

SWT Planning Committee - 17 September 2020 held via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Councillor Simon Coles (Chair)

Councillors Marcia Hill, Ian Aldridge, Mark Blaker, Sue Buller, Dixie Darch, Roger Habgood, Mark Lithgow, Chris Morgan, Craig Palmer, Andrew Sully, Ray Tully, Brenda Weston and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Rebecca Miller (Principal Planning Specialist), Martin Evans (Shape Legal Partnership), Michael Hicks (Planning Specialist), Abigail James (Planning Specialist) and Tracey Meadows (Democracy and Governance)

(The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm)

74. Apologies

No apologies were received from Councillors. Councillor Habgood joined the meeting at 13:52

75. Minutes of the previous meetings to follow

Minutes of the previous meeting to follow.

76. Public Participation

Application No.	Name	Position	Stance
05/20/0027	Sarah Greenslade Shaun Grinter Cecile Stacey Mr and Mrs Grinter	Local Residents	Objecting
38/20/0151	Collier Planning	Architects	In favour

77. 05/20/0027

Items 5 and 6 were presented together but voted on separately

Replacement of summer house and construction of gazebo at Rumwell Park, Wellington Road, Rumwell

Comments by members of the public included;

- The use of Rumwell Park and the impact of this use on amenity in relation to the proposed gazebo;
- The design of the proposed gazebo;
- Concerns with frequent arrivals and departures of large numbers of cars;
- Increased traffic movements;

- Concerns with very loud parties throughout the day and often continuing into the early hours;
- Concerns with the large piles of rubbish following departure at the entrance to the site;
- Rumwell Park fell outside the definition of class C3 for short term commercial letting;

Comments by Members included;

- Concerns with noise etc. can be dealt with by other means;
- Concerns with the loss of light for the neighbours in the Courtyard;
- Concerns with the noise, traffic and parking on the site;

Councillor Lithgow proposed and Councillor Hill seconded a motion for the application to be **Conditional Approved** as per officer recommendation;

The motion was carried

78. **05/20/0028/LB**

Replacement of summer house and construction of gazebo at Rumwell Park, Wellington Road, Rumwell

Councillor Lithgow proposed and Councillor Hill seconded a motion for the application to be **Conditional Approved** as per officer recommendation;

The motion was carried

79. **38/20/0151**

Conversion of terrace building (part of former Police Station) into 6 No. dwellings at Burton Place, Taunton

Comments by members of the public included;

- This development was an important first phase to kick start the former Police Station development;
- The development was an important brownfield, town centre site;
- The development was fully supported by the Development Plan and National Planning Policy;
- The development was a highly sustainable and accessible location, a wide range of services, facilities and employment opportunities is easily accessible by a choice of non-car modes of transport, including walking, cycling and public transport;
- No objections from statutory consultees;

Comments by Members included;

- Happy that a brownfield site was being developed;

- Car parking was not required on this site due to its accessible location to the town;
- Concerns with the ecology report regarding Horseshoe Bats on site;
- Concerns with parking permits not being issued on the site and the challenge to SCC;
- Good use of the building as the present site is an eyesore;
- The site was not suitable for family homes due to the lack of outside amenity space;
- The development would be more suitable for retirement apartments;

Councillor Aldridge proposed and Councillor Buller seconded a motion for **Conditional approval** with amendments to condition 3 and a new Condition requiring a bat survey of the existing building;

The motion was carried

Councillor Lithgow proposed and Councillor Hill seconded a motion for the application to be approved with the amendments proposed;

The motion was carried.

80. **43/20/0061**

Change of use of land to domestic at the side of 21 Sylvan Road, Wellington (resubmission of 43/19/0103)

Application **DEFERRED**

81. **Latest appeals and decisions received**

Latest appeals and decisions noted.

(The Meeting ended at 2.57 pm)