

# SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

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All Members of the Planning Committee

Town Clerk

27 August 2025

For Information:

To:

Other Members of the Town Council
District Councillor for Sidmouth not on the Town Council
Sid Vale Association

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meeting of Sidmouth Town Council's Planning Committee to be held on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 10.00am

You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers appropriate.

Those members of the public wishing to speak on a planning application, are required to register by emailing <u>planning@sidmouth.gov.uk</u> at least 24 hours before the start time of the meeting.

The Chair of the meeting has the right and discretion to control questions to avoid disruption, repetition and to make best use of the meeting time. Individual contributions will be limited to a maximum period of three minutes. Where there is an interested group of objectors or supporters, a spokesperson should be appointed to speak on behalf of the group.

Yours faithfully,

**Christopher E Holland** 

**Town Clerk** 

#### AGENDA

#### 1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

#### 2 Declarations of Interest

To receive Declarations of Interest.

#### 3 Minutes

To agree to sign as a true and accurate record, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 13 August 2025.

#### 4 District Council Members

It is noted that the participation of those Councillors who are also members of the Local Planning Authority of 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 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.

### 5 Statutory Obligations - Applications for consideration

Town and Parish Councils are Statutory Consultees to the Local Planning Authority and as such do not make decisions apart from applications for advertising consents and trees. The Town Council's Planning Committee is required to make known its willingness to support, or not, planning applications based on local knowledge and current planning policies in order that these views can be taken into account when the decision is made by the District Council as Planning Authority. In accordance with Sidmouth Town Council Standing Orders Item 3(d) – (i) Members of the public may speak on each planning application on the agenda for up to three minutes.

#### 6 Urgent items or Amended Plans Received After Formulation of the Agenda.

To receive a report from the Planning Clerk of any urgent planning items or amendments to planning applications received after the publication of the agenda.

#### 7 Exclusion of the Public

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. There are no items which the Town Clerk recommends should be dealt with in this way.

#### 8 Applications for consideration

Applications can be found at: <a href="https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://planning.eastdevon.gov.uk/online-applications/</a>
(Type in or copy the application number into the box next to the search button, click on the documents tab and then on view documents.)

9	25/1224/MRES	Messrs Ford	Alexandria Industrial Estate, Station Road, Sidmouth.	
	East Ward	(OG Holdings	Reserved matters application in respect of appearance of partial	
		Retirement	demolition of Block C (Phase 1) pursuant to outline planning	
		Benefit	permission ref 22/2063/MOUT.	
		Scheme)		
10	25/1611/FUL	Mr Paul	The Old Ship, Old Fore Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8LP.	
	East Ward	Turner (Costa	Conversion of the first floor into a self-contained 2-bedroom	
		Coffee)	residential flat with associated internal works only.	

11	25/1463/FUL East Ward	Mr Tony Hillier	4 Counters Court, Mill Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8DW. Retrospective planning permission for hard landscaping works and the erection of a detached bicycle shed clad in cedar. Proposal also includes an increase in the height of the boundary wall, finished in matching cedar cladding and the erection of timber fencing and access gate serving the rear courtyard access.
12	25/0998/VAR North Ward	South West Norse	Sidmouth C Of E Primary School, Manstone Avenue, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9TJ.  Variation of conditions 2 and 7 of planning consent 21/0781/MFUL to facilitate alternative drainage scheme.
13	25/1603/VAR Salcombe Regis Ward	Chris Shrubb	Strathallan, Sid Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AW.  Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) on planning permission 24/1754/FUL (Two storey extensions to the North and South elevations and the addition of a porch) proposed changes in fenestration, to the porch canopy and gable on north elevation.
14	25/1539/LBC Salcombe Regis Ward	Miss Hannah Jones	2 Sid Bank, Sid Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AW. Construct partition wall to create 2no. bedrooms at first floor.
15	25/1458/FUL Sidbury Ward	Mr Jon Simpson	Chineway, Farm Putts Corner, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 OQQ. Proposed associated operational development to convert the existing barn to a hotel/guest house (use class C1) following grant of prior approval under application 25/0169/PDR under Class R.
16	25/1003/LBC Sidbury Ward	Mr & Mrs Hedley	Springfield Farm, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0QJ.  Demolish 2no single-storey side & rear extensions, construction of a new single storey extension with associated works, insertion of 2 no. windows (one on ground floor, one on first floor) Internal room layout changes, removal of second staircase, insertion of a sun tube on first floor.
17	25/1002/FUL Sidbury Ward	Mr & Mrs Hedley	Springfield Farm, Sidbury, Devon, EX10 0QJ.  Demolish 2no single-storey side & rear extensions, construction of a new single storey extension with associated works, insertion of 2 no. windows (one on ground floor, one on first floor) Internal room layout changes, removal of second staircase, insertion of a sun tube on first floor.
18	25/1086/FUL Sidford Ward	Dr E Morris	Trenoweth, Coreway, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SE. Enlargement of porch and dormers on south elevation, first floor extension and single storey ground floor extension on rear north elevation and alterations to roof.
19	25/1532/LBC South Ward	Mr S Kussman and Mr G Ward	Magnolia Cottage, Littlecourt House, Seafield Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HF. Internal alterations to Magnolia Cottage: remove wall to create 1no. large bedroom; removal of existing en-suite walls and construct new to create larger ensuite; block up door from landing.

20	25/1742/FUL	Patrick	k Silver Howe, Boughmore Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SH.	
	South Ward	Murphy	Construction of a carport with hobby room above; alterations to	
			fenestration on main dwelling and widening of access	

#### 21 Trees in Conservation Areas

a)	25/1559/TCA	Mr Roger	Long Orchard, Elysian Fields, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UH.
	South Ward	Flynn	G1: Hedge of Holly / Laurel / Sycamore / Holm Oak / Sweet

Chestnut / Hazel - trim/cut back around house, cottage and garage to achieve approximately 1.5m clearance. Anticipated cut size of 20mm. G2: Hedge of Holly / Laurel / Sycamore / Horse Chestnut / Hawthorn / Sweet Chestnut / Hazel / Leylandii - trim. Anticipated cut size of 20mm. T1, Holly: remove (dead). T2, Horse Chestnut (adjacent to road): crown lift and remove deadwood to achieve highway clearance of approx. 5.2m. G3, Ash: fell (dead); Hazel:

coppice; Bay: crown lift and pin back. (DR)

b) 25/1600/TCA Bickwell Brook, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SQ.
South Ward T1, T2: Limes - repollard to historic pruning points. T3: Windmill

palm - fell. T4: Magnolia - reduce height and width by up to 1.5m.

T5: Acacia - reduce by up to 1m in height and width. (DR)

c) 25/1594/TCA Bickwell Cottage, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8SQ.
South Ward T1 Magnolia: reduce crown spread to north and west by 2-3m,

removing whole branch sections back to an appropriate fork.

Reduce crown spread on all other sides by 1-1.5m, shortening and thinning of foliage which have developed since previous pruning intervention. Remove vertically growing reiterated stems.T3 -

Lawson cypress: fell. T7 - Monterey cypress: fell. (DR)

d) 25/1533/TCA Woodrising, Bickwell Valley, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8RF.

South Ward T1: Cherry - 3m crown reduction.(DR)

e) 25/1715/TCA Wistaria Cottage, 1 Alma Terrace, Coburg Road, Sidmouth, EX10

South Ward 8NQ.

Copper Beech: removal of buttress root (possibly with other roots) within 300mm of the tree trunk to level and relay driveway pavers.

#### 22 Tree Preservation Orders

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

a) 25/1450/TRE Mr Luke Balfour Manor, Station Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8XW.

South Ward Hyson T722: Holm oak - re-coppice approx. 15 stems. (DR)

#### 23 Notification of a new Tree Preservation order

None received at the time of the publication of agenda.

