

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group**  
**held on Wednesday 30 March 2022**  
(The Working Group met online)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)  
Jeff Turner (Vice Chair)  
Ian Barlow  
John Loudoun  
Simon Kendall-Torry  
Rachel Perram  
Deirdre Hounsom  
Jenny Ware

Apologies; Cllr Chris Lockyear

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.00am

**409 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr John Loudoun	21/2782/FUL and 21/2783/LBC 23 Cotford Road, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0SQ.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Nearby resident
Cllr Ian Barlow	The Beacon, Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RZ.	Personal Interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did not vote.	Acquainted with the applicant

**410 District Council Members**

It was formally noted that the participation of those Councillors who are also members of the East Devon District Council in both the debate and subsequent vote is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Town/Parish Council. The District Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

**411 Minutes**

Agreed and delegated to the Chair of the Planning Committee to sign as a true and accurate record, the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 16 March 2022.

**412 Applications for consideration**

**RECOMMENDED:** That in respect of the Planning Applications set out below, representations to the manner in which they should be determined, be made known to the East Devon District Council in accordance minute 230 of Council, 19 April 2021 and with schedule 16 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Urgent items or Amended Plans received after formulation of the agenda.** None reported

**413** 22/0511/FUL Mr Andy The Hollies, Salcombe Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8PU. Change of use  
East Ward Salvidge from bed and breakfast to a family home.

**UNABLE TO SUPPORT**

- Members did not wish to see the loss of important hotel/B&B accommodation and associated employment in the town.
- Members did not believe that marketing of the B&B business had met the marketing requirements of the East Devon Local Plan Policy E18 and criteria.

**414** 21/3060/FUL Mr Martin Cambridge Cottage, Salcombe Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8PR.  
East Ward Millmow Construction of single storey side extension.

**SUPPORT**

**415** 22/0574/FUL Mrs Whelan 3 Newlands Close, Sidmouth, EX10 9NW. Conversion of roof space  
Primley Ward to habitable use to include a rear dormer and addition of  
rooflights.

**SUPPORT**

**416** 22/0547/FUL Mr Daniel 70 Malden Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9NA. Erection of a bungalow.  
Primley Ward Room

**SUPPORT**

**417** 22/0044/FUL Mr Kenneth 9 Sidgard Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9DA. Single storey side extension,  
Salcombe Sims porch to front, conversion of roofspace to habitable use to include  
Regis Ward a rear dormer and alterations to fenestration.

**UNABLE TO SUPPORT**

- The dormer would change the character of the building. which would be contrary to Policy 7 (Local Distinctiveness) of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan.
- Members strongly objected to the fence which had been erected around the property and asked the Local Planning Authority to consider whether it constitutes a breach of planning control.

**418** 21/2782/FUL Mrs Maxine 23 Cotford Road, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0SQ. Installation of 4no.  
Sidbury Ward Jordan double glazed rooflights to single storey extension to Grade 2 listed  
building.

**Had the Town Council been in a position to comment, it would have supported the application.**

**419** 21/2783/LBC Mrs Maxine 23 Cotford Road, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0SQ. Installation of 4no.  
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**420** 22/0543/FUL Mrs J 13 Ballard Grove, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9EP. First floor  
Sidford Ward Palmer extension over garage.

**SUPPORT**

**421** 22/0550/FUL Mr Mick 40 Sidford High Street, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SL. Single storey  
Sidford Ward Brookman side extension of existing garage, alteration to fenestration and  
replacement of existing games annex with new home office annex.

**SUPPORT** – Members would like a legal tie imposed between the building and the house and a restriction on the building being used for accommodation.

**422** 21/3289/FUL Mr Daryl Sidford Tennis Club, Byes Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9QX.  
Sidford Ward Bass Installation of floodlights to court 3, upgrading of existing  
floodlights to LED on court 1&2.

**SUPPORT** – Members would like to see the lights not used after 9pm.

**423** 22/0500/FUL Mr Alan Bickwell Grange, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, EX10 8SG. Conversion  
South Ward Clarke of existing dwelling to provide an ancillary annexe.

**SUPPORT**

**424** 22/0518/FUL Karen Cotswold, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth, EX10 8HW. Two storey side  
South Ward Prance extension and single storey rear extension with alteration to  
fenestration.

**SUPPORT**

**425** 22/0360/LBC Lesley The Beacon, Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RZ. Construction of  
South Ward Brend replacement handrail to the south of the site adjacent to the  
public walkway.

**SUPPORT**

**426 Trees in Conservation Areas**

To note the following proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:

**a)** 22/0371/TCA Saddlers Mead, Sid Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9AQ. Fell an overgrown  
Christmas tree, Norway Spruce, which has grown to approx. 10  
metres high. The tree has no amenity value and can only be seen  
from Saddlers Mead and Cherries. It is proposed to plant four new  
trees in the garden a sorbus, amelanchier, crab apple and a witch  
hazel with more to follow.

**WORKS NOTED**

**b)** 22/0537/TCA Redstock, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, EX10 8SQ. T1 Willow. Crown  
South Ward reduce by 2-3m T2 Laurel. Fell.

**DEFERRED**

**c)** 22/0379/TCA Mr Mount Pleasant Hotel, Hillside Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JA. Copper  
Salcombe Jonathan beech: fell tree to leave a three-metre standing deadwood column.  
Regis Ward Reaney

**WORKS NOTED**

**427 Tree Preservation Orders**

Notification of any applications to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders.

- a) 22/0328/TRE Mrs 3 St Kilda, Alma Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 8JP. Yew tree - all over crown reduction of 1.5 to 2 metres to blend it into a natural shape. Salcombe Deborah Attached photograph shows the yew tree with a red line indicating the required work to achieve the crown reduction. Reason - The Regis Ward Bennett branches are now overhanging garden and shed and in parts almost touching it, as well as our neighbours garden and shed of St. Kilda Lodge and the garages of Salcombe Court, causing excessive moss on the garage roofs and dampness.

**APPROVED**

- b) 22/0323/TRE Mr John 1 Brownlands Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9AR. T1: Oak tree - reduce back to previous pruning points, removing branch ends lengths 2 - Salcombe Pendlebury 4m in length. The reason for this work is to tidy up storm damage and give the tree a nice form to regrow from. T2: Oak tree - reduce Regis Ward back to previous pruning points, removing branch ends lengths 2 - 5m in length. The reason for this work is to tidy up storm damage and give the tree a nice form to regrow from. G1: Field Maples - coppice due to storm damage so they can regenerate as advised by the tree officer on his visit.

**APPROVED**

- c) 22/0288/TRE Mr Russel Balfour Manor, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8XW. T1 Holm Oak, South Ward George DBH 30inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T2 Cork Oak DBH 30inches Re-Pollard back to historic pruning points to gain more light to garden and lawn T3 Yew DBH 20inches Thin Crown by 10%,maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T4 Yew DBH 36inches Thin Crown by 10%,maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn T5 Yew DBH 34inchesThin Crown by 10% Maximum pruning cuts of no more than 75mm, to gain more light to garden and lawn.

**APPROVED**

**428 New Tree Preservation Order – None received**

**429 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order - None received.**

**430 Appeals - None received**

**431 Unsupported decisions - None received**

**432 Enforcement Letters**

No Enforcement letters were received.

**433 Local Plan** – An informal update was given by Councillor Loudoun. A further call for sites has been issued and the reclassification of certain settlements is being considered.

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**CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP**