

**Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Working Group
held on Wednesday 20 November 2024**

(The Working Group met virtually)

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)
Rachel Perram (Vice Chair)
Bernie Davis
John Loudoun
Hilary Nelson
John Nicholson
Edward Willis-Flemming

Also present: Cllr Ian Barlow

Apologies: Cllr Chris Lockyear

The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 10.55am

229 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Perram	24/2358/TCA South Ward	Personal	Item deferred awaiting arboricultural report.	Related to the Applicant Acquainted with the Applicant
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230 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.

231 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 6 November 2024.

232 Urgent items

This item was not on the agenda but the Arboricultural Officer's report had been received and circulated.

- a) 24/2287/TCA Sidbury Ward
- Sidbury C Of E Primary School, Church Street, Sidbury, EX10 0SB.
PROPOSAL: T1, Sycamore: reduce lateral branches away from building by approximately 2m, T2, Silver Birch: remove damaged limb, T5, Oak: reduce overhanging limbs to achieve a minimum clearance of 1m from building and ventilation unit; remove two dead limbs,

NOTED

233 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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| 234 | 24/2262/FUL
North Ward | Mr and Mrs
Leach | 11 Woolbrook Rise, Sidmouth, EX10 9UB.
Removal of garage and car port and construction of two single storey extensions. |
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NO OBJECTIONS

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| 235 | 24/2174/VAR
Salcombe Regis
Ward | Mr Gary
Burns | Salcombe Regis Camping And Caravan Park, Salcombe Regis, Sidmouth, EX10 0JH
Application to vary condition no.2 of permission 88/P1063 to allow all year round holiday use. |
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DO NOT SUPPORT:

Members thought the accommodation was not suitable for Winter use because of environmental concerns over the fuel consumption required to heat the static vans and health of the occupants.

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| 236 | 24/2279/VAR
Salcombe Regis | Mr Gary
Burns | Salcombe Regis Camping and Caravan Park, Salcombe Regis, Sidmouth, EX10 0JH.
Application to vary condition no.2, (approved plans), of permission
11/0123/COU to amend the layout of the approved development. |
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DEFERRED To allow Members an opportunity to visit the site.

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| 237 | 24/2249/FUL
Sidbury Ward | Mr & Mrs
John
Northover | Springfield Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QJ.
Conversion of existing agricultural barn to a single dwelling, with associated parking. |
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DO NOT SUPPORT:

The barn appeared to be a dilapidated condition which would be difficult to convert although it continued to have an agricultural use. Members felt that the conversion of this barn was tantamount to a new dwelling in an isolated and unsustainable location in the National Landscape.

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| 238 | 24/2244/FUL
South Ward | Dr Joanna
Kinder | Appletreewick, Muttons Moor Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8RH.
Two-storey rear and side extension with increased ridge height & erection of a new two-storey garage, addition of cladding and hanging tiles. |
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NO OBJECTIONS

239 Trees in Conservation Areas

- a) 24/2166/TCA 11 Cranford, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UT.
 South Ward PROPOSAL: T1, Sycamore: removal. T2, Holly: reduce by 1200mm.
 T3, Hawthorn: removal. T4, Acacia: fell, leaving 1m tall stump.

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- b) 24/2358/TCA 1 Colaton Terrace Cotmaton Road Sidmouth EX10 8QU.
 South Ward T1, sycamore : remove twin stem nearest fence to allow new
 fence to be erected.

DEFERRED awaiting Officers report

- c) 24/2306/TCA Lucy Trees On The Southern Boundary Of Cotmaton Field (aka Pond
 South Ward Buckingham Meadow), Cotmaton Road, Sidmouth.
 (National Ash 833 - Large cavity on the north side of the tree. Cavity
 Trust) extends approx. 30x45cm. Crack is starting to form on the eastern
 side of the tree extending approx. 1m from the base. Reduce the
 tree to just above the union to eliminate the risk of the tree
 failing into neighbour's land. Ash 599 - Damage to underside of
 the branch extending over the boundary to the north westerly
 corner of the neighbouring property (Greenway). Remove the
 damaged limb at the union to reduce the risk of the branch failing
 over the property/garden infrastructure.

DEFERRED: awaiting Officers report

- d) 24/2298/TCA Woodrising, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, EX10 8RF.
 South Ward T1, Birch - reduce by approximately 3m and re-shape to leave a
 natural form, a height of approximately 10m and a radial spread
 of 3m. T2, Pittosporum - reduce by approximately 50% and re-
 shape. T3, Lawson cypress - shorten back or remove, the long
 branches over the lawn to clear.

NOTED

240 Trees with preservation order

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

- a) 24/2360/TRE Lusways, Salcombe Hill Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JS.
 Salcombe Regis T5, Gean Cherry : fell to ground level.
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DEFERRED: awaiting Officers report

- b) 24/2317/TRE Hillsdon Flat 1 The Heights, 70 Sidford High Street, Sidford, Sidmouth,
Sidford Ward Management EX10 9SQ.
Ltd T1, Beech: remove the lowest branch to the west and then
reduce the other westward growing branches in length by
approximately 3m, decreasing to 2m and 1m as you go up the
tree, in order to maintain a reasonable crown shape and keep the
integrity of the tree intact.

DEFERRED: awaiting Officers report

- c) 24/1959/TRE 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.(DR)

SPLIT DECISION as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer to allow the crown reduction but not
to carry out works on a 4 year cycle.

- d) 24/1920/TRE Elmcote, Boughmore Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SH.
South Ward T1, Thuja plicata (Western red cedar) : remove tree. T2, Thuja
plicata (Western red cedar) : remove tree.(DR)

REFUSED: as recommended by the Arboricultural Officer.

- e) 24/2296/TRE Kate Short Beatlands House, Beatlands Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8JH.
South Ward T1- Lime: crown reduce by 4-5m in height and 3m in lateral
spread. Maximum Diameter of Cuts (MDC) 100mm. Remove
major hazardous deadwood. T2 - Lime: crown reduce by 3m all
over, MDC 75mm. Remove major hazardous deadwood.

DEFERRED awaiting Officers report.

241 Exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received.

242 Appeals.

None received.

243 Unsupported decisions

None received.

244 Enforcement Letters

None received.

245 New Draft East Devon Local Plan Update:

Councillor Barlow will be attending the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee on 22nd
November.

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CHAIR OF THE PLANNING WORKING GROUP