

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group**  
**held on Wednesday 12 July 2023**  
(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Rachel Perram (Standing in for Chair)  
Bernie Davis  
John Loudoun  
Louise Laybury

Also present: Councillor Ian Barlow

Apologies: Chris Lockyear  
Kelvin Dent

The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 11am

**530 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor John Loudon	23/1283/FUL Bramley, Ridgeway, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 OSF.	Personal interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did vote.	Acquainted with the neighbour of applicant.
Councillor Rachel Perram	23/1345/FUL Bovetts Farm, Sidbury, EX10 0QN.	Personal interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did vote.	Acquainted with applicant.
Lucy Ingram Planning Clerk	23/1283/FUL Bramley, Ridgeway, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 OSF.	Personal interest	Remained in the meeting.	Acquainted with neighbour of applicant.

**531 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.

**532 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 14 June 2023 subject to the amendment of minute 496 to record that this was a split decision. Members supported the kitchen extension but recommended that building work should be restricted to between 9am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays only in the interests of the amenity of the neighbours.

**533 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.

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| <b>534</b> | 23/1181/LBC<br>Salcombe Regis<br>Ward | Mr James<br>Metcalf | 1 Sid Bank, Sid Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9AW.<br><br>Remove existing cement render to the front of the property<br>(West Elevation) re-render in lime with paint finish. |
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**SUPPORT** Subject to views of the conservation officer.

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| <b>535</b> | 23/1345/FUL<br>Sidbury Ward | Mr & Mrs<br>Christopher<br>Stone | Bovetts Farm, Sidbury, EX10 0QN.<br><br>Detached car port. |
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**SUPPORT** Members would like to have a tie to the main house.

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| <b>536</b> | 23/1283/FUL<br>Sidbury Ward | Mr Ralph<br>Watson | Bramley, Ridgeway, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0SF.<br>Erection of a Bungalow. |
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**DO NOT SUPPORT****Reasons:**

**1)** Members felt the design to be contrary to the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Policy 7: Design and Distinctiveness.

**2)** The proposed development falls within a designated conservation area. Members felt the design failed to preserve or enhance the unique characteristics and heritage of the conservation area.

**3)** Members felt that this building would have a negative impact upon the Grade 2 listed cottage below (Bundells).

**4)** Members did not support the proposal of a 1.8m high close boarded fence around the curtilage of the proposed building. This was not in keeping with the vernacular style in the area. A hedge or planted Devon bank was felt to be more appropriate.

**Note:** Members expressed the desire for the proposed development to be amended. Specifically, property rotation to avoid overlooking neighbouring boundary and preference for a design that aligns with the existing architectural style, materials, and local aesthetic of the locality.

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| <b>537</b> | 23/1294/FUL<br>Sidford Village | Kim & Steve<br>Thomson | Trow View, Two Bridges Road, Sidford, EX10 9PL.<br><br>To replace conservatory with single storey side extension. |
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**SUPPORT**

- 538** 23/1300/FUL Mr and Mrs The Haven, Frys Lane, Sidford, EX10 9SP.  
Sidford Village O'Connor The creation of a driveway to provide off street parking - previously approved under reference number 21/2947/FUL.

**SUPPORT**

**539 Trees in Conservation Areas**

None received.

**540 Trees with Preservation Orders**

- a) 23/1082/TRE Fairleigh, Manor Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8RR.  
T1, Holm Oak : crown lift over garage by removing first 4 secondary branches from limb over roof.

**DEFER: Awaiting Arboricultural Officer's report**

**541 New Tree Preservation Order**

None received

**Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order**

None recieved

**542 Appeals**

None received

**543 Unsupported decisions**

- 544** 23/0440/FUL Mr Peter 9 Victoria Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8TZ.  
South Ward Regan Proposed two-storey side extension.  
STC: Do not support EDDC: Support with conditions

**545 Enforcement Letters**

None received.

**546 Local Plan update.**

The Chair reported that the consultation draft of the new Local Plan had been published. However, the Local Planning Authority are now awaiting a new draft of the National Planning Policy Framework which will indicate how many new dwellings the Local Plan will be expected to allocate.

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**CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP**