

Meeting Planning Committee

**Date and Time** Friday, 7th October, 2022 at 9.30 am.

Venue Walton Suite, Guildhall Winchester

**Note:** This meeting is being held in person at the location specified above and the following arrangements apply. Members of the public should note that a live audio feed of the meeting will be available from the council's website (<a href="www.winchester.gov.uk">www.winchester.gov.uk</a>) and the video recording will be publicly available on the council's <a href="youTube">YouTube</a> channel shortly after the meeting.

For members of the public who are unable to utilise this facility, a limited number of seats will be made available at the above named location however attendance must be notified to the council at least 3 clear working days (by 4.30pm, Monday, 3 October 2022) before the meeting. Please note that priority will be given to those wishing to attend and address the meeting over those wishing to attend and observe.

#### **AGENDA**

# 1. Reconvened Planning Committee meeting of 28 September 2022

Laura Taylor Chief Executive

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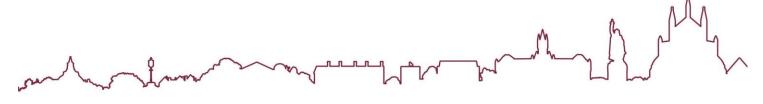


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### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairperson: Vice-Chairperson:

Evans (Liberal Democrats) Rutter (Liberal Democrats)

Conservative Members Liberal Democrat Members

McLean Clear
Pearson Edwards
Read Laming
Westwood

**Deputy Members** 

Cook and Cunningham Achwal and Small

Quorum = 3 members



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#### THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998:

Please note that the Human Rights Act 1998 makes it unlawful for the Council to act in a way incompatible with any of the Convention rights protected by the Act unless it could not have acted otherwise.

In arriving at the recommendations to grant or refuse permission, careful consideration has been given to the rights set out in the European Convention on Human Rights including Article 6 (right to a fair trial), Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life), Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination in enjoyment of convention rights) and Article 1 of the first Protocol (the right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions).

The Council is of the opinion that either no such rights have been interfered with or where there is an interference with the rights of an applicant or objector, such interference is considered necessary for any of the following reasons:-

- The protection of rights and freedoms of others
- ◆ The prevention of crime or disorder
- ◆ The economic well being of the

Public safety

country.

♦ The protection of health or morals

It is also considered that such action is proportional to the legitimate aim and in the public interest.

## **GENERAL GUIDANCE ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE:**

## **Background**

The Planning committee meets on average once every four weeks. The membership of the committee is drawn from elected city councillors.

The Council's Constitution states that the vast majority of applications will be determined by the Planning officers (which are sometimes known as "delegated decisions"). However, if certain criteria are met from the Constitution, some applications (about 5%) are referred to committee for determination, rather than officers.

As part of the Winchester District includes the South Downs National Park (SDNP), the committee can also determine applications from this area on behalf of the National Park Authority.

## At the meeting

At the start of the committee meeting, the councillors and officers will be introduced. Any councillor's declarations of interest will also be announced at this point. If the interest is considered by the councillor to be significant, he/she will leave the meeting when it reaches that item on the agenda.

#### **Timing**

The committee considers many applications and scrutinises each one thoroughly. However, to prevent waiting unnecessarily through other people's applications, where work demands it, agendas will be split into morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session will usually start at 9.30am and, where applicable, the agenda will set out those items which the committee will *not* consider before 2.00pm in the afternoon. Further details are set out below.

## The Officer's presentation

On each item, the planning case officer will introduce the application to the committee. They will concentrate on showing details of the proposals with the aid of projected visual material, including photographs of the site and plans. The length and details of the presentation at the meeting will be proportionate to the nature and scale of the proposal. The officer will make a recommendation to the committee to either approve or refuse the application and, in the latter case, will state the reasons for this.

The officer is required to make a recommendation and the presentation will include material to explain why the scheme is being recommended for permission or refusal. However, officers will not restate the information set out in the report which relates to the assessment of the planning merits of the case. Specialist officers dealing with issues such as landscape, design and historic environment may also be available at committee to provide advice on such matters and a legal representative will attend all Planning committee meetings.

### **Public participation:**

There will be a period of public participation, as follows:

- Objectors (3 minutes in total),
- Parish Council representatives (3 minutes),
- Ward Members (local District Councillors)/Cabinet Members (5 minutes each),
- and supporters of the application (3 minutes in total).

The process is controlled by procedures to ensure fairness to both objectors and supporters. To register to speak at the meeting, please contact the Public Speaking Co-ordinator on 01962 848 339 by 4:30pm at least THREE clear working days before the meeting, (Monday, 3 October 2022) in order to allow the meeting to be managed as efficiently as possible.

Please keep to the time allocated.

After each speaker's category, there will be an opportunity for the committee to ask questions of the speakers, if the committee considers it necessary to clarify any matters of fact that arise.

Aside from this, the committee will not enter into any further discussion with members of the public.

The names of members of the public etc who have registered to address committee meetings will appear in the minutes as part of the public record, which will be included on the Council's website. Those wishing to address a committee meeting who object to their names being made available in this way must notify the Democratic Services Officer either when registering to speak, or within 10 days of this meeting.

The meeting will be audio streamed on the day and you will be able to listen to the meeting as it happens and at the conclusion of the meeting the recording can be accessed immediately and is then available for playback thereafter. The audio stream is accessed from the meetings page on the Council's website.

https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=137

#### **Members' Questions**

After the officers' presentation and public participation there will be an opportunity for the Councillors on the committee to ask questions of the officers and clarification, if necessary, of public speakers.

#### The Councillors' Debate

The Councillors will then debate the application and may pick up any issues raised during public participation before a vote is taken to either;

- permit,
- refuse or
- defer (usually for a site visit or for further information). If a site visit is required
  then the item will usually be deferred to the next meeting of the committee to
  allow it to be reconsidered after the site visit has been held. The item will be
  reconsidered in its entirety, including public participation where those
  registering to speak will be given the opportunity to address the committee.

If the committee votes against the officer's recommendation, the reasons for this will be discussed and explained. Usually, the precise wording for the reasons for refusal will be delegated to the Service Lead Built Environment in consultation with the Chair. A summary of the committee's reasons will be included in the minutes.

## Voting

Every Member has one vote when a matter before the meeting requires a decision. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair may exercise a casting vote and that vote may be cast in any way they wish.

A Member may abstain from voting or vote differently from how they may have indicated during the debate, without further explanation. The way each member voted will not be recorded in the minutes, unless a motion to have a recorded vote has been passed.

#### After the meeting

After the meeting, the minutes will be available from the Council's website and a decision notice will be sent to the applicant/agent. Applicants have a right of appeal against a committee decision to refuse planning permission, or any conditions imposed on permission, and any appeal will be considered by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. Where an application has been permitted, there is no opportunity for objectors to appeal, other than to the Court by way of judicial review on a point of law.

# Filming and broadcast notification

This meeting will be recorded and broadcast live on the Council's website. The meeting may also be recorded and broadcast by the press and members of the public – please see the Access to Information Procedure Rules within the Council's

Constitution for further information, which is available to view on the <u>Council's</u> <u>website</u>.

## Disabled access

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