MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2023 AT -9.15 PM

Committee members present: Councillor E Johnson (Chair) Councillors I Cameron, A Crawford, T Gilhome and S Third

Town Clerk:

J Evans

A. Apologies for absence.

None.

B. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests.

None.

C. Statements and questions from the public.

None.

- **D.** To consider the planning applications listed overleaf and any other planning applications that are received prior to the meeting.
- E. General Correspondence.

a) To note planning appeal for reference APP/V3120/W/23/3328426 relating P23/V1352/HH for 31 & 33 Denchworth Road.

The Vale decision regarding this application was supported.

The meeting closed at 9.39 pm

PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

a) P23/V2004/A Installation of 1 no. externally illuminated painted wooden fascia, with acrylic and vinyl lettering. Installation of 1 no. externally illuminated wooden painted projecting signage, with vinyl lettering (as amended by plans submitted on the 01 November 2023).
41 Market Place, Wantage, OX12 8AW.

Noted that the planning permission had already been granted.

b) P23/V2339/FUL Proposed extension of first floor flat to create additional bedroom and ensuite bathroom. 12A Barnards Way, Wantage, OX12 7EA.

Holding objection subject to confirmation from Environmental Health that the new living space would not have a detrimental effect on the business below.

c) P23/V2503/LDP Proposed single storey rear extension to form larger kitchen, dining and sitting area. Tamara, Locks Lane, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 9DB.

Noted.

 d) P23/V2577/A Installation of replacement signs to include 2x sets of sign written house name letters, 1x door plaque, 3x amenity boards, 2x half lantern, 2x floodlights and 1x aluminium chevron. 38 Market Place, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 8AH.

Objection. There were concerns about the impact of the application on the conservation area. Traditional materials were preferred for the signs. There were also concerns about light pollution, The 50w LED floodlights would be too bright. Confirmation was required that the lighting would be no brighter than the existing. Comments from the Heritage and Conservation officers were also sought.

 e) P23/V2591/FUL Proposed utility steps from Ickleford Road leading to new dwelling at Locks Lane, Pax Hill, (dwelling approved under planning application P20/V1409/FUL). Steps for Fire Brigade Use only with locked gate at top only accessible and openable by Fire Brigade. Pax Hill, Locks Lane, Wantage, OX12 9DB.

Objection. The application address was wrong and should be corrected. There were concerns over the advice received by the applicant that timber steps were acceptable for emergency access. Comment from OCC Highways and the Fire Service was required about location for use of a fire tender. Despite the road being a 30mph limit it was known that vehicles regularly exceed the speed limit in the area.

f) P23/V2486/LB Remedial work to the internal face of the front facing living room wall following damage due to a car crash. The works will include the application of a breathable lime plaster and paint system to the exposed brickwork of the internal wall. The existing window is to be re-fixed due to cracking as a result of excessive movement.
45 Grove Street, Wantage, OX12 7AG.

No objection.

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g) P23/V2592/LB Installation of replacement signs to include 2x sets of sign written house name letters, 1x door plaque, 3x amenity boards, 2x half lantern, 2x floodlights and 1x aluminium chevron. 38 Market Place, Wantage, OX12 8AH.

Objection. There were concerns about the impact of the application on the conservation area. Traditional materials were preferred for the signs. The proposed chevron was intrusive and not in keeping with the area. There were also concerns about light pollution, The 50w LED floodlights would be too bright. Confirmation was required that the lighting would be no brighter than the existing. Comments from the Heritage and Conservation officers were also sought.
