

SWT Planning Committee - 3 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, Craig Palmer, Andrew Sully, Ray Tully, Brenda Weston and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Rebecca Miller (Principal Planning Specialist), Karen Wray (Planning Specialists), Martin Evans (Shape Legal Partnership) and Tracey Meadows (Democracy and Governance)

(The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm)

68. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Morgan

69. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee**

(Minutes of the previous meetings of the Planning Committees to follow.)

70. **Declarations of Interest or Lobbying**

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Application No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr M Blaker	49/20/0032	Ward member of Wiveliscombe. Discretion not fettered.	Personal	Spoke and Voted

71. **Public Participation**

Application No.	Name	Position	Stance
49/20/0032	Mr T Rodway	Rodway Planning	In Favour
	Cllr Mansell	Ward Member	Objecting

72. **49/20/0032**

Construction of first floor for guest accommodation, external changes to fenestration (including roof lights) and installation of external staircase at the shoot facility located south of New Road (B3227), Wiveliscombe (retentions of works already undertaken)

Comments from members of the public included;

- The shooting lodge now proposed and built is different to the original 2018 application;
- The lodge now consisted of a whole additional floor with ten luxury en-suite double bedrooms for shooters (not beaters) and a new mirrored fully equipped exercise room;
- Nearby homes will suffer disturbance from increased shooting activity;
- Concerns with the impact from alien game birds being released into the area;
- Concerns with the impact on the natural environment and local biodiversity;
- Concerns that the lodge will reduce the potential demand for guest accommodation in the area;
- Overnight accommodation will result in less vehicle movement by guests;
- The facility will provide an important local benefit and is a key contributor to the local economy;
- Local businesses and suppliers are used where possible;
- The shoot provides employment to 48 local people;

Comments made by Members included;

- This was a sustainable development;
- More diversity was needed in the countryside;
- This was an important part of our local economy and a good seasonal venue;
- Covers all of the biodiversity issues;
- Pleased that local suppliers are used for the shoot;

Councillor Sully proposed and Councillor Tully seconded a motion for the application to be **APPROVED** with the firming up of the wording of the shoot times delegated to officers;

The motion was carried

73. **Latest appeals and decisions received**

Appeals and decisions noted

(The Meeting ended at 2.11 pm)