



# Lewes Town Council

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**Committee:** Planning  
**Date:** 12 March 2024  
**Time:** 19:00  
**Location:** Council Chamber, Town Hall  
**Present:** Councillors Makepeace, (Chair) Todd, Livesey, West, Ross, Campbell  
Gardiner  
**Officers Present:** Veronique Poutrel – Town Clerk  
Julie Dean – Civic Officer

## MINUTES

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### 1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies from Councillors Baah, Bird, Maples and Vernon.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minutes

The acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024 will be deferred until the next meeting on 2 April.

### 4. Public question time

There was a question from a member of the public, Standing Orders were suspended. The question was concerning the Bus Station application SDNP/23/02973/FUL. Until the relevant policy has been interpreted correctly by the developer a functioning alternative to the Bus Station must be found. There is no provision in the application for affordable housing which is against the low cost housing policy. It has been noted that pits have been dug in the site which means that busses can no longer pass through, this is contrary to an Asset of Community Value. As the hoardings have been refused permission it is requested that an update on the status of the site be made and a letter written to Lewes District Council, Ted Popham to receive an assessment of the situation.

## 5. Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Livesey was elected as Vice Chair

## 6. Planning applications

To consider the response of Lewes Town Council to the following planning applications:

- a) **SDNP/23/04297/HOUS & SDNP/23/04298/LIS** - The Pigeon House, Potters Lane, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

- b) **SDNP/24/00237/HOUS & SDNP/24/00238/LIS** - 59 Southover High Street, Lewes

**Comments: Object**

Further information is required.

- c) **SDNP/24/00498/HOUS** - 112 High Street, Lewes

**Comments: Neutral**

Lime render is preferred, the conservation officer is requested to look at the application.

- d) **SDNP/24/00630/HOUS** - 16 Church Lane, South Malling, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

- e) **SDNP/24/00638/FUL** - 26 Malling Street, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

- f) **SDNP/24/00697/HOUS** - 1 Priory Row, Priory Street, Lewes

**Comments: Object**

Any replacement door needs to be in timber because this is in a prime visible position in the Conservation area

- g) **SDNP/23/05097/FUL & SDNP/23/05098/LIS** - 26A Station Street, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

- h) **SDNP/24/00043/HOUS** - West Corner House, 30 The Avenue, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

- i) **SDNP/24/00646/HOUS** - Rotten Row House, Rotten Row, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

- j) **SDNP/24/00678/LIS** - 29 Abinger Place, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

- k) **SDNP/24/00715/FUL & SDNP/24/00716/LIS** - 5 North Street, Lewes

**Comments: Object**

It is requested that the case officer investigate as to whether the property has been correctly marketed as a commercial property. The evidence points to it being marketed solely as a residential property opportunity, not as an office or a commercial space.

**l) SDNP/24/00744/HOUS** - 21D South Way, Lewes

Unable to comment as superseded plans are not visible on the SDNP portal

**m) SDNP/24/00829/HOUS** - 1 The Moorings, South Street, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

**n) SDNP/24/00854/HOUS** - 2 Foundry Cottages, Foundry Lane, Lewes

**Comments: Support**

**o) SDNP/24/00390/HOUS** – 25 Gundreda Road, Lewes

**Comments: Neutral**

The new outbuilding is too far from the house and too big to fall within permitted development. It is suggested that the case officers should be alerted to the fact that the property is run as a bed and breakfast and the new outbuilding could not be used as accommodation or as a living space.

**p) SDNP/24/00886/TCA** - 71 De Montfort Road, Lewes

The application was noted and supported.

**q) SDNP/24/00307/HOUS** - 5 Park Road, Lewes, East Sussex

**Comments: Neutral**

## **7. LDC Climate and Nature Strategy Refresh – Consultation**

The survey was circulated to the committee and responses will be sent to the clerk by 14 March and forwarded to Lewes District Council.

## **8. South Downs National Park Authority - Parish Meeting**

a) To note that Councillors Ross and West will attend the next meeting on 13 March 2024 and report back.

## **9. Former Bus Station, Eastgate Street, Lewes**

A letter of response to the case officers' letter had been prepared by the councillors and the solicitor and will be sent to the case officer by the Town Clerk on letter headed paper on 14 March.

The Bus Station application was briefly discussed, and it was agreed that it be deferred to a task and finish group then to Full Council on 21 March

## **10. Wenban Smith development proposal**

The SDNP commented that as yet there has been no interaction or communication with the developer who has bought the site.

## **11. Road Closure Consultation**

The Procession of Witness road closure on Friday 29 March 2024 was supported by the committee.

## **12. Planning reports for noting**

There were no reports for noting.

## **13. To close the meeting**

The meeting closed at 20:47.