

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group**  
**held on Wednesday 26 July 2023**  
(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)  
Chris Lockyear  
Bernie Davis  
Rachel Perram

Also present: Councillor Ian Barlow

Apologies: Louise Laybury  
John Loudoun

The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 11.15am

**547 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Kelvin Dent	22/1327/FUL East Ward c/o Bupa	Personal interest	Remained in the meeting during discussion and did vote.	Is a patient at the Dental Practice.
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**548 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.

**549 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 12 July 2023 subject to the amendment of minute 532 to read "Members agreed that delegated authority be given to the Chair of the Planning Working Group to sign as a true record the minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023".

**550 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.

**551** 23/1413/FUL Mrs Katie 61 High Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8LE.  
East Ward Harley  
Installation of dormer windows and roof light to rear elevation, increase in height of roof to rear wing, replacement of existing rear access steps and porch and conversion of existing rear kitchen windows to doors.

**DO NOT SUPPORT:** The members felt the proposed materials were not in harmony with the existing architectural character of the conservation area contrary to Policy 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Local Distinctiveness-

**552** 23/0810/FUL Mr Alan 8 Mill Street, Sidmouth, EX10 8DF.  
East Ward Stevenson  
Proposed single storey rear extension.

**SUPPORT**

**553** 22/1327/FUL c/o Bupa 1-2 Mill Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8DF.  
East Ward  
Installation of 5no. air conditioning units on rear elevation and wooden structure accommodating dental aspirator (retrospective).

**SUPPORT:** Councillors have suggested that the use of the equipment be restricted to between 8am-5pm in order to minimize inconvenience to neighbours.

**554** 23/1551/FUL Mr Stuart 4 Lawn View, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9BZ.  
North Ward Webster  
New single story extension to replace existing single storey infill extension between rear tenements and removal of kitchen window on East Elevation and replacement with a single door.

**SUPPORT**

**555** 23/1449/OUT Mrs Land Between Woolbrook Road and Manstone Avenue Sidmouth.  
North Ward Hayman, Outline application for 7 dwellings (renewal of permission ref  
Mrs Greenslade 20/0390/OUT).  
and Mr Churchill

**DEFER:** Councillors would like to request an update of the flood risk assessment due to problems with South West Water and general flooding in that area.

**556** 23/1419/FUL Ms J Grigg 41 Fleming Avenue, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9NH.  
Sidford Village  
Erection of first floor side extension.

**SUPPORT**

**557** 23/1421/FUL Mr and Mrs Pippins, Coreway, Sidford, EX10 9SD.  
Sidford Village Gryman Erection of a single storey rear extension with a balcony, extension of existing side utility area and replacement of existing conservatory and first floor extension above existing garage.

**SUPPORT**

**558** 23/1227/FUL Mr Simon Ascerton Cottage, Ascerton Road, Sidmouth, EX10 9BT.  
South Ward Ribbans Demolition of Ascerton Cottage and erection of detached 2 bedroom cottage.

**SUPPORT**

**559** 23/1490/FUL SURRIS Ltd Clock Tower Café, Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RZ.  
South Ward Erection of a replacement conservatory following the demolition of existing.

**DO NOT SUPPORT:** Members felt the proposed use of materials were not in harmony with the existing architectural character of the conservation area. They felt the proposal didn't reflect, enhance, or preserve the distinctiveness of the local area contrary to the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Policy 7.

**560** 23/1491/LBC SURRIS Ltd Clock Tower Café, Peak Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RZ.  
South Ward Erection of a replacement conservatory following the demolition of existing.

**DO NOT SUPPORT:** Members felt the proposed use of materials were not in harmony with the existing architectural character of the conservation area. They felt the proposal didn't reflect, enhance, or preserve the distinctiveness of the local area contrary to the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Policy 7.

**561** 23/1401/FUL Mr and Mrs Albanwood House, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SG.  
South Ward Lamb Erection of greenhouse.

**SUPPORT**

**562 Trees in Conservation Areas**

**a)** 23/1253/TCA Mr Sharpsmead, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, EX10 8RF.  
Cudmore T1: Lawson cypress - fell to as near ground level as possible.

**NOTED**

- b) 23/1232/TCA Mr Clarke Woodrising, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8RF.  
T1, Golden Lawson cypress: reduce by 3m and lift lower branches to approximately 3m. T2, Golden Thuja: reduce by 3 - 4m and shorten lower branches. T3-8, Group of six Thuja: fell to as near ground level as possible.

**NOTED**

**Note:** Whilst Members accepted that the trees in question did not merit a tree preservation order they were concerned about the cumulative effect on the amenities of the area due to the removal of a number of trees. Members would like to see some re-planting taking place.

**563 Tree with preservation order**

- 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.

**APPROVED**

**564 New Tree Preservation Order**

- a) 23/0026/TPO Land at  
Primley  
Road and  
surrounds.

**NOTED:** Members welcomed the new Tree Preservation Order.

**565 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order**

None recieved

**566 Appeals**

None received

**567 Unsupported decisions**

- a) 23/0637/FUL Mr Peter Overthorpe, Cliff Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JN.  
Salcombe Sinton Two storey side extension.  
Regis Ward  
STC: Do not support EDDC: Support with conditions

**568 Enforcement Letters**

None received.

**569 Local Plan update.**

The Chair reported that a meeting of East Devon District Council's Strategic Planning Committee had recently taken place when Members of the Committee had been briefed on all the representations which had been submitted to the new draft Local Plan.