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**Minutes of an Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting  
held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Members Present:**

Councillor T Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor R Colman  
Councillor T Cummings  
Councillor M Ireland  
Councillor M Richards  
Councillor J Yelland

Councillor L Bird (Chairman, Property)  
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)

**In Attendance:**

Mrs E James (Clerk)  
Cllr C Marsh  
1 member of the public

**236. Apologies for Absence**

None

**237. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Leech, being a Member of WDBC, declared a personal interest in planning applications 2521/25/FUL and 2354/25/FUL.

**238. Public Participation**

None.

**239. Members' Questions**

Cllr Ireland raised concerns regarding bus services during the road closures for the gas works, noting that the information being provided was not clear. It was noted that the Link Road had been opened and should help with the traffic situation.

The Clerk advised that notice had been received from SWW of an application they were making to close Fore Street from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December. A response requesting a delay until the new year had been sent as it was felt the closure would impact local shops and businesses in the run up to Christmas.

**240. Planning Applications**

[2546/25/TCA](#) T1 Apple Tree remove to ground level, dominating small space, replant with more suitable species. 12 Brandize Park, Okehampton

WDBC's Tree Officer had advised he had no objection to the works and would be requesting a tree was replanted. On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[2354/25/FUL](#) Construction of food storage (Class E A) with associated parking, landscaping drainage & servicing. Land at sx 612 953, Stockley.

On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Ireland (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to submit a neutral response to the application commenting that the proposed location was a greenfield site that had not been allocated for development within the Joint Local Plan. However, the development would have a positive impact on residents on the East of the town. Decision should be deferred until such time as the outcome of the independent review of the retail impact assessment was known.

[2521/25/FUL](#) Change of use from Other Drinking Establishment with ancillary accommodation (Class Sui Generis) to 8 Flats (Class C3), window alterations & associated works. 22 North Street, Okehampton.

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Yelland (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

(The member of the public left the meeting)

[2033/25/HHO](#) Readvertisement (amended description) Householder application for replacement of existing conservatory with a single storey flat roofed rear extension (retrospective). 15 Vixen Tor Close, Okehampton

The Planning Committee had resolved to support the application at a meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

[2433/25/HHO](#) Householder application for formation of rooms in roof including raising ridge 35 Leeze Park, Okehampton.

(Cllrs Marsh and Richards arrived during this item of business)

On the proposition of Cllr Bird, seconded Cllr Colman (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application

**241. Application for Information**

[2545/25/ARC](#) Application for approval of details reserved by condition 2 (Sound Insulation Scheme) of planning consent 1825/25/POD. 33 Fore Street, Okehampton

**242. Site Visit**

[3815/24/OPA](#) Outline planning application with some matters reserved for a mix of residential housing and associated infrastructure, to include affordable housing. Land Adjacent to Baldwin Drive, Radford Way, Okehampton

Cllr Leech, as Committee Chairman, was attending the WDBC Development Management and Licensing Committee site visit relating to this application on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025. It was commented that the heads of terms had not been available at the time the application was considered by the Committee.

The meeting was closed at 6.45pm.

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Cllr Leech, Chairman