

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee
held on Wednesday 9 October 2024
at Woolcombe House**

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Rachel Perram (Vice Chair)
Cllr Bernie Davis
Cllr John Loudoun
Cllr John Nicholson

Also Present: Cllr Ian Barlow

Apologies: Cllr Chris Lockyear
Cllr Hilary Nelson
Cllr Edward Willis-Flemming

The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 11.45

170 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rachel Perram	24/0862/FUL North Ward	Personal	Remained in the meeting and did not vote.	Acquainted with the applicant
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171 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.

172 Minutes

Members agreed that delegated authority be given to the Chair of the Planning Committee to sign as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting of 25 September 2024.

173 Land between Furzehill and Hillside, Sidbury

Members received a presentation from the agents Savills regarding a potential forthcoming planning application in the Furzehill and Hillside area of Sidbury. As there was no planning application yet submitted at the time of the meeting, no decision or view could be taken by the Committee.

During the presentation and subsequent questions by Councillors and members of the public, the following issues were raised.

- Flooding
- Access off Chapel Street, which is already constricted
- The number of affordable houses could not be guaranteed
- Infrastructure
- Sewage

- Pedestrian safety
- Bats and wildlife
- Excess traffic
- A desire for public consultation to be held within the village

174 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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| 175 | 24/1853/VAR
Sidbury Ward | Mrs Georgia
Dent | 15 Furzehill, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0RJ.
Variation to condition 2 (approved plans) on planning permission 17/1111/FUL (rear extension); change from pitch roof to a flat roof with a glazed lantern. |
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NO OBJECTIONS

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| 176 | 24/1931/AGR
Sidbury ward | Mr Jon
Simpson | Chineway Farm, Putts Corner, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0QQ.
Agricultural shed for the feeding and storing sheep and the storage of hay approx size 465msq |
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DO NOT SUPPORT:

Members noted that there had been several, previous applications for this property, one of which recently involved the sale of land and agricultural buildings due to a lack of need for farming by the applicant. Members considered that the proposal was overbearing and overdevelopment, which would have an adverse impact upon the National Landscape.

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| 177 | 24/1870/VAR
Sidford Ward | Mrs Caroline
Cooper | 11 Harcombe Lane, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9QN.
Variation of Condition Number 2 (approved plans) on Planning Permission 24/0075/FUL (Construction of rear extension, loft conversion with new roof and timber cladding on North West elevation) proposal for changes in roof design and fenestration. |
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NO OBJECTIONS

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| 178 | 24/0862/FUL
South Ward | Mr Nigel
Winchester | Land Adjacent 15 Ascerton Road, Sidmouth.
Proposed detached dwelling and new driveway access to No 6 Peaslands Road. |
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NO OBJECTIONS

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| 179 | 24/0279/LBC
South Ward | Mr Paul
Langham | 5 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, Devon. EX10 8NT.
Works to roof to include the introduction of new timber roof supports to strengthen the existing roof structure. |
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NO OBJECTIONS

- 180** 24/1755/LBC Ms S Major St Davids, 1 1/2 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, EX10 8NT.
South Ward Repairs to veranda. Re render front elevation with lime render. Tank and repair basement storage vaults. Repair first floor construction. Remove partition wall which crosses first floor, front room. Block up modern, first floor, front room doorway. Reinstate original first floor, front room doorway and door. Replace first floor front room fireplace. Repair railings, replace damaged railings and gate.

NO OBJECTIONS

- 181** 24/1791/FUL Mr and Mrs S Erica, Seafield Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HE.
South Ward Barnes Erection of a car port including integrated solar panels on roof, renewal of previously approved application 21/2277/FUL.

NO OBJECTIONS

182 Trees in Conservation Areas

- a)** 24/1993/TCA Mr Carolcrest, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SQ.
South Ward MacDonald G2, Winter's Bark (x2) - reduce by approximately 2m to level of adjacent Lawson Cypress

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report.

- b)** 24/1960/TCA Mr Robert 30 The Laurels, Sidmouth, EX10 8UX.
South Ward Irons T28: Turkey Oak - prune back branches over property (Flat 30) by up to 4m.

183 Trees with preservation order

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

- a)** 24/1784/TRE Gaunts, Sid Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AF.
Salcombe Regis Beech: crown reduction via thinning; total crown removal
Ward between 20-25%; maximum intended cuts 125mm.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report.

- b)** 24/1596/TRE Pinecrest, Southway, Sidmouth, EX10 8JL.
Salcombe Regis T2, Monterey Pine: thin crown by approximately 30% to
Ward include an overall crown spread and height reduction of 1-2 m, maximum diameter of cuts 125mm. (DR)

SPLIT DECISION: as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

- c) 24/1959/TRE Mr Beattie Ventonlace, Cottington Mead, Sidmouth, EX10 8HB.
South Ward Oak (T1) -Reduce crown by a maximum of 1.5m. Reduction works via thinning with max diameter cuts of 30mm to achieve this. Carry out works on a 4 year cycle to contain size of tree.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report.

- d) 24/1970/TRE Littlecourt House, Seafield Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HF.
South Ward T1: Beech - prune extending limbs to give 2m clearance from house.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report.

- e) 24/2002/TRE 5 Deans Mead, Sidmouth, EX10 8XP.
South ward T1: Ash pollard - remove dead wood over 75mm and reduce height by 2-3m into live growth to encourage new shoots. Shorten back long limb over neighbouring property.

DEFERRED: Awaiting Officers report.

184 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received.

185 Appeals.

None received.

186 Unsupported decisions

None received.

187 Enforcement Letters

None received.

188 New Draft East Devon Local Plan Update:

The preparation of the new Local Plan had now moved from consideration of site allocations to policies. However, the number of sites for new dwellings which had been identified so far fell short of the number required. Consequently, sites which had previously been recommended by Officers and rejected would need to be revisited.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE