



# Devizes Town Council

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## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Planning Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: 11 JULY 2017

Time: Immediately following Special Full Council

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Mayor: Councillor Carter

Chairman: Councillor Geddes

Councillors:	Mrs Bridewell	Mrs Burton	Corbett
	Evans	Mrs Evans	Giraud-Saunders
	Godwin	Greenwood	Hopkins
	Johnson	Nash	Parsons
	Mrs Rose	Rowland	Mrs Shaw
	Stevens	Ms Von Berg	Wooldridge

## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2017 and which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST**

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

5. Details of Planning Applications for Consideration are attached (doc 5/1).

Members wishing to make enquiries about any of the applications listed or inspect plans before the meeting are advised to do so on line at Wiltshire Council.

**6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED**

Attached (doc 6/1) a list of plans granted, refused or withdrawn.

**7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

Officers have received the following information from Alistair Cunningham, Associate Director Economic Development.

*"For a number of years, we have been considering how we can address the ever-increasing costs of printing and posting hard copies of the planning applications to you for consultation. Last year we received more than 8000 applications.*

*We will in future be sending you a notification electronically, with a link to the website, to enable you to view the documents on the day the application is registered. This will give your councillors longer to comment (likely to be around 28 days rather than the current 21 days). This will also give better access to the plans for your councillors without waiting for circulation of the hard copies.*

*This letter is to inform you that as from Monday 31st July 2017 all applications for consultation will be sent electronically on the day of registration.*

*We realise that this will be a change to the way that we have been working and as such we need to help you with this. We are happy to give some training sessions on how best to use the website and comment on planning applications to help make this transition easier."*

It is our intention that as soon as notification of planning applications are received, they will be forward to members so that you can familiarise yourselves with the application in advance of the meeting.

Should members feel they would benefit from training then you are asked to add you name to the list on the green planning board.

**8. REPORT FOR DECISION – NO ENTRY SIGNAGE INTO THE MARKET PLACE, BUS ISLAND SERVICE ROAD**

**Recommendation**

That the committee considers a request by the owner of Hallmark Flooring that a more viable “No Entry” sign be placed at the north end of the Market Place, bus island service road.

**Purpose of the Report**

To decide if the Town Council believes that the current sign provides adequate information to motorists who may be unaware that traffic is not permitted to travel from north to south along the bus island service road in the Market Place.

**Background**

On a number of occasions, the owner of Hallmark Flooring in the Market Place has advised that he has witnessed vehicles traveling the wrong way along the bus island service road, which is outside of his shop.

Whilst there has been a problem with the sign missing in the past, which has exacerbated the problem, even when the sign is in position, as it is low many motorists do not see it therefore ignore it.



He is asking if the Town Council will make representation to Wiltshire Council to increase the height of the “No Entry” sign as he believes that the current signage does not give sufficient clear warning to motorists as they approach the slip road.

Whilst the missing sign was reported directly to the highways department as a safety issue, requests for a change to signage, as set out in this report, need to be made through the Community Area Traffic Group (CATG).

**Options Considered**

The committee needs to decide if it believes a change in signage at the entrance to the bus island slip road, in the Market Place, is needed to prevent cars from travelling against the flow of traffic and if so, what that change should be.

## **Implications and Risks**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Often in considering a request for changes to highway matters, CATG will ask for a 25% contribution from the parish council. At this time officers are not aware what that cost may be.

### **Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power of Competence.

### **Environmental Implications**

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

### **Risk Assessment**

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

### **Crime and Disorder**

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

## **9. QUESTION TIME**

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK