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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024 at 7:10pm**, or on the rising of the General Purposes Committee meeting, if later.

The agenda is set out below and I trust you will be able to attend.

Access to planning documentation is available at: https://www12.staffordbc.gov.uk/online-applications/

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AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations Received
- 3. Representations from Members of the Public

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

(NOTE: Due to this meeting taking place in the pre-election period for the UK Parliamentary elections, this item will not be considered).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee, held on 2 July 2024, Minute Numbers PC25/013 PC25/018 (attached).
- 5. To consider the following applications for planning approval and to agree observations thereon for submission to Stafford Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council:

Application Number – 24/39317/HOU

Applicant – Mr C. Cox

Location – 11 Arthur Street, Stone

Development – Two storey side and rear extension

Application Number – 24/39302/PTEL **Applicant** – Icon Tower Infrastructure Ltd **Location** – Land at Opal Way Verge, Stone

Development – Installation of a shareable telecommunication base station installation comprising a 25m lattice tower supporting up to 6 no antennas and up to 2 no dishes, together with up to 6 no ground-based cabinets, 1 no meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including compound fencing and access.

Application Number – 24/39285/HOU

Applicant – Mr Wilcox

Location – 2 Balmoral Close, Stone

Development – Garage conversion to study to the rear, canopy to the front and replacement of UPVC conservatory with solid garden/living room.

6. Applications included within the Borough Council's weekly list that have not yet been received by the Town Council (NOTE: these items will be withdrawn if the application has not been received by the day of the meeting)

None

7. To note the following items considered under delegated powers:

None

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Planning Consultative Committee meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of this scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

Stone Town Council – Planning Consultative Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 2 July 2024

PRESENT: Councillor J. Metters in the Chair, and

Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, B. Kenney, R. Kenney,

A. Mottershead and R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Burgess, K. Dawson, I. Fordham, T. Kelt, P. Leason, J. Powell,

N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

In the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Committee, the Deputy Mayor was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

PC25/013 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Dawson, I. Fordham, T. Kelt, P. Leason, J. Powell, N. Powell, and C. Thornicroft

PC25/014 <u>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations</u>

Councillor R. Kenney advised the Committee that as a substitute member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, he would not speak or vote on the planning applications listed on the agenda.

Councillor J. Hood declared a personal interest in planning application 24/39230/HOU (82 Station Road).

PC25/015 Representations from Members of the Public

Due to this meeting taking place in the pre-election period for the UK Parliamentary elections, the Town Council's Scheme of Public Participation had been suspended.

PC25/016 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 4 June 2024 (Minute Numbers PC25/007 – PC25/012), be approved as a correct record.

PC25/017 Planning Applications

Application Number - 24/39179/HOU

Applicant – Mrs T. Hall

Location - 67 Station Road, Stone

Development – Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed single storey rear extension

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 24/39190/HOU

Applicant – Ms J. Caiazzo

Location – 100 Spring Gardens, Stone

Development – Extension to side and partial garage conversion

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 24/39129/HOU

Applicant - Mr D. Smith

Location – 15 Grange Road, Stone

Development – Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 24/39125/FUL **Applicant** – George Developments Limited **Location** – Field Adjacent A34 Northbound

Development – Creation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Hub comprising 31 charging bays equipped with solar panels and a substation (Sui Generis), picnic areas and a drive through restaurant (Use class E), with associated access, car and cycle parking and landscaping.

Observations: The Town Council strongly opposes this planning application and makes the following observations:

- The proposed development will have a harmful effect on the openness of the Green Belt and the natural environment, including the loss of green space, trees and natural habitats for wildlife.
- The proposal constitutes inappropriate development in the Green Belt with no special circumstances that justify the need for a drive through restaurant to outweigh the harm to the green landscape.
- There is no Environmental Impact Assessment identifying, evaluating and mitigating the environmental impacts of the development.
- There are many alternative and more suitable brownfield sites, and a network of existing service stations that could be expanded to accommodate the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Hub.
- The application site is within Flood Zones 2 and 3 with risk of flooding from the River Trent. The rising water levels and removal of foliage – which act as a sponge for the existing water table – raise further questions about the suitability of the location.

- Concerns are expressed about the impact of light on the river ecosystem and rural landscape to the west.
- The development will create a significant increase in traffic volumes on the A34, impacting road safety and generating unwanted noise and pollution control issues.
 - The Town Council would be interested to know the views of the County Highways Authority but there doesn't appear to be a report available on the planning portal.
- The application is presented as a green project with the installation of electric charging points when its purpose appears to be more in line with opening another fast-food restaurant.
- The Town Council supports the many concerns that have been expressed in response to this planning application by local people.

Application Number – 24/39194/HOU
Applicant – Miss H. Dolman
Location – 38 Wood Lane, Stone
Development – Single storey front extension

Observations: No objections

Application Number - 24/38912/FUL

Applicant – Mr R. Jeffries

Location – The Chalet, Nanny Goat Lane, Stone

Development – Replacement dwelling and associated hard and soft landscaping

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 24/39223/HOU

Applicant – J. & L. Grant

Location – 24 Granville Terrace, Stone

Development – Single storey rear extension and alteration

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 24/39230/HOU

Applicant – Mrs R. Selby

Location - 82 Station Road, Stone

Development – Rear extension for a shower

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 24/39136/HOU

Applicant – Mrs S. Tolley

Location – 66 Mount Road, Stone

Development – New off-road parking to front of property including new dropped kerb and the addition of fencing.

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 24/39262/HOU

Applicant – Mrs H. Cartlidge

Location – 2 Millennium Way, Stone

Development – Single storey extensions to side/rear to form open living area

Development – Single storey extensions to side/rear to form open living area and bedroom with en-suite to ground floor together with new boundary wall and pergola.

Observations: No objections

PC25/018

To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.

None

CHAIRMAN