

WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

On Friday 20 March, the Town Council received the following advice from the National Association of Councils (NALC):

“We are expecting government guidance on holding meetings remotely early next week, and NALC will also produce further guidance next week. In the meantime, if local councils decide to not hold meetings and take decisions by email or other remote methods NALC feels it’s likely that afterwards if there were a challenge that the courts will accept that exceptional times called for exceptional measures.”

The planning applications below were agreed by email correspondence.

Comments were proposed by the chairman of the planning committee and circulated by email on 30 March 2020 for comment to all members of the planning committee:

Councillors Major J Sibbald (chairman), I Cameron, A Dunford, T Gilhome, E L Johnson, A C Menzies, and I L Sheldon.

- a) P20/V0525/HH. Single storey front extension. 17 Ogbourne Close, Wantage, OX12 9ER for Mr Darren Saunders.

No objections but support the Highways comment about a parking plan before consideration.

- b) P20/V0524/HH. Two storey side and single storey rear extensions. 52 Upthorpe Drive, Wantage, OX12 7DG for Mr & Mrs Sanger.

No objections but would like to remind the applicant to consider their obligations under the Party Wall Act with regards to possible disturbance of shared foundations.

- c) P20/V0603/RM. Reserved Matters application for the approval of landscaping, layout and parking of planning permission P17/V0652/FUL. Parcel 3a South East A Crab Hill, Reading Road, Wantage for Bellway Home Limited.

Concerns that many of the suggested trees/plants are not indigenous to UK, request feedback from Countryside Officer.

- d) P20/V0335/FUL. Change of use from A1 (funeral directors) to D1 (chiropractic clinic). 21A Mill Street, Wantage, OX12 9AB for Dr Daniel Ruby, Espina Chiropractic Ltd.

No objection.

- e) P20/V0649/FUL. Variation of Condition 2 (Biodiversity) of planning application P19/V2126/RM. Reserved matters application for details of Layout, scale, appearance and landscaping following approval of application P16/V1721/FUL. (Hybrid application comprising: Outline planning application for erection, demolition and conversion of buildings to provide up to 40,000m2 floor space comprising Class B1 and B8 uses with Class A3, Class D1 and Class D2 uses with all matters except access reserved. Full application for erection of Class B1 "incubator" Block (1,205m2 GIA) with associated car parking following demolition of 7 buildings (1,778m2). For Grove Business Park Ltd.

Objection. Support Countryside Officer's original request for a biodiversity certificate. The applicant states that this is effectively a 'bribe' for granting planning permission but money is not going to any council, it will be required to prove that biodiversity offset has taken place. It is to the offset provider of the applicant's choice not stipulated by the Council.

- f) P20/V0643/HH. Ground floor rear extension and garage relocation. 17 Larkdown, Wantage, OX12 8HE. For Mr Oliver Stewart.

No objection but would like to remind the applicant to consider their obligations under the Party Wall Act.