## 24 Notification of any works which constitute an exemption to a Tree Preservation Order

None received at the time of the publication of agenda.

## 25 Unsupported decisions

None received at the time of the publication of agenda.

## 26 Appeals

None received at the time of the publication of agenda.

### **27 Enforcement Letters**

None received at the time of the publication of the agenda.

## 28 New East Devon Local Plan;

To receive any update if necessary.

## **Forthcoming Council and Working Group meetings:**

Wed 10 September Tourism and Economy

Wed 24 September Planning Committee

Mon 29 September Environment Committee

# SIDMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held at the Council Chamber, Woolcombe House, Sidmouth, on Wednesday 13 August 2025 at 10.00am

Councillors present: Kelvin Dent (Chair)

Rachel Perram (Vice Chair)

Jo Dodds John Loudoun Hilary Nelson John Nicholson

**Edward Willis Fleming** 

Apologies: Chris Lockyear

The meeting started at 2.00pm am and finished at 3.35 pm

#### 71 Declarations of Interest

Name	Item / Reference	Туре	Action Taken	Details of Interest
All	25/0810/FUL	Personal	Remained in the	Applicant was a Town Councillor
Councillors	South Ward		chamber and	
			took part in	
			discussion and	
			voting	
All	25/1298/TRE	Personal	Remained in the	Members of Sidmouth Town
Councillors	South Ward		chamber and	Council
			took part in	
			discussion and	
			voting	
Cllr Willis	25/1463/FUL	Personal	Left the Chamber	Agent for the applicant
Fleming	East Ward	&	during discussion	
		Prejudicial	and voting	
Cllr Willis	25/0442/FUL	Personal	Remained in the	Acquainted with the applicant
Fleming			chamber during	
			discussion and	
			voting	

#### 72 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.

#### 73 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 16 July 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### 74 **Urgent items**

None received

#### **75** 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.

**76** 25/1361/FUL Dr Nick 10 Bedford Flats, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NP.

East Ward Removal of rear Velux rooflight, alterations to rear dormer and Davey

installation of 3 conservation Velux rooflights.

#### **SPLIT DECISION:**

**NO OBJECTION** to the proposed dormer window

DO NOT SUPPORT the velux windows as their introduction into a uniform row of properties in a conservation area is not in keeping with the street scene and therefore contrary to Policy 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan (Local Distinctiveness)

Note: Members reiterated their preference for powder coated aluminum windows over uPVC in the conservation area.

**77** 25/1247/LBC Mr G Knight Courtyard Flat, Carlton Mansions, 6 York Street Sidmouth, EX10

East Ward 8BH.

Replace 2no. Upvc windows on ground floor rear north elevation

with timber windows.

**NO OBJECTIONS:** Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

**78** 25/0476/MRES Messrs Ford Unit 2 Alexandria Industrial Estate, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10

East Ward (OG 9HA.

> **Holdings** Reserved matters application in respect of landscaping of Phase 1

Retirement pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 22/2063/MOUT.

Benefit

Scheme)

#### **NO OBJECTIONS**

Note: Members reiterated their desire to retain the hedgerow along the North West Boundary

79 25/1463/FUL Mr Tony 4 Counters Court, Mill Street, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8DW.

East Ward Hillier Landscaping and bicycle shed to garden area. (Retrospective).

**NO OBJECTIONS** to landscaping as applied for

**Note:** the views of the Council did not relate to the picket fence or colour of the walls.

The Town Council had received an objection from the Sid Vale Association

80 25/0442/FUL Mr Tiku Yrgolf Ltd, Dove Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 8AN. East Ward Patidar Proposed roof mounted air-conditioning condenser units and

photovoltaic panels. Proposed reuse of existing openings for

mechanical ventilation.

#### NO OBJECTIONS

**Note:** Members repeated their desire to see the condensers only operated between standard daytime times (7am to 11pm)

81 25/1486/FUL Mr Fionn 35 Newlands Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9NL.

**Primley Ward** Wardrop Single storey side extension, garage conversion, addition of

cladding and associated works.

