

# Agenda

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## East Area Planning Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 13 January 2021**

Time: **3.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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## Committee Membership

Councillors: Membership 9: Quorum 5: substitutes are permitted.

Councillor Sian Taylor (Chair)	Northfield Brook;
Councillor John Tanner (Vice-Chair)	Littlemore;
Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan	Headington;
Councillor Shaista Aziz	Rose Hill and Iffley;
Councillor Nigel Chapman	Headington Hill and Northway;
Councillor Mary Clarkson	Marston;
Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan	Lye Valley;
Councillor Christine Simm	Cowley;
Councillor Roz Smith	Quarry and Risinghurst;

Apologies and notification of substitutes received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those sent after publication will be reported at the meeting. Substitutes for the Chair and Vice-chair do not take on these roles.

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## Planning applications - background papers and additional information

To see representations, full plans, and supplementary information relating to applications on the agenda, please [click here](#) and enter the relevant Planning Reference number in the  search box.

Any additional information received following the publication of this agenda will be reported and summarised at the meeting.

## Public access and speaking

This meeting will be held remotely on Zoom and can be watched on YouTube. For details about public access and speaking at the meeting, please see the information towards the end of the agenda frontsheet.

### 1 Apologies for absence and substitutions

### 2 Declarations of interest

### 3 16/02549/FUL: Land Adjacent 4 Wychwood Lane, OX3 8HG

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**Proposal:** Erection of building to provide 4 x 3-bed, 3 x 2-bed and 2 x 1-bed apartments. Provision of amenity space, 20 No. car parking spaces and cycle store. Formation of new vehicular access from Lewis Close (Amended plans)

**Site address:** Land Adjacent 4 Wychwood Lane, Oxford, OX3 8HG

**Recommendation: East Area Planning Committee is recommended to:-**

a) **REFUSE** planning permission for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development, by reason of its scale, siting, layout,

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height, form and external appearance, will introduce an incongruous and alien backland development, at odds with the sensitive rural verdant character of this edge of city location, and the prevailing pattern and character of development in the area. Such an inappropriate development would cause harm to the visual amenity of the area, including harm to public views from the neighbouring CS Lewis Nature Reserve, as well as result in an unacceptable development of two residential edge of city gardens. The proposed development is contrary to the objectives of policies DH1 and G6 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036, the National Design Guide and guidance in the NPPF.

2. The proposed development fails to provide private, convenient or accessible outdoor amenity space, for the enjoyment of the residents of the dwellinghouses. In the absence of the being able to control either by an agreement or a condition who occupies the units as people who are vulnerable, the proposed development will fail to provide adequate appropriate amenity space, contrary to policy H16 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036.
3. The proposed development, by reason of its siting and proximity to Wychwood House, will cause a loss of privacy to the occupiers of this property contrary to policy H14 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036. Further, the intensification of the access and the erection of 9 dwellings in a rear garden location will cause noise and disturbance to the amenities of neighbouring occupiers, harmful to present levels of quiet and tranquillity as well as be harmful to the quiet enjoyment of the CS Lewis Nature Reserve, contrary to policy RE7 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036.
4. The proposed development fails to meet Nationally Described Space Standards for the minimum provision of internal floorspace, thus creating substandard living accommodation for the future occupiers of the premises, in conflict with policy H15 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036
5. The proposed development fails to demonstrate through the submission of evidence that the proposal has the right to connect to and discharge to the private sewer in Lewis Close. On the basis of this, the applicant has failed to demonstrate there is an adequate drainage strategy in place with a viable outfall/discharge point contrary to the requirements of RE4 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036.
6. The submitted Ecology appraisals are out of date and fail to adequately consider the impact of the development on protected species. Furthermore, the application fails to achieve an overall

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net gain for biodiversity measured through the use of a recognised biodiversity calculator. The development is therefore contrary to policy G2 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036.

7. The proposed development fails to demonstrate how sustainable design and construction principles have been incorporated into the scheme through the submission of an Energy Statement. Had the above reasons for refusal not applied, the Local Planning Authority would have requested details to demonstrate compliance. In the absence of this, the scheme is contrary to policy RE1 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036.
8. Had the above overriding reasons for refusal not applied, the Local Planning Authority would have sought a reduction in car parking spaces in accordance with the sustainability objectives of the Local Plan to seek a lower level of parking and to reduce reliance on the private car. The scheme is contrary to policy M3 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036.

And

- b) **delegate authority** to the Head of Planning Services to finalise the reasons for refusal as set out in paragraph 1.1 above including such refinements, amendments, additions and/or deletions as the Head of Planning Services considers reasonably necessary.

