

WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2010 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILTSHIRE COUNCIL OFFICES, BRADLEY ROAD, TROWBRIDGE.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Rod Eaton, Cllr Peter Fuller (Chairman), Cllr Mark Griffiths, Cllr Malcolm Hewson, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Stephen Petty, Cllr Jonathon Seed and Cllr Roy While (Vice Chairman)

Also Present:

Cllr Trevor Carbin

156 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Graham Payne

157 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2010 were presented and members expressed concern that they contained the words 'contrary to officer's recommendation' within the resolution.

It was requested that the minutes be reviewed in the light of the above and presented to the next meeting.

158 Declarations of Interest

W/10/01434/FUL - Sainsbury Store Bath Road Melksham

Councillor Rod Eaton declared a personal interest as a member of Melksham Town Council

Councillor Jonathan Seed declared a personal interest as Chairman of Melksham Area Board.

Councillor Mark Griffiths declared a personal interest as a member of Melksham Town Council

159 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements

160 **Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed all present and outlined the rules of public participation.

161 **Planning Applications**

W/10/01434/FUL - Sainsbury Store Bath Road Melksham

Public participation:

Mr James Veakins spoke in objection to the application

Mr Rob Machens spoke in objection to the application

Mr Patrick Tarrant spoke in objection to the application

Mr Bruno Moore spoke in support of the application

Mr Andrew Wallis spoke in support of the application

Ms Sarah Cardy, on behalf of Melksham Town Council, spoke in objection to the application.

Officers presented the report, which recommended approval, and drew attention to the late list which contained further information. Following a debate, during which the key issue of flooding was discussed, it was

Resolved

That the application be **REFUSED** – for the following reasons:

- (1) The risk of increased flooding in the vicinity of the proposed development including the extended car park would outweigh the benefits of the proposed development and as such would be contrary to advice in Planning Policy Statement 25 – Development and Flood Risk.
- (2) The relocation of the petrol filling station to the former Bear Yard car park would be detrimental to the amenities of nearby residents by reason of noise, light and fumes contrary to the provisions of policies C35 and C38 of the West Wiltshire District Plan 1st Alteration 2004.
- (3) The proposed development, most notably the petrol Filling Station canopy and the extensions to the store and its car park would by reason of their design, materials, form and location be detrimental to the character and appearance of

the adjoining Conservation Area and harmful to the setting of nearby Listed Buildings contrary to policies C17, C18 and C19 of the West Wiltshire District Plan 1st Alteration 2004

162 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items

(Duration of meeting: 18.00 – 19.30)

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