#### **DO NOT SUPPORT**

Members considered that the proposals would result in overdevelopment of the site and have an adverse impact on neighbouring dwellings by reason of size and mass. The design was also considered not in keeping with the character of the area and surrounding properties. It was therefore contrary to Policy 6 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan (Extensions) and Policy 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan (Local Distinctiveness)

The Town Council had received a letter of objection from the resident of a neighbouring property.

82 25/1435/VAR Mr & Mrs Magnolia Lodge, Southway, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8JL. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) planning permission Salcombe Regis Priestley Ward

24/1506/FUL (Construction of garden annex) proposed reduction

in building size.

#### **NO OBJECTIONS**

83 25/1303/FUL Mr M Coman Sand, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QN.

Sidbury Ward Works of repair and alteration to Sand to permit its flexible use as

> a single dwelling and/or a two bedroom holiday let, function venue, two B&B rooms alongside family accommodation,

including conversion of an attached barn to a kitchen-living room requiring the provision of an opening in the north east elevation

and three rooflights.

NO OBJECTIONS: Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

84 25/1304/LBC Mr M Coman Sand, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 0QN.

Sidbury Ward Works of repair and alteration to Sand to permit its flexible use as

a single dwelling and/or a two bedroom holiday let, function venue, two B&B rooms alongside family accommodation,

including conversion of an attached barn to a kitchen-living room requiring the provision of an opening in the north east elevation

and three rooflights.

**NO OBJECTIONS:** Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

85 25/1491/FUL Mr K Willsher 17 Lower Brook Meadow, Sidford, Devon, EX10 9PS.

Sidford Ward Proposed retaining wall and parking area.

**NO OBJECTIONS** 

**86** 25/1422/FUL Mr & Mrs 2 Sidlands, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UE.

South Ward Kirk Increase in roof pitch, addition of dormers to the South elevation,

roof lights on the North elevation and addition of cladding.

#### **OBJECT**

Members considered that the proposals were not in keeping with the character of the area and the design of surrounding properties. They were therefore contrary to Policy 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan (Local Distinctiveness)

87 25/1307/LBC Mr Robert 10 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8NT.

South Ward Morris Remove section of internal wall between main hall and storage

area; storage floor levels lowered; existing timber steps removed

and install new timber steps.

**NO OBJECTIONS:** Subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

88 25/1570/FUL Lin Wallwork 11 Cranford, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UT.

South Ward Single storey side extension.

#### DO NOT SUPPORT

Members considered the design including the orientation of the roof to be incongruous and not in keeping with the character of the surrounding properties. It was therefore contrary to Policy 7 of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan (Local Distinctiveness)

89 25/0810/FUL Cllr Mike Church Cottage, Church Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 8LG.

South Ward Goodman The retention of fencing, and proposed erection of picket fence.

#### NO OBJECTIONS

#### 90 Trees in Conservation Areas

#### 91 Tree Preservation Orders

Applications relating to Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

a) 25/1405/TRE Mr Julian 98 Woolbrook Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9XD.

North Ward Hofmann Gingko Biloba: restore the tree to a conical shape, lopping

approximately 6-8m of upward regrowth. Thinning out of branch clutter and deadwood within the crown, along with a canopy reduction of 20-25% of the current crown mass, creating a

balanced and natural appearance.

**SPLIT DECISION** (a part of the application has been refused and a part approved).

The Council hereby **GRANTS** permission to carry out work described below subject to the following conditions:

Approved Tree Works Specification: Ginkgo biloba

- i) Crown reduction by removing up to 2 metres from the overall height of the tree, retaining a tree with a final height of approximately 15 metres.
- ii) Crown reduction by removing up to 1.5 metres from the tree's radial spread, retaining a crown spread of approximately:

• North: 3.5m

• East: 4.5m

• South: 3.0m

• West: 4.5m

The Council hereby **REFUSES** permission to carry out work described below for the following reasons:

Gingko Biloba: restore the tree to a conical shape, lopping approximately 6-8m of upward regrowth. Thinning out of branch clutter and deadwood within the crown, along with a canopy reduction of 20-25% of the current crown mass, creating a balanced and natural appearance.

