

**Okehampton Town Council  
Planning Committee Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022  
Meeting Report**

<b>Date:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Name:</b>	Caroline Ellis/Emma James

**Condition of Neville Road – To consider the response from WDBC in relation to a complaint from a member of the public regarding the condition of Neville Road, Okehampton**

The following response from WDBC:

Thank you for bringing this to our attention, as stated in my previous email, we have assessed the area but do not consider that it is currently necessary to undertake any remedial works. However, we will continue to monitor the condition of Neville Road and should this deteriorate further then it is accepted that works may be required.

Whilst we consider the area does not currently require any remedial works, if you are not comfortable parking your car there and would like SHDC to refund the full cost of your current permit then we would be happy to do so.

**Okehampton Train Station Facilities – To note the buffet and toilet facilities will remain closed until the building renovation has been completed, anticipated to be March/April 2022.**

The following correspondence has been received from GWR:

The toilets on Okehampton station, that were opened temporarily for the opening, have now closed.

There are two reasons for this:

- As the station is unstaffed by GWR, the risk of vandalism and anti-social behaviour is too great when there are no staff available on site to monitor them
- The building renovations are about to start, including the renovation of the three toilets, in readiness for the opening of the building to the public next year

As mitigations, the following will be implemented:

- All guards on trains arriving at Okehampton have been asked to make announcements as per the below email (thanks Jan for the prompt!)
- The heritage toilet signs on the platform are being removed and stored to stop confusion. They will be reinstated when the building opens
- The station information pages on railway industry websites reflects that there are no toilet facilities at the station
- The lock will be changed on the accessible toilet
- All of our trains have PRM compliant toilets that can be used while the train is in the station, as well as on the move

When the building reopens after refurbishment, the station toilets will be the responsibility of the station café owners, not GWR, and they will be open when the café is open to the public.

I hope this clears up any confusion.

Also, for those of you who use the station, you will shortly see scaffolding going up around the station building to facilitate the next phase of the project. The first works to be done will be cleaning of the platform canopy and replacing of any broken glass, followed by renovations of the station building roof itself. The work will be done in a safe manner and access will be available at all times to the ticket machine and Help Point on the platform.

### **Station Road**

**To consider the suggestion of extending the double yellow lines at the bottom of Station Road by the British Legion, by approximately 35m.**

Correspondence received from DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer:

The current double yellow lines end by the British Legion & then there is a single yellow line with a Mon – Sat 9am – 5pm restriction. When vehicles park at the start of the single line they block the visibility up the road, which means you can't see if vehicles are coming down the road. Now the station is open there are more vehicles using Station Rd, so I was wondering if it may pay to alter the yellow lines in this area.

If the double yellow line was extended up to No 7, approx. 35m, I think it would help & still keep parking for vehicles during the evening & Sundays.

What would be your views on this? I can add it to the list if you feel it may be of some benefit & see if the traffic team are in agreement.



**Residents Parking Permits – To consider a request from a member of the public for the provision of residents parking permits**

The following correspondence has been received from a member of the public:

I am writing to you to enquire about the parking situation [redacted] at Mill Cottages in Okehampton [redacted].

When we [REDACTED] have to sometimes park 10mins away and also due to the parking limit in Okehampton we then have [REDACTED] to move the car somewhere else with the same problem. This is extremely inconvenient for all the houses on this street, sometimes even people with garages (where they can park their cars) park in the only spaces we have.

I am writing to you about getting this area parking permits for the householders here as it would make life less stressful and be better for our mental health. Another problem is due to this, I have no place to park my electric car to charge, due to the irregularity in the parking situation. I have to park my car 20mins away on foot just to charge, this would also be solved with the parking permits as I would have somewhere to park and charge my car.

## **Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

### **West Devon Borough Council**

**No: 1060 Tree Preservation Order 2022**

**Site: Rondor & Gunns Yard, North Street, Okehampton, SX 589953**

West Devon Borough Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 198, of the Town and Country Planning

Act 1990 hereby make the following Order

#### **Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as West Devon Borough Council No: 1060 Tree Preservation Order 2022

#### **Interpretation**

2. (1) In this Order “the authority” means West Devon Borough Council.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country

Planning Act 1990 and any reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation so numbered in the Town and

Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

#### **Effect**

3. (1) Subject to article 4, this Order takes effect provisionally on the date on which it is made.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation Orders) or subsection (1) of section

200 (tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners) and, subject to the exceptions in regulation 14, no person shall -

(a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy; or

(b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of,

any tree specified in Schedule 1 to this Order, except with the consent of the authority in accordance with regulations 16 and

17, or of the Secretary of State in accordance with regulation 23, and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in

accordance with those conditions.

Dated this 17 January 2022

SIGNED for and on behalf of

WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

by an authorised officer

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**WDBC Planning, Memorandum of Understanding – To note comments within the meeting report and to consider adopting the Memorandum of Understanding as proposed by WDBC**

At a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 the Planning Committee resolved to respond that *‘Other Financial Matters’ which was in Part 2 – Irrelevant considerations, should be moved to Part 1 – Material Planning Considerations. The Council felt the financial and economic impact should be a relevant part of any planning decision’*

The Committee should note that Material Planning and Irrelevant Considerations are set within Planning Legislation, Local and other Plans and cannot be changed by WDBC in relation to such an agreement.

The Committee could however consider requesting as part of this agreement that WDBC Planning Officers highlight changes to resubmitted applications so that these can be more easily identified.