

Present: Councillor D Hinke, Chairman
Councillor Miss S Evans
Councillor Miss L Hillier
Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin
Councillor S Gawrysiak

In Attendance: Mr M Kennedy - Town Clerk
Mrs B Walker – Committee Administrator / Minute Taker

Also Present: 1 Member of the Press

106. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Akehurst, D Clenshaw, D Silvester and Ms L Meachin.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Miss L Hillier – P13/S3599/HH 19 York Road – Personal.

108. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

109. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19 November 2013 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman, Councillor D Hinke.

110. LAFARGE AGGREGATES SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION AT SONNING EYE

The Committee noted the decision by Oxfordshire County Council to agree for additional gravel extraction at Lafarge Aggregates, Sonning Eye, Berkshire and made the following observations:

This Committee had previously raised objections to this development. Henley already suffers from traffic congestion and poor air quality. The Committee considers this development will add to the HGV traffic through the town centre. Members expressed disappointment and suggested observations be made on lorry behaviour such as driving on pavements and volume of HGV's and take photographic evidence to support their findings.

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin abstained from voting on all applications in North Ward.

111. **PLANS (amended)**
P13/S3344/A

Fat Face Ltd, 30 Bell Street (Other – North Ward – JB, EH)

1 x fascia sign, 1 x projecting sign, 1 painted sign to side elevation (as amended by agent's email and plan received 8th November 2013).

For: Fat Face Ltd

HTC Observation

19.11.13 Recommend Approval. The Committee commended Fat Face for its sympathetic application in a Conservation Area.

OBSERVATION:

The Committee considered this application an improvement to the building and reiterated their previous findings. Recommend Approval. The Committee commended Fat Face for its sympathetic application in a Conservation Area.

112. **PLANS (new)**
P13/S3388/HH

15 Manor Road (Other – South Ward – JW, WH)

Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

For: Mrs S Bevan

OBSERVATION:

Recommend Approval. There would be no impact on the present street scene.

P13/S3406/HH

39 The Close (Other – South Ward – JW, WH)

Installation of rooflights to front and rear roof slopes, replacement of garage door with fully glazed sliding doors and erection of front porch.

For: Mr R Crook

OBSERVATION:

Recommend Approval. This application is sympathetic to the building and surrounding area.

P13/S3421/HH

146 Reading Road (Other – South Ward – JW, WH)

Erection of single storey rear extension incorporating rooflight.

For: Mr & Mrs P Joao

OBSERVATION:

Recommend Approval. This type of development infill is standard practice amongst the terrace properties in the Reading Road Conservation Area.

- P13/S3434/HH** **66 Vicarage Road** (Other – South Ward –JW, WH)
Proposed single and two storey extensions,
comprising entrance porch and cloakroom, enlarged
kitchen, dining room, dormer window and new
bathrooms. (Amendment to approved application
P12/S2195/FUL)
For: Mr B Thomas
- OBSERVATION:** **Recommend Approval. This application is a
minor revision to the current permission
previously approved.**
- P13/S3436/HH** **Dell Quay, Elizabeth Road** (Other – North Ward –
JB, EH)
Erection of single storey front and side extensions.
For: Mr & Mrs D Herbert
- OBSERVATION:** **Recommend Approval.**
- P13/S3442/HH** **50 Friday Street** (Other – North Ward –JB, EH)
Insertion of window into north-east elevation.
For: Mr & Mrs S Fuller
- OBSERVATION:** **Recommend Approval.**
- P13/S3473/FUL** **1 Rotherfield Road** (Minor–South Ward – JW, WH)
Erection of a two-storey 4-bedroom detached dwelling
with internal garage.
For: Mr & Mrs C Rose
- OBSERVATION:** **Recommend Refusal. This application is un-
neighbourly, out to character with the street scene
and the Committee regret the loss of trees. It is
too large a house on this plot.**
- P13/S3493/HH** **3 Clisby Villas, Fairmile** (Other – North Ward – JB,
EH)
Erection of single storey rear extension.
For: Mr L Wilkie
- OBSERVATION:** **No Objections.**

Councillor Miss L Hillier abstained from voting on the following application.

