

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,
PORTWAY ON MONDAY 19 MAY 2008 AT 9.15 PM**

Committee members present: Councillor Major J Sibbald (Chairman)
Councillors B Armitage, Mrs P Brundle,
A Crawford, E Goldsmith, J Morgan,
Mrs J Reynolds, Mrs L Todd and Dr ICE Turcu.

Other Councillors present: Councillors Mrs J Hannaby

Members of the Public Twelve members of the public were present

Deputy Clerk Mrs H Kell

A Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor B Griffin.

B Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs P Brundle declared a personal interest in planning application WAN/7113/3 – Erection of 9 x 2 bedroom flats with associated works at 1-3 Hans Avenue, Wantage.

C Statements and questions from the public

Mrs C Lisi of 8 Hans Avenue, spoke on behalf of the members of the public present against planning application WAN/7113/3. 1-3 Hans Avenue, Wantage, which she, and members of the public considered was out of keeping with the other properties in the area and would increase the volume of traffic in the vicinity and additional parking in the road. The Chair thanked Mrs Lisi for her statement and agreed to circulate a copy of her letter to all members of the Council.

D Planning applications

The planning applications on the attached sheet were considered and the comments agreed.

Councillor Mrs Brundle declared a personal interest in planning application WAN/7113/3 and left the room while this application was discussed.

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E Decision notices

Application No	District Council Decision	Town Council Recommendation
WAN/20127/1	Permit	Object with comments
WAN/10044/3	Permit	Object with comments
WAN/20401	Permit	Object
WAN/20338/2-A	Refuse	No objection
WAN/9324/9	Refuse	Object
WAN/9324/10-LB	Refuse	Object
WAN/1787/25	Permit	No objection
WAN/1787/26-LB	Permit	No objection
WAN/20473	Permit	No objection

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Crawford

SECONDED By Councillor Mrs Hannaby,

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the District Council's Planning Department be contacted with regard to planning application WAN/10044/3 to enquire if the application went to the full Development Committee or was just considered by the Chairman. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

It was also noted that permission had been granted for the erection of the double pre-fabricated classroom unit at Fitzwaryn School, Denchworth Road, Wantage.

G Tree letters

i) The Committee supported the felling of a cherry tree at Wharf Cottage, 45 Mill Street, Wantage. The Committee was concerned at the delay in the Town Council receiving the application from the District Council.

ii) The Committee noted that permission had been granted for various works to trees at The Priory, Priory Road, Wantage.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) WAN/7113/3 – Erection of 9 no 2 bedroom flats and associated works. 1-3 Hans Avenue, Wantage, Oxon OX12 7DB for Mr and Mrs Dykes. (deferred from previous meeting)

Object. The proposed development is overbearing and out of character and not in keeping with the surrounding area. The proposed parking is insufficient.

- b) WAN/20338/3-A – Erection of two fascia signs (Re-submission). Unit 11, Limborough Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9AJ for Argos Distributors Ltd

No objection.

- c) WAN/2186/17 –Amendment to approved application WAN/2186/14 to substitute 30 new dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and highway access for 4 no terraces comprising 23 units. Minor amendments to parts of blocks B2 and B3 of approved scheme. Variation to condition 11 of approval WAN/2186/14 to substitute amended drawings as per this application. St Mary’s School, Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8BZ for Berkeley Homes Oxford and Chiltern Ltd

Object. Overdevelopment of an already over dense site and inadequate parking.

- d) WAN/20523 – Conversion of existing garage and outside cupboard into habitable room. 35 Segsbury Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9XP for Mr Fitzgerald.

Object. Concern at the loss of garage space.
