

# WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** to be held in the **MAIN HALL, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** on **TUESDAY, 10 January 2006, at 7.30pm** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the Agenda below.

Yours sincerely

**Keith J Abnett**  
Town Clerk

**Contact Officer** – Helen Blatch, Planning & Transportation Officer (P & T Officer)

## **AGENDA**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
The Chairman to answer any questions raised by the public.
- 3. MINUTES PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 20 December 2005**  
To receive and confirm the Minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of this Committee held on 20 December 2005 as a true and correct record (pages 11780 to 11785, copy attached).
- 4. OUTSTANDING MATTERS**  
To consider an updated report dated 4 January 2006 (copy attached).

**5 PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES  
2005/2006 AND 2006/2007**

To review the Committee's current objectives (copy attached), and consider objectives for 2006/2007.

**6 MEETING SCHEDULE 2006**

To consider the schedule of Planning & Transportation Committee meetings for 2006 (copy attached) with the possible insertion of a meeting in April and/or May and the rescheduling of the June meeting.

**7 WOKINGHAM DISTRICT DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SUBMISSION STAGE REPRESENTATION FORM**

To receive and consider the Statement of Community Involvement Submission Document (November 2005) from Wokingham District Council and complete the representation form (copies attached).

**8 SECTION 106 – REVIEW OF WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL'S POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

To receive and consider a consultation paper regarding changes to Wokingham District Council's policies and practices on Section 106 (copy attached).

**9 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

To receive and complete a questionnaire from Wokingham District Council regarding the usage of Public Rights of Way in the district (copy attached).

**10 DISTRICT PARISH CONFERENCE**

a) To receive a reply from the question posed at the last District Parish Conference on 19 October 2005 (copy attached).

b) To consider whether the Committee has any questions for the next District Parish Conference on 8 March 2006.

*Note: The deadline for questions is 27 January 2006 and Members should be aware that they go before a District Parish Working Group who then select what goes on the agenda.*

**11 PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY**

To review the role of the Working Party.

**12 ESTIMATES 2005/2006 & DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2006/2007**

a) To receive and consider a report from the Responsible Financial Officer, detailing the Committee's revised estimates for the year ending March 2006 with actual expenditure to 30 November 2005 and the draft budget for the next financial year 2006/2007 (copy attached).

b) To consider the rewording of 'Planning Seminars' to 'Planning Consultations' on the budget cost centres and to discuss the proposed usage of these funds for a public consultation.

**13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To receive and consider the current planning applications. Details of applications will be on display at the meeting.

## 14 APPEAL DECISIONS

To receive and note the following appeal decisions and inspectors' comments:

a) **F/2005/4224 - 9 Chestnut Avenue**

**Erection of vehicular and pedestrian access gates**

Appeal allowed. The main issue was the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the Chestnut Avenue street scene.

b) **O/2005/4150 - 22 & 24 Denton Road**

**Demolition of existing 2 dwellings and erection of block of 9 x 2 bedroom flats**

Appeal allowed. The main issue was the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

c) **A/2005/5221 – Wokingham Motors, Molly Millars Lane**

**Erection of illuminated service centre sign, entrance feature, parking and other signs**

Appeal dismissed. The main issue was the effect of the signs on the amenity of the area.

d) **LB/2005/4285 – 29 The Terrace**

**Single storey rear extension to listed building to form conservatory (retrospective)**

Appeal dismissed. The main issues were the preservation of the architectural integrity of the building and the preservation of the character of the Wokingham Town Centre Conservation Area.

e) **F/2005/4809 – Land at 13, 15 and 17 Wiltshire Road**

**Demolition of existing dwellings and erection of 37 apartments in four blocks**

Appeal dismissed. The main issues were the effect on the character and appearance of the surrounding area, the effect on the living conditions of adjoining occupiers, the effect on trees, the need for services, amenity and infrastructure in the locality and the effect on the provision of affordable housing in the locality.

f) **F/2004/3557 – 12 Chestnut Avenue**

**Erection of 13 2-bed flats, parking and 8 garages, and demolition of part of existing house.**

Appeal dismissed. The main issues were the effect on the character and appearance of the surrounding area, the effect on the living conditions of neighbouring residents, the effect on highway safety, the effect on nature conservation and whether or not provision should be made for contributions towards infrastructure, services and amenities.

g) **F/2005/4640 & F/2005/4706 – 63-79 Evendons Lane**

**Demolition of 77 Evendons Lane and erection of 14 or 18 dwellings and garages, together with access road, landscaping and footpath to adjoining land to the north.**

F/2005/4640 (14 dwellings) Appeal allowed

F/2005/4706 (18 dwellings) Appeal dismissed

The main issue was the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the area and the countryside.

**h) F/2005/3861 – Lily Court, Oxford Road  
Erection of six flats and associated site works.**

Appeal allowed. The main issues were the continuity of the street scene and the loss of open amenity areas.

**15 READING ROAD CYCLEWAY EXTENSION**

To receive for information details on the proposed extension of the cycleway along Reading Road from the junction with Holt Lane to The Terrace, as discussed at the Amenities Committee Meeting on 15 November 2005 (copy attached).

**16 KICKSTART BUS CHALLENGE SCHEME SERVICE 144**

To receive for information a letter from the Public Transport Department at Wokingham District Council advising of an unsuccessful bid for improvements to service 144 (copy attached).

**17 STREET NAMING & NUMBERING**

To consider the developer's suggestion of 'Emmbrook Place' for a new development to the rear of 183-191 Reading Road, or to suggest a new street name.

**18 INFORMATION ITEMS**

To receive the following for information: -

**a) Tree Preservation Orders**

A list giving details of consents or refusals for work to be done on trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders (copy attached).

**b) Street Naming & Numbering**

A list informing of new street names/numbers in Wokingham received from Wokingham District Council (copy attached).

**19 URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any urgent business agreed by the Chairman

**Planning & Transportation Committee:**

Cllrs: A Barber, Mrs UK Clark, R F N Eke, C W Facey, D G Lee, K A Malvern, H D Miller, Mrs E White and B J Willis

**Backing papers to:** Cllrs Mrs L Barnes, J L Earnshaw and Mrs T Marinos

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