- P13/S3512/FUL** **Phyllis Court Club, Phyllis Court Drive** (Major – North Ward – JB, EH)
Erection of a health club (D2 use) with ancillary uses including new tennis courts, access, car parking, landscaping, engineering, infrastructure and other works.
For: Phyllis Court Club
- OBSERVATION:** **Recommend Refusal. The committee noted that this application was on the edge of the AONB, and the conservation area, and therefore considered the design to be out of keeping with its surroundings. It is also visible from the river. There is concern regarding the flood plain, and many residents have written regarding problems concerning the use of floodlighting in the evenings on the tennis courts and extra traffic on the road past the flats at the entrance to the drive.**
- P13/S3514/LB** **West Street** (Other – North Ward – JB, EH)
Relay existing grade II listed blocks on north footway. Remove nine bollards and install grade II listed blocks on south footway.
For: Mr R Green on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council Highways & Transport Department
- OBSERVATION:** **Recommend Approval. The committee approves of the removal of the illegally placed bollards and the reinstatement of the listed block pavement. This Committee request clarification of the ownership of the bollards and asks they be relocated on Market Place, Henley on Thames to replace those damaged by road traffic accidents.**
- P13/S3515/LB** **West Street** (Other – North Ward – JB, EH)
Relay existing grade II listed blocks on 50mm of sharp sand on north footway. Remove nine bollards and replace with grade II listed blocks on south footway.
For: Mr R Green on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council Highways & Transport Department
- OBSERVATION:** **Recommend Approval. The committee approves of the removal of the illegally placed bollards and the reinstatement of the listed block pavement. This Committee request clarification of the ownership of the bollards and asks they be relocated on Market Place, Henley on Thames to replace those damaged by road traffic accidents.**

P13/S3536/HH **15 St Marks Road** (Other - South Ward – JW, WH)
Proposed repair, restore, and replant the front garden.
For: Mr S Calcott
OBSERVATION: **Recommend Approval.**

P13/S3562/HH **31 Kings Road** (Other – North Ward – JB, EH)
Single storey rear extension and loft conversion.
For: Mr J Wood
OBSERVATION: **Recommend Refusal. The proposal of a large dormer window is not in keeping with the Conservation area and the application also proposes use of unsuitable materials. The dormer will also cause privacy issues for the neighbours**

P13/S3565/HH **2 Gillotts Close** (Other – South Ward – JW, WH)
Single storey rear extension.
For: Mr & Mrs Grubb
OBSERVATION: **Recommend Approval.**

P13/S3589/MPO **Land at Noble Road/Lawson Road** (Other – South Ward – JW, WH)
Modification of planning obligation under Section 106 agreement 98S17.
For: The Guinness Partnership Ltd
OBSERVATION: **Noted. This application has no effect on the occupancy of the area.**

Councillor Miss L Hillier abstained from voting on the following application.

P13/S3599/HH **19 York Road** (Other – North Ward – JB, WH)
Single storey extension to rear elevation, alterations to roof of single storey section of original building. New dormer window and rooflights to main roof on rear elevation.
For: Mr K Bentley & Miss C Dowse
OBSERVATION: **Recommend Refusal. The Committee request the Chimney stack be retained as this is a feature of the buildings in this area and is part of the street scene in this conservation area.**

P13/S3635/HH **74 Reading Road** (Other – South Ward – JW, WH)
Demolition of front of existing garage. Erection of first floor extension.
For: Mr & Mrs R Appleyard
OBSERVATION: **Recommend Refusal. Whilst this is a sympathetically designed extension, it does involve the removal of two large mature trees. A Copper Beech and Laburnum.**

These are distinctive trees in this conservation area and this committee would prefer to see a development which allows these trees to remain in situ.

P13/S3666/HH 29 Adam Court (Other – North Ward – JB, EH)
Single storey conservatory to the rear, following demolition of existing conservatory (20m3).

OBSERVATION: Recommend Approval.

P13/S3679/PDO 2a Friday Street (Other – North Ward – JB, EH)
Change of use from Office (B1a) to dwelling (C3)
For: Mrs T Crocker

OBSERVATION: Noted. The Committee raised concerns that residential properties are not always ideal in a street that is predominantly business.

P13/S3709/PDH 88 Vicarage Road (Other – South Ward – JW, WH)
Proposed conservatory to the rear.
For: Mr I Petrie

OBSERVATION: Noted.

113. OBJECTIONS / CALL IN APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered which Councillor should speak at the South Oxfordshire District Council's (SODC) Planning meeting in the event of an objection and it was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor D Hinke represents the Town Council at the SODC planning meeting and speaks on the Council's behalf against application **P13/S3473/FUL 1 Rotherfield Road.**

114. PUBLICATION OF THE CHILTERN'S AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014 – 19 STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION.

The Committee noted the attached letter from the Chilterns Conservation Board and agreed to make individual comments via email to: office@chilternsaonb.org by 10 January 2014.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm

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Chairman