

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group  
held on Wednesday 1 November 2023**

(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)  
Bernie Davis (From 10.15)  
John Loudoun  
Louise Laybury  
Chris Lockyear  
Rachel Perram

Also present: Cllr Ian Barlow

The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 10.30am

**642 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**643 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.

**644 Minutes**

Members agreed that delegated authority be given to the Chair of the Planning Working Group to sign as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 18 October.

**645 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.

<b>646</b>	23/2177/FUL North Ward	Mr Alan Ball	6 Ascerton Close, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9BS.  Proposed single storey front extension, replacing existing porch and extending existing bedroom.
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**SUPPORT**

<b>647</b>	23/2134/FUL South Ward	Justin Korinek	10 Woolbrook Mead, Sidmouth, EX10 9XF.  Construction of 1 new dwelling and associated works.
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**SUPPORT**

**648 Trees in Conservation Areas**

- a) 23/2123/TCA Mr Edward St Giles And St Nicholas Church And Cemetery, Church Street,  
East Ward Willis Sidmouth.  
Fleming  
T1: Yew - remove dead branches over wall; reduce height similar to adjacent tree, approximately 1m; shorten back side growth over the wall of Amyatts. Terrace to clear boundary by 0.5-1m, to leave a height of approximately 15m and a radial spread of approximately 4m with cuts no bigger than 50mm.

**DEFERRED:** Awaiting Officers report.

- b) 23/1884/TCA Silver Trees, Redwood Road, Sidmouth EX10 9AD.  
T1, T2 Lawson cypress (yellow) : dismantle to ground. T3, Cherry Tree : dismantle to ground.

**NOTED**

- c) 23/2267/TCA West Hayes, Convent Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RL.  
T1-Pear - Fell tree.

**DEFERRED:** Awaiting Officers report

- d) 23/1893/TCA Sanditon, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8LL.  
T1, dead goat willow - fell to ground level

**NOTED**

**649 Tree Preservation Orders**

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

- a) 23/2149/TRE Mrs Gray Oak Cottage, Kestell Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JJ.  
Salcombe Regis  
Ward  
T1, oak : reduce branches over neighbouring garden to clear roof by 2m by pruning to a suitable second order branch. Reduce branches over roof of Oak Cottage to clear 2m by pruning to a suitable second order branch. Reshape remainder of crown by reduction of 1-2m to leave a natural form.

**DEFERRED** awaiting Officers report.

**650 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order**

None received

**651 Appeals**

APP/U1105/X/23/ 3330294 Salcombe Regis Ward	Mr Gary Burns	Salcombe Regis Camping And Caravan Park, Salcombe Regis, Devon,EX10 0JH.  Proposed lawful development for the use of land for the siting of static caravans.
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**652 Unsupported decisions**

None received

**653 Enforcement Letters**

None received.

**654 Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area**

a)	23/2075/PDM	Mrs Katie Harley	Flat, The Hair Studio, 61 High Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8LE.  Conversion of 2 existing commercial units to a single dwelling (2 bedroom flat).
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**NOTED**

b)	23/1413/FUL	Mrs Katie Harley	Flat, The Hair Studio, 61 High Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8LE.  Installation of roof lights to rear elevation, increase in height of roof to rear wing, installation of integrated solar tiles, replacement of existing rear access steps and porch and conversion of existing rear kitchen windows to doors.
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**SUPPORT**

**655 New Draft Local Plan Update**

An update has recently been published by EDDC on the preparation of the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning.

EDDC are continuing to look at sites for the proposed new Local Plan. They have decided that there is no realistic chance of challenging the Government’s housing numbers but will write to MPs to lobby for changes to the current system. A new vision is under consideration.

The revised Local Plan timetable is:

:Consultation on the “Publication Version” of the Local Plan by end of 2024, Submission for Examination in May 2025 (under recent legislation, Local and Neighbourhood Plans need to be submitted for examination by 30th June 2025 to be considered under the current planning regime) Adoption in mid – late 2026.

Some matters still remain to be consulted on in the Spring including, Employment Site allocations, Green wedges, Coastal Preservation Areas.

Regarding Neighbourhood Plans, all Town and Parish Councils have been asked to participate in a short survey relating to neighbourhood planning activity.

The Government is continuing to consult on proposed changes to the plan-making system to make Local and Neighbourhood Plans simpler, shorter, and more visual, focusing on locally specific matters and giving them more weight in decision making. The Chair was asked to investigate the merits, practicality and cost of commissioning a housing needs survey for Sidmouth.