

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group
held on Wednesday 18 October 2023**

(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Bernie Davis
John Loudoun
Louise Laybury

Also present: Cllr Ian Barlow

Apologies: Chris Lockyear
Rachel Perram

The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 10.40am

642 Declarations of Interest

Councillor John Loudoun	23/2130/FUL Sidbury Ward	Personal interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did vote.	Acquainted with applicant.
Lucy Whittaker	23/2080/FUL Sidbury Ward	Personal interest	Remained in the meeting.	Acquainted with applicant.

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 meetings of 4 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.

646	23/2130/FUL Sidbury Ward	Mr Phillip Wallace	Myrtle Farm, Fore Street, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0RS. Installation of two air source heat pumps.
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SUPPORT: Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

647	23/2125/LBC Sidbury Ward	Mr Phillip Wallace	Myrtle Farm, Fore Street, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0RS. Installation of two air source heat pumps.
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SUPPORT: Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

648	23/2080/FUL Sidbury Ward	Mr & Mrs Royle	Bridge Cottage, Bridge Street, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0RU. Demolition of rear single storey 1970s extension, replaced with vaulted rear extension with timber louvres and slate & sedum roof.
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SUPPORT: Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

649	23/2081/LBC Sidbury Ward	Mr & Mrs Royle	Bridge Cottage, Bridge Street, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0RU. Demolition of rear single storey 1970s extension, replaced with vaulted rear extension with timber louvres and slate & sedum roof; internal alterations including re-location of staircase, changes to first floor bathroom and bedroom layout, change of fenestration at first floor level; external changes include replacement of cement render with lime on some areas of the exposed walls, and construction of a new patio area with stone walls.
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SUPPORT: Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

650	23/2128/FUL South Ward	Mr & Mrs Murray Cowen	Avoca, Manor Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8RR. Proposed new dwelling with parking and garden.
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DO NOT SUPPORT:

Members considered that the proposal constituted overdevelopment of the site and the design did not reflect the character of the immediate locality contrary to Policy 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan – Local Distinctiveness.

651 Trees in Conservation Areas

a)	23/1739/TCA North Ward	Mr Edward Eley	River Sid, The Byes, Water Lane. Sidmouth. Tree G: 'tree kicker' habitat features in the river Sid. The felled tree is winched back to its stump and secured back to its stump with 12mm steel wire rope (10-ton B/S).
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652 Trees with preservation order

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

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| a) | 23/2149/TRE
Salcombe Regis
Ward | Mrs Gray | Oak Cottage, Kestell Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JJ.

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. |
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DEFERRED awaiting report.

653 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received

654 Appeals

None received

655 Unsupported decisions

None at the time of meeting.

656 Enforcement Letters

None received.

657 Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

Members noted that the Council had received notification of an application from the neighbouring Parish of West Hill Parish Council for the designation of Parish of West Hill as a new Neighbourhood Area (shown below) to reflect the creation of Westhill Parish Council in 2017. It was noted that this would remove the area from the existing joint Ottery St Mary and West Hill Neighbourhood Area, which would then be known as the Ottery St Mary Neighbourhood Area. The 'made' Ottery & West Hill Neighbourhood Plan would continue to apply in the parish of West Hill (and Ottery St Mary) until such time as it is replaced.

658 New Draft Local Plan Update

Work is continuing on the preparation of the new Local Plan.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP