

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of CONSULTATION AND HIGHWAYS
WORKING GROUP**

Monday, 14th March 2022, at 7.30pm
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Present

Cllrs Camilla Hale (Chair), Tony Davey, Mick Fealty, Adrian Oldman, Steven Naumann, Stella Parkes and Rachel Smith.

In attendance

Sheral Gardner (Assistant Clerk).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Geoffrey Andrews.

2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Consultations and Highways meeting of 7th February 2022 were noted by the members present and will be approved by the Consultations and Highways Working Group when they are next able to meet.

4. Questions from members of the public

None.

5. Assistant Clerk's report

This was noted.

6. Planning applications

It was **agreed** to recommend to the Clerk the responses shown in the attached appendix.

Action: Clerk to advise SDC.

7. Planning Decisions

These were noted.

8. Bristol Road, Stonehouse – Restoring Your Railways

The Committee considered a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) to determine the feasibility and relative benefits of improving strategic transport connectivity between the Stroudwater corridor, Bristol, Gloucester and further afield, with specific reference to a new station at Stonehouse Bristol Road (Stroudwater Station).

The Committee **agreed** to respond with the following comments:

- On the Birmingham/Bristol line passengers are immediately affected by delays, especially if local services are late arriving at Gloucester, or often Cheltenham, as there are now fewer trains stopping at Gloucester. Some of the congestion and late services are as a result of the line actually being unable to cope with national and local transport. The proposed new station would not completely eliminate this, but would be a strong amelioration. This has to be addressed.
- One of the biggest problems travelling to Gloucester is the crossover on the line into the station when it crosses the main line.
- Cam and Dursley Parkway road infrastructure is totally insufficient. The roads around the station need to be improved so that people can travel by train instead of driving?
- Residents do not casually take the train from Stonehouse or Stroud to Bristol at the moment due to the length of time it will take
- A proposed new station will help stop young families having to move out of the district if they can find employment within Bristol. It will also support businesses in our district for workers that want to access specialist industries in Stonehouse.
- There is a strategic concern about how you link the two Stonehouse stations up. There needs to be some thought on that.
- The whole connection for young people makes Frenchay, Berkeley and Stroud educational centres much better interconnected.

9. Variation to a Street Trading Consent – Stroud Farmers Market

We support this application and the Farmers Market to do everything it can for the economy of Stroud.

10.2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review – second consultation

Members considered the consultation, but were too late to comment further.

Cllr Fealty volunteered to attend the public hearing on 24th/25th March, if possible. Cllr Oldman will be attending and will represent the Council.

11. Stroud District Council Local Plan Examination

This was noted.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chair

Date

Item 6 APPLICATIONS 14th March 2022

Planning Application No.	Location	Details	Ward/notes
S.22/0047/HHOLD	2 York Villas, Springfield Road, Uplands	Erection of rear flat roof extension.	No observations
S.22/0197/FUL	Land Between 3 And 4, Fennells View	Change of use to garden land	<p>Object. We reiterate comments made regarding the previous application relating to this site: <i>The site was probably left by the developer as a green open space for the community to use. There is little green space anywhere else in this area. This site adds value to the community and acts as a wildlife corridor. This does not comply with SDC Local Plan policy ES13.</i> <i>We are concerned the proposal will have an impact on the trees which have TPO's. We ask that the SDC tree officer investigates.</i></p> <p>We are concerned that TPO trees on this site have been destroyed and have not been replaced. Contrary to SDC Local Plan policy E58.</p> <p>We are also concerned about the state of the space, which is currently being used as a commercial overspill rather than a garden. Contrary to SDC Local Plan policy E53.</p> <p>Is permission required to keep animals on the site?</p> <p>The application is not clear exactly what the purpose of this garden is, whether it is private or public?</p>
S.22/0333/FUL	Shop 4 , Clarendon Court, 54-56 London Road	Change of use of vacant unit (former hair salon - Use Class Sui Generis) to a pizza takeaway (Use Class Sui Generis) including associated external alterations.	<p>Object. We endorse the letter submitted by Dave Jackson.</p> <p>We have previously supported residential units above and cannot now support this proposal because of the potential unacceptable levels of odour and noise to residents. Contrary to SDC Local Plan policy E53.</p>
S.22/0369/TPO	32 Peghouse Close	T1 copice to ground level	Object. This is a very poor application with no site map or information about the type of tree.
S.22/0402/CPE	27 Lansdown	Certificate of existing use as 3 dwellings	Comment. We assume the quality of the conversion will be checked by SDC Building Control, who need to be involved with this decision.
S.22/0417/HHOLD	Park View , Lansdown	Garage conversion to accommodate studio & workshop	No observations
S.22/0444/TPO	TPO 422, Limehouse, London Road	Repollard 4 lime trees at front of property	Support good urban tree management

S.21/1055/FUL	Daniels Industrial Estate, 104 Bath Road	Redevelopment of a brownfield site comprising 111 zero and low carbon homes and associated works including vehicular access, parking and demolition	<p>Comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support the statement submitted by Rodborough Parish Council. • We reiterate our previous comments: <i>We are concerned that the P3 building (unit 26) doesn't appear on the plans and we request that this is investigated. Although it is not a listed building we feel it is an important textural part of the site and shouldn't be removed. The Council actively supports the intentions to make the houses carbon neutral and the retention and enhancement of established trees on the site. We request installation of swift bricks. Better cycling and walking connectivity and clearer access is required, including a possible direct connection to the existing cycle path (old railway line) - Local Plan policy ES12.</i> • We are disappointed that all of the old existing buildings are to be demolished, not reconditioned and reused. Buildings 21 & 23 particularly are considered to be small level historic buildings, but they are attractive and tell some of the story of the site as well as maintaining urban texture • We are concerned about traffic going onto Bath Road and suggest, to slow traffic down, lights could be installed. This will make the entrance safer. • It is noted there is not a bus stop within the site and bus users must cross over at the traffic lights or at Kitesnest Lane. With trying to get people to use buses and reduce car usage, we request this should be added to the scheme. • The Aldi crossing that was agitated for, has never been opened. This would allow pedestrian to cross safely and completion should be a priority.
S.21/2825/FUL	137A Summer Street	Demolition of agricultural barn and erection of passivhaus dwelling.	Support. We are pleased to see a good quality rural building and would like to see more in the valleys.
S.22/0507/FUL	19 Russell Street	Change of use from class E shop to sui generis - Dog grooming salon	Comment. Is there adequate filtration to prevent animal fur going into the drains?
S.22/0539/LBC	Stroud Valley Scouting Centre, Hollow Lane	Refurbishment of Coach House	Support
S.22/0541/TCA	1 Stratford Court, Stratford Road	Notice of Intended Removal of Cedar Tree - six weeks' notice under section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the removal of tree.	Comment With great reluctance would we see this tree being removed.

S.22/0283/HHOLD	Byeways , Beards Lane	Demolition of garage and chimney and erection of two-storey side extension	No observations
S.22/0350/TCA	Flat 2, 9 Bisley Road	Fell the Leylandii. Replant with a fruit tree (pear) The tree is in the garden. significantly away from any building	No observations
S.22/0349/HHOLD	76 Valley View Road	Erection of single storey rear extension	No observations
S.22/0290/HHOLD	1 Weyhouse Close	Erection of dormer extensions	No observations
S.22/0306/HHOLD	24 Bowbridge Wharf	Garage conversion	No observations
S.22/0441/HHOLD	Gordano, Farmhill Lane	Replacement boundary fