Homes and construct 19 new
dwellings consisting of 8 flats and 11
houses, with associated landscaping.

RESOLVED: To object and offer the following comments:

Agree with comments from Highways:

- Updated refuse vehicle tracking using SBC's 10.6m-long refuse vehicle to demonstrate that the proposed access can safely accommodate entry and exit manoeuvres.
- Amendment of the visitor parking strategy to comply with the adopted Parking Standards.
- Updated internal layout tracking using SBC's 10.6m-long refuse vehicle to demonstrate that routine service vehicles can safely circulate and turn within the site as internal dimensions and stand spacing are not shown, the final design will need to be secured via condition to ensure compliance with the Parking Standards.

Evidence required for planning authority to confirm compliance of cycle spaces.

Agree with comments of ecologists regarding:

- On site habitats and species such as, invertebrates, bats, birds, reptiles and hedgehogs.
- BNG is applicable to this application and is to be submitted.
- Lighting strategy to be submitted.
- Tree protection strategy to be submitted.
- Bats - European protected species license and mitigation method statement to be provided.

Swift nesting provision should be included if appropriate.

The Meeting Closed at: 18:45pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Committee.....