

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,
PORTWAY ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2008 AT 7.30 PM**

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

Clerk Mrs H Kell

A Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor E Goldsmith.

B Declarations of Interest

Councillor Crawford declared a personal interest in planning application WAN/20572 and took no part in the discussion, being employed in an adjacent building.

C Questions and statements from the public

None

D Planning applications

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

E Decision notices

Application No	District Council Decision	Town Council Recommendation
WAN/20523 – 35 Segsbury Road	Permit	Object with comments
WAN/20254/1 – Unit 5-6 Limborough Road	Permit	No objection

It was reported that the King Alfred's Community and Sports College will be resubmitting its application for an extension to the temporary period for the retention of a translucent polythene dome and the request to extend the hours of use, giving more specific details on the proposed use of the dome and hours it will be used. All neighbouring parishes would be given details of the amended application.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Deferred from last meeting – 24 June 2008

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. Amendments to Block B8 (St Gabriel's Site) including relocation of refuse store in undercroft parking bay, unit 13 to be changed from a 1 bedroomed unit to a 2 bed room unit; redesign of unit 146 including omission of first floor lean-to feature; re-orientation of parking space 140 and bin store and amendment to link between Block B8 and Terrace T7 to provide pedestrian access gate in wall.

St Mary's School, Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8BZ for Berkeley Homes Oxford and Chiltern Ltd.

Object. The Council reiterates its objections to the previous application WAN/2186/17 which it considered on 19th May 2008. The Council strongly objects to the increased density of the development and the lack of car parking facilities. The Council is informed that statistics from the 2001 census were used in assessing car parking needs. This information is not relevant in Wantage where the majority of residents have to commute for employment and, unlike other areas of the district, does not have good public transport services. There is no objection to the amendments to Block B8 (St Gabriel's Site) but suggest that the unit to be changed from 1 bedroomed to 2 bedroomed should read unit **153 not 13**. The Council wishes to receive confirmation that the change to unit 153 would ensure that sufficient height is available for emergency vehicles to gain access to the rear of the buildings. It was assumed on the onset of considering this application that the pedestrian access to Chain Hill would remain closed but the Council have no objection to a pedestrian access to Ormond Road.

b) WAN/20566 – Outline planning permission for the erection of three dwellings.
49 Charlton Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8HJ for Mr R Smith.

No objection

c) WAN/19435/2 – Erection of a conservatory to rear of property. 17 Paddock Close, Wantage,
Oxon OX12 7EQ for Mr Sullivan.

No objection

d) WAN/14458/1 – Erection of a conservatory to rear of property. 21 Donnington Place, Wantage, Oxon
OX12 9YE for Mr M Attard.

No objection

e) WAN/20572 – Demolition of existing first floor patio area and demolition of walls to ground floor
passageway. Proposed extension, alterations and refurbishment to existing
shop unit and residential flat. 18 Mill Street, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9AH for Wantage Investments Ltd.

No objection, but recommend a cycle barrier is installed at the entrance to the passageway to ensure safety for children and to deter the passageway being used by motorcyclists.