The tree makes a significant contribution to the amenity and character of the area. The proposed works would substantially and detrimentally alter the tree's form, resulting in large, unsympathetic topping cuts and likely leading to dense, unsightly regrowth.

The proposed thinning and crown reduction of up to 25% is too vague in scope and, when combined with the proposed height reduction, would be harmful to the tree's long-term physiological condition. These works would negatively impact both the health and visual amenity of the tree. Lesser, more sympathetic works have been approved, which would allow for appropriate management of the tree while preserving its contribution to the local landscape.

**b)** 25/1298/TRE Sidmouth Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HL.

South Ward Town Council 1972, Red Oak: reduce two of the longest branches at the end of

secondary, lowest, primary branch, to east, by 2-3m, making pruning cuts up to 50mm in diameter. 1980, Atlas Cedar: reduce to standing dead stem at 8-10m. 1974, Lime: crown reduction, reducing height by 5-6m and lateral spread by 3m, making.

SPLIT DECISION (a part of the application has been refused and a part

approved as recommended by Arboriculturally Officers).

The Council hereby **GRANTS** permission to carry out work described below subject to the following conditions:

1972, Red Oak: reduce two of the longest branches at the end of secondary, lowest, primary branch, to east, by 2-3m, making pruning cuts up to 50mm in diameter.

1980, Atlas Cedar: reduce to standing dead stem at 8-10m.

1974, Lime: crown reduction, reducing height by 5-6m and lateral spread by 3m, making pruning cuts 50-100mm (thinning, to longer branches, diameter cuts of up to 175mm).

T111, Oak, T222: Crown lift to provide up to 2.5m crown clearance over the footpath. Pruning cuts shall not exceed 65mm in diameter.

T222, Copper Beech: Crown lift to provide up to 2.5m clearance over the footpath. Pruning cuts shall not exceed 65mm in diameter.

T333 and T444, Persian ironwood: Crown lift to provide up to 2.5m clearance over the footpath. Pruning cuts shall not exceed 65mm in diameter.

(Reason - To maintain continuity of tree cover and compensate for the loss of amenity.)

The Council hereby **REFUSES** permission to carry out work described below for the following reasons:

T111, Oak: prune back to trunk easterly first order branch overhanging pathway, maximum pruning cut of no more than 150mm. Above the above mentioned branch, prune back to parent branch 2nd order branch on South Easterly aspect, maximum pruning cut of no more than 100mm. Lowest second order branch growing in a North Easterly direction, cut back to parent branch, pruning cut of no more than 100mm.

T222, Copper Beech: crown raise to 2.5m on easterly aspect pruning cuts of 150mm, 100mm, 50mm and 35mm.

T333, Ironwood: crown raise on north westerly aspect, from curb edge only to the height of 2.5m.

T444, Ironwood: crown raise to 2.5m on south Easterly aspect, from curb edge over pathway only.

Reasons: The proposed works are considered excessive and lesser more appropriate works have been allowed to achieve reasonable clearance over the footpath.

## 92 Appeals

None received

## 93 Unsupported decisions

a)	25/0169/PDR Sidbury Ward	Mr Jon Simpson	Chineway Farm, Putts Corner, Sidbury, Sidmouth, EX10 OQQ. Change of use of an existing agricultural building to a hotel/guest house (Use Class C1)	
			STC: DO NOT SUPPORT EDDC: APPROVE	
b)	25/0396/FUL Salcome Regis Ward	Dr Lucy Woodall	11 Sid Lane, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 9AN. Retrospective permission to retain front porch.  STC: DO NOT SUPPORT EDDC: APPROVE	

## 94 Enforcement Letters

None received.

### 95 New East Devon Local Plan

Members noted that the revised draft of the new East Devon Local Plan would be published at the end of September or beginning of October.

CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE