



Committee: Planning
Date: 22 October 2024
Time: 19:00
Location: Council Chamber, Lewes Town Hall
Present: Councillors Makepeace (Chair), Bird, Gardiner, Vernon, Ross and West
Officers Present: Veronique Poutrel – Town Clerk
Julie Dean – Civic Officer

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Baah and Livesey, Councillor Campbell was not present

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

It was resolved that: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2024 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Public question time

There were no members of the public present.

5. Planning applications

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

a) **SDNP/24/02447/HOUS** - 29 The Avenue, Lewes

Comments: Support

b) **SDNP/24/03625/HOUS** - 7 The Avenue, Lewes

Comments: Support

c) SDNP/24/03702/FUL - 111 High Street, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

The committee were not convinced of the need for a barrier.

d) SDNP/24/03738/FUL - 5 North Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

The committee requested that the Planning Officer looks carefully at the marketing strategy to see if this was adequate.

e) SDNP/24/03844/FUL - The Malthouse, Daveys Lane, Lewes

Comments: Support

The committee welcome the addition of the brewery to the town and would like to see bicycle racks installed.

f) SDNP/24/03950/HOUS - 26 Queens Road, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

The committee would have supported this application if it had included permeable surfaces.

g) SDNP/24/04034/FUL - Offices 1-4, 20 - 21 High Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

The committee noted that there was no provision for cycle storage and that the refuse issue had not been resolved. The comments that the neighbours highlighted were noted. The pressure on car parking spaces for the neighbours was recognised and it was suggested that any new residents have membership of the Car Club included in their purchase package.

h) SDNP/24/04085/HOUS - 6 The Course, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

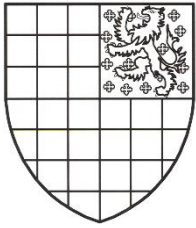
The committee noted the comments of the Conservation Office and agreed that the windows should be timber framed on both sides of the house.

i) SDNP/24/04086/HOUS - 45 South Way, Lewes

Comments: Support

j) SDNP/24/04126/HOUS - 21 Gundreda Road, Lewes

Comments: Support



SDNPA (Called In Applications)

- k) **SDNP/24/03472/FUL** - Garage Compound, Waldshut Road, Lewes
- l) **SDNP/24/03582/FUL** - Garage Compound, Crisp Road , Lewes
- m) **SDNP/24/03583/FUL** - Garage Compound, Kingsley Road, Lewes
- n) **SDNP/24/03585/FUL** - Garage Compound, Landport Road, Lewes
- o) **SDNP/24/03586/FUL** - Garage Compound, Prince Charles Road, Lewes
- p) **SDNP/24/03587/FUL** - Garage Compound, Queens Road, Lewes

Comments: Support

The committee was broadly supportive of the idea of social housing replacing the garages. The concerns of residents regarding the pressures of parking were noted and more communication with residents is needed. It was suggested that the new properties provide parking and membership to the Car Club, with allocated spaces for these cars, or to think of new innovative projects that reduce private ownership of cars. It was suggested that a cycle hub be provided, and other forms of transport be considered, perhaps parking permits could be introduced to each area affected to reduce the amount of cars.

Trees

Members put into practice the training they had just had from Peter Thurman and expressed their thanks for doing it.

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

- a) **SDNP/24/03920/TCA** - 143 High Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

There was a complete lack of information supporting this application, the committee would like to see photos of the trees, and a professional survey by an arboriculturist is requested.

- b) **SDNP/24/03980/TCA** - Newlyn, Southover High Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

There is a complete lack of information for this application, the committee would like to see a survey by a professional arboriculturist, sizes of the trees and photos. The pruning of the Birch is proportionally too severe for the size of the tree and should be done in stages. Birch trees do not respond well to pruning. Overshadowing is not a reason that any tree should be pruned. These are high amenity trees and this should be taken into account.

c) SDNP/24/04245/TCA - 21 The Avenue, Lewes

Comments: Support

It was noted that Holly is a British variety and the reason for removal is vague, there are no photos or sizes of the item in question but as it is a shrub and as such is not covered by legislation therefore an application was not necessary.

Information on the Cherry tree is also sparse but minimal reduction is acceptable to protect the shed.

d) SDNP/24/04127/TPO - 17 New Road, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

There is a distinct lack of information on the application, there are no photos or indication of the size of the tree, if a Sycamore is pruned it is inclined to grow back more vigorously.

6. Bus Station

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Bus Station and explained that she had received advice from the barrister, and the situation was under review.

7. Eastgate Wharf

The Town Clerk informed the committee that the developer, Cayuga had contacted the Town Council to arrange a time when they could come and speak to the committee about their project.

There is to be an exhibition of the Eastgate Wharf project by Cayuga at the Eastgate Baptist church on 13 November between 3pm and 8pm and it was suggested to ask them to attend the planning meeting on 3 December, the Town Clerk will contact them to organise.

8. Planning updates for noting

There were no planning updates to note.

9. Exclusion of press and public

There were no members of the public present.

10. The meeting closed at 19.53