

Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee
Meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.47pm in the Charter Hall, Okehampton

Committee Members Present: Councillor M Ireland (Chairman)
Councillor D Travers (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor D Sanger (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
Councillor T Abbots
Councillor J Goffey
Councillor P Jessop
Councillor B Matravers

Other Members Present: Councillor T Leech
Councillor C Marsh
Councillor J Yelland

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
5 Members of the Public

369 **Declaration of Interests** – None

370 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr Wood due to a long-standing commitment and Cllr Tolley who was ill were approved on the proposition of Cllr Sanger, seconded Cllr Abbots.

Apologies tendered by Cllr Holt who was not a member of the committee were noted.

371 **Deferments of Business** – Members of the public addressed the Committee expressing their views and objection to planning application 3501/21/FUL.

372 **Members Questions** – None

373 **Planning Applications**

373.1 **3501/21/FUL**

On the proposition of Cllr Jessop, seconded Cllr Matravers it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application for the construction of 2 dwellings at Mount Prospect, High Street, Okehampton on the following grounds:

- Overdevelopment – the dwellings are proposed to be built on a small site between and abutting other properties, and will be high than some existing properties
- Privacy/overbearing – the development will look directly into adjacent dwellings. One of the new dwellings is proposed to abut against an existing property which will lose some windows
- Daylight/sunlight – the proposed dwellings will directly reduce the light that adjacent dwellings will receive, and complete cut off light to some rooms on one elevation of one of the properties
- Visual impact – the development will impact the local area visually with the dwellings being built in a small plot between other buildings
- Noise/smell/pollution – additional dwellings will contribute to these issues within an already populated area
- Access/safety – emergency vehicles, waste collection vehicles, busses and other vehicles already have difficulty travelling through the area, more dwellings and vehicles parking on the roadside will increase these issues
- Health & Safety – access by emergency vehicles is already an issue, risk to pedestrians using the area because of the vehicles parked on the roadside and the number of vehicles using the road will increase

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- Heritage – adjacent dwelling is at least 120 years old, abutting properties could cause damage to this and other dwellings. There is the possibility of archaeology on the site and the County archaeologist should be consulted.
- Cumulative impact and density of additional properties in this area
- Ecological – loss of trees, shrubs and plants
- Parking – loss of spaces, including disability spaces, with an increase in vehicles
- SWW's comments in relation to the mains water supply pipe that runs near to the site

373.2 3380/21/TPO

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Travers it was **RESOLVED** to submit a neutral response requesting that WDBC's Tree Officer visited the site to ascertain the amount of work required as the proposed crown lifting height appeared excessive.

374 Street Naming Consultation (RP/203953)

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Abbots it was **RESOLVED** to object to the proposed name of Bridge Way on the grounds that there were two bridges within the town centre and submit the following names for consideration:

- West Bridge Way
- London Inn Close

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Councillor Ireland
Chairman