

# Agenda

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## West Area Planning Committee

Date: **Wednesday 10 December 2014**

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Time: **6.30 pm**

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Place: **The Old Library, Town Hall**

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# West Area Planning Committee

## Membership

<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Oscar Van Nooijen	Hinksey Park;
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Councillor Michael Gotch	Wolvercote;
	Councillor Elise Benjamin	Iffley Fields;
	Councillor Bev Clack	St. Clement's;
	Councillor Colin Cook	Jericho and Osney;
	Councillor Andrew Gant	Summertown;
	Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Carfax;
	Councillor Bob Price	Hinksey Park;
	Councillor John Tanner	Littlemore;

The quorum for this meeting is five members. Substitutes are permitted

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# AGENDA

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<b>2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
<b>3 CHRIST CHURCH MEADOW - CONSULTATION ON FELLING LICENCE</b>	11 - 18
<p>The Head of City Development has submitted a report on a Forestry Commission Consultation on Christ Church Felling Licence Application 019/327/14-15; proposed removal of 10no. poplar trees and replacement planting with 18no. lime trees at New Walk, Christ Church Meadow.</p> <p><b>Officer recommendation:</b> in response to the Forestry Commission consultation, the Committee is recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. to RAISE NO OBJECTION to the grant of a Felling Licence;</li><li>2. to ask the Forestry Commission to impose a condition on any Felling Licence requiring 18no. heavy standard common lime trees to be planted before the end of the first planting season in the year that the trees are felled; and,</li><li>3. to ask the Forestry commission to impose a condition requiring tree felling not to take place during the ecologically sensitive time of the year between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> October unless there is a clear over-riding justification.</li></ol>	
<b>4 ST CROSS COLLEGE: 13/01800/CND</b>	19 - 26
<p>The Head of City Development has submitted a report setting out details submitted in compliance with condition 17 (Construction Method Statement) of planning permission 13/01800/FUL.</p> <p><b>Officer recommendation:</b> to approve the submitted Construction Method Statement in compliance with Condition 17 of planning permission 13/01800/FUL.</p>	
<b>5 4 ALDRICH ROAD, CUTTESLOWE: 14/02680/FUL</b>	27 - 34
<p>The Head of City Development has submitted a report on an application for internal alterations and change of use from a single dwelling house (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4). (Retrospective) (Amended description)</p>	

**Officer recommendation:** to grant planning permission subject to conditions:

1. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
2. Bin storage.
3. Exclusion from parking permits.

**6 22 WELLINGTON STREET: 14/02971/CT3**

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The Head of City Development has submitted a report on an application for replacement of windows to the front elevation.

**Officer Recommendation:** to grant planning permission subject to conditions:

1. Development begun within time limit.
2. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
3. Materials – matching.

**7 24 WELLINGTON STREET: 14/02968/CT3**

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The Head of City Development has submitted a report on an application for replacement of windows to the front elevation.

**Officer Recommendation:** to grant planning permission subject to conditions:

1. Development begun within time limit.
2. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
3. Materials – matching.

**8 17 BRIDGE STREET: 14/02970/CT3**

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The Head of City Development has submitted a report on an application for replacement of windows to the front elevation.

**Officer Recommendation:** to grant planning permission subject to conditions:

1. Development begun within time limit.
2. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
3. Materials – matching.

**9 VIEW CONES**

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The Head of City Development has submitted a report presenting the completed study of the 10 protected view cones and seeking the Committees' comments and endorsement of the findings of the study.

The study and appendices are published as a supplement to the agenda because of their size.

### **Officer Recommendations**

That the Committee

- a) supports the conclusions of the study and agrees with the assessments of each of the views;
- b) agrees the actions and suggested changes in the consultation report, which reflect consultation responses; and
- c) endorses the view cones assessment, which will be used as background evidence and will be a material consideration in the determination of relevant applications.

## **10 PLANNING APPEALS**

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Summary information on planning appeals received and determined during November 2014

The Committee is asked to note this information.

## **11 MINUTES**

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Minutes from the meetings of 12 and 25 November 2014

**Recommendation:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 and 25 November 2014 are approved as a true and accurate record.

## **12 FORTHCOMING APPLICATIONS**

Items for consideration by the committee at future meetings are listed for information. They are not for discussion at this meeting.

Former Wolvercote Paper Mill: 13/01861/OUT: residential

Jericho Boatyard: 14/01441/FUL: Residential etc

Aristotle Lane: 14/01368/FUL: Replacement footbridge

Dragon School, Charlbury Road: 14/02446/FUL New Music Room

13 Rectory Road: 14/02445/FUL: 3 flats

14 Hernes Road: 14/00310/FUL: Extensions

96/97 Gloucester Green: 14/2663/FUL: Change of use retail to restaurant

Chiltern Line: Various Conditions

Westgate: 14/02402/RES: Various Conditions

Land to the rear of 9A and 11 Chester Street: 14/03143/FUL: garage (retrospective)

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee will meet on the following dates:

13 January 2015  
10 February 2015  
10 March 2015  
14 April 2015

## **DECLARING INTERESTS**

### **General duty**

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

### **What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?**

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your\* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

### **Declaring an interest**

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

### **Members' Code of Conduct and public perception**

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

\*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

## **CODE OF PRACTICE FOR DEALING WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT AREA PLANNING COMMITTEES AND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Planning controls the development and use of land in the public interest. Applications must be determined in accordance with the Council's adopted policies, unless material planning considerations indicate otherwise. The Committee must be conducted in an orderly, fair and impartial manner.

The following minimum standards of practice will be followed.

1. All Members will have pre-read the officers' report. Members are also encouraged to view any supporting material and to visit the site if they feel that would be helpful
2. At the meeting the Chair will draw attention to this code of practice. The Chair will also explain who is entitled to vote.
3. The sequence for each application discussed at Committee shall be as follows:-
  - (a) the Planning Officer will introduce it with a short presentation;
  - (b) any objectors may speak for up to 5 minutes in total;
  - (c) any supporters may speak for up to 5 minutes in total;
  - (d) speaking times may be extended by the Chair, provided that equal time is given to both sides. Any non-voting City Councillors and/or Parish and County Councillors who may wish to speak for or against the application will have to do so as part of the two 5-minute slots mentioned above;
  - (e) voting members of the Committee may raise questions (which shall be directed via the Chair to the lead officer presenting the application, who may pass them to other relevant Officers and/or other speakers); and
  - (f) voting members will debate and determine the application.

At public meetings Councillors should be careful to be neutral and to listen to all points of view. They should take care to express themselves with respect to all present including officers. They should never say anything that could be taken to mean they have already made up their mind before an application is determined.

### **4. Public requests to speak**

Members of the public wishing to speak must notify the Chair or the Democratic Services Officer before the beginning of the meeting, giving their name, the application/agenda item they wish to speak on and whether they are objecting to or supporting the application. Notifications can be made via e-mail or telephone, to the Democratic Services Officer (whose details are on the front of the Committee agenda) or given in person before the meeting starts.

### **5. Written statements from the public**

Members of the public and councillors can send the Democratic Services Officer written statements to circulate to committee members, and the planning officer prior to the meeting. Statements are accepted and circulated up to 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

Material received from the public at the meeting will not be accepted or circulated, as Councillors are unable to view proper consideration to the new information and officers may not be able to check for accuracy or provide considered advice on any material consideration arising.

### **6. Exhibiting model and displays at the meeting**

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9. Members should not:

- (a) rely on considerations which are not material planning considerations in law;
- (b) question the personal integrity or professionalism of officers in public;
- (c) proceed to a vote if minded to determine an application against officer's recommendation until the reasons for that decision have been formulated; and
- (d) seek to re-design, or negotiate amendments to, an application. The Committee must determine applications as they stand and may impose appropriate conditions.