#### 4 Minutes

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**Recommendation:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2020 as a true and accurate record.

#### 5 Forthcoming applications

Items currently expected to be considered by the committee at future meetings are listed for information. This is not a definitive list and applications may be added or removed at any point. These are not for discussion at this meeting.

18/03405/FUL: Holy Family Church , 1 Cuddesdon Way, Oxford, OX4 6JH	Committee level decision
20/00934/FUL: Land To The Rear Of The George Inn, 5 Sandford Road, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 4PU	Committee level decision
20/01237/RES: Plots 8150 8200 And 9200, Alec Issigonis Way, Oxford	Committee level decision

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20/01535/FUL: McDonalds, 298 London Road, Headington OX3 8DJ	Called in
20/02450/FUL & 20/02455/LBC: Meadow Larkins, Larkins Lane, Oxford, OX3 9DW	Committee level decision - FUL and LBC applications
20/02672/FUL: SAE Institute Oxford, Littlemore Park, Armstrong Road, Oxford, OX4 4FY	Committee level decision
20/02680/FUL: Land At The Junction Of Hosker Close And Merewood Avenue, Oxford, OX3 8EG	Called in
20/03034/FUL: Hill View Farm, Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford OX3 0QG	Committee level decision

## 6 Dates of future meetings

Future meetings of the Committee are scheduled on Wednesdays at times shown. These will start at 3.00pm while the committee is meeting remotely.

### 2021

3 February

3 March

7 April

New date:

26 May 2021

## Information for those attending regulatory committees - Remote meetings guidelines

Regulations passed in April 2020 enable the Council to hold meetings without some or all Members being physically present together in a room. To ensure the smooth running of remote meetings the Council has agreed a Protocol for Remote Meetings and everyone is asked to follow these guidelines which are based on that Protocol.

### Attendance at remote meetings

Members (councillors) are “in attendance” provided that they can hear and be heard by the other participants. Any loss of visual connection does not give rise to non-attendance but a loss of audio connection does.

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immediately. If you cannot immediately re-join the meeting by video link, please dial in to the meeting using the telephone number provided in the joining instructions.

If a Councillor loses connectivity to this meeting they will be prohibited from participating in the debate and voting on that agenda item unless the discussion is paused for the period of their non-attendance.

If other participants lose connection, this does not affect the debate or vote.

### **Remote meetings etiquette**

All participants are asked to:

- Stay visible on camera while your video feed is on. Turn the camera off if you stand up or leave your seat.
- Keep your microphone muted unless speaking. Un-mute / mute your own microphone before and after speaking.
- Use the “raise hand” icon to indicate a wish to speak. This is located in the “Participants” tab. Please be patient, the Chair will call you to speak and has absolute discretion to determine the order in which participants speak. Please lower your virtual hand after speaking.
- Not speak over other participants.
- Keep contributions relevant and concise.
- Councillors and officers must use the Chat function only to assist with the smooth administration of the meeting, e.g. to alert officers to a loss of audio connectivity.

### **Voting at remote meetings**

When determining an application the voting will be by a roll call.

When called by the Clerk, Councillors are asked to state how they are voting on the proposal (e.g. “for”, “against” or “abstain”). Any Member who has not been in attendance to hear the full presentation and debate on an agenda item will be required to abstain from voting on that matter.

## **Public access to this meeting and members of the public speaking**

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### **Public access to remote meetings**

1. You can watch the meeting remotely by clicking on the link in the comments section or under 'media' sited just above the agenda items.
2. The live link will appear on this page just as the meeting starts. This will launch a YouTube video of the live meeting. If it does not, then follow the link to the council's YouTube channel where the video will be playing.

### **Registering to speaking**

3. Members of the public can register to speak at a meeting in accordance with the Procedure Rule within Council's Constitutions.
4. **For this committee you must register to speak before noon on the working day before the meeting**, giving the application name/number and whether you are supporting or objecting. You must also supply an email address and phone number.
5. **Members of the public registering to speak are recommended to submit their contribution in writing to [democraticservices@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@oxford.gov.uk) not less than 24 hours before the meeting is due to start.** This will ensure that their contribution can be taken into account and, where necessary, responded to, in the event that the connection is poor or they are otherwise unable to join the meeting. Members of the public who register to speak will be advised of any word limit for their written submission.

### **Public attendance and speaking at remote meetings**

6. Members of the public viewing the meeting should do this through the weblink to the live stream as above.
7. Members of the public may register to speak at the meeting in accordance with the procedure rules (see 4 and the notes at the end of the agenda frontsheet)
8. Those registering to speak will be provided with joining instructions and guidance on public participation in remote meetings by the Committee and Member Services Team.
9. When the meeting starts, or during the agenda item before the one they are speaking on, they should follow these instructions and join the meeting. When joining a meeting members of the public with a right to speak must ensure that they can be identified as a registered speaker otherwise their access to the meeting will be blocked.
10. They will be held as an 'attendee' and be able to see and hear the

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meeting but not take part.

11. The Meeting Host will 'enable' their microphone when they are called to speak, or may admit them to the meeting. They must not speak until are invited to do so by the Chair. Speeches are timed from the first words of the speech: there is no penalty for delays caused by the technology.
12. The member of the public may remain as an attendee or in the meeting to hear the remainder of the agenda item. Once their contribution has been heard the Meeting Host will mute their microphone and it must remain muted for the remainder of the meeting unless the Chair invites them to speak again, at which point the microphone will be enabled again.
13. At the end of the agenda item, the Chair may ask speakers attending for that item to disconnect from the remote meeting and the Meeting Host may remove their access to the meeting. Members of the public may continue to observe the meeting by watching the live stream accessed via a link on the Council's [meetings webpages](#).
14. If a member of the public exercising their right to speak at a remote meeting loses connectivity during their contribution, they should immediately dial back in to the meeting using the telephone number provided in the joining instructions.
15. If a member of the public exercising their right to speak at a remote meeting loses connectivity and is unable to re-join the meeting their previously submitted written contribution will be considered (it will be read out by an officer who will keep strictly to the allocated time limit). If no written contribution has been submitted the meeting will proceed without considering their contribution.

#### **Press access to remote meetings**

16. Journalists wishing to attend a remote meeting are advised to inform [pressoffice@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:pressoffice@oxford.gov.uk) not less than 24 hours before the meeting is due to start to be issued with joining instructions.
17. Journalists in remote attendance are asked to keep their microphone muted and their video camera turned off.
18. Alternatively journalists can access meetings by viewing the live stream as set out in 1 and 2 above.

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## **Information for those attending**

### **Recording and reporting on meetings held in public**

Members of public and press can record, or report in other ways, the parts of the meeting open to the public. You are not required to indicate in advance but it helps if you notify the Committee Services Officer prior to the meeting so that they can inform the Chair and direct you to the best place to record.

The Council asks those recording the meeting:

- To follow the protocol which can be found on the Council's [website](#)
- Not to disturb or disrupt the meeting
- Not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes not editing an image or views expressed in a way that may ridicule or show a lack of respect towards those being recorded.
- To avoid recording members of the public present, even inadvertently, unless they are addressing the meeting.

Please be aware that you may be recorded during your speech and any follow-up. If you are attending please be aware that recording may take place and that you may be inadvertently included in these.

The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to suspend or terminate any activities that in his or her opinion are disruptive.

### **Councillors 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". 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.

## **Procedure 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. Advice on bias, predetermination and declarations of interests is available from the Monitoring Officer.

### **The following minimum standards of practice will be followed:**

1. All members of the Committee will have pre-read the officers' report. Committee members are also encouraged to view any supporting material and to visit the site if they feel that would be helpful. (In accordance with the guidance at 24.15 (Planning Code of Practice) in the Council's Constitution).
2. At the meeting the Chair may draw attention to this procedure. The Chair may 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.
4. In determining an application Committee 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 overturning the officer's recommendation have been formulated including the reasons for refusal or the wording of any planning conditions; or
  - (d) seek to re-design, or negotiate amendments to, an application. The Committee must determine applications as they stand and may impose appropriate conditions.

### **Public requests to speak**

**Members of the public wishing to speak must notify the Committee Services Officer by noon on the working day before 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 Committee Services Officer (details are on the front of the Committee agenda).

### **Written statements from the public**

**Any written statement that members of the public or Councillors wish to be considered should be sent to the planning officer by noon two working days before the day of the meeting. The planning officer will report these at the meeting.** Material received from the public at the meeting will not be accepted or circulated, as Councillors are unable to give 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. Any such material will not be displayed or shown at the meeting.

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

Applicants or members of the public can exhibit models or displays at the meeting as long as they notify the Committee Services Officer of their intention by noon two working days before the start of the meeting so that members can be notified.

### **Recording meetings**

This is covered in the general information above.

### **Meeting Etiquette**

All representations should be heard in silence and without interruption. The Chair will not permit disruptive behaviour. Members of the public are reminded that if the meeting is not allowed to proceed in an orderly manner then the Chair will withdraw the opportunity to address the Committee. The Committee is a meeting held in public, not a public meeting.

**This procedure is detailed in the Annex to part 24 of the Council's Constitution as agreed at Council in January 2020.**