

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee**  
**Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 4.15pm in the Council Chamber,**  
**Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor P Jessop (Chairman)  
 Councillor B Matravers (Vice-Chairman)  
 Councillor B Tolley (Mayor)  
 Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)  
 Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)  
 Councillor A Wood (Chairman, Property)  
 Councillor J Goffey  
 Councillor M Ireland

**Other Members Present:** Councillor T Leech  
 Councillor D Sanger

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)  
 One member of the public

		<b>Action</b>
<b>234</b>	<b><u>Declaration of Interests</u></b> – Cllr Yelland declared an interest being a Member of WDBC’s Development Management and Licensing Committee.	
<b>235</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies tendered by Cllr Abbots, were <b>approved</b> on the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Ireland.  Apologies tendered by Cllr Holt who was not a member of the committee were noted.	
<b>236</b>	<b><u>Deferments of Business</u></b> – A member of the public raised concerns about speeding, in particular in East Street which endangered the life of both people and animals.  Cllr Leech advised he had requested a member of Speed Watch be invited to the Council to do a presentation which the Clerk would arrange. It was also commented that the issue would be raised with the Police through Okehampton Matters and HATOC.	Cllrs/ Clerk
<b>237</b>	<b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Cllr Ireland reported that large bins were being left out on pavements in the town by some businesses. These blocked the pavements causing persons in wheelchairs problems passing and forcing them into the road. The Clerk advised she reported the matter to DCC Highways and Cllr Samuel earlier in the day.	
<b>238</b>	<b><u>Planning Application -</u></b>  <b>2806/22/PIP</b> – On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Marsh (1 abstention), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to OBJECT to the application for permission in principle for the construction of 2 or 3 dwellings with associated work on a site to the West of Willow Tree Close at SX 594 953 on the following grounds: a) The Wildlife, Geology or Invasive Species Report questionnaire was potentially incorrect as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (v) There will be an impact by light spillage onto surrounding land and wildlife which may include bats and newts</li> <li>• (vi) There are two streams that run through the area</li> <li>• (vii) Plans would likely include the removal of a hedge</li> </ul> b) Drainage - there is a soakaway adjacent to Leaholes Avenue which causes damp issues with properties in Limehayes Road c) Access/Highway Safety – entrance to the site is narrow and the turning area is inadequate meaning that large vehicles including waste collection and emergency vehicles may not be able to access or turn within the site	Clerk

- d) National Policy in line with the information given at a) above
- e) Design and siting of the proposed dwellings resulting in a cumulative impact on the area
- f) Planning history

The meeting was closed at 4.35pm.

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**Cllr Jessop**  
**Chairman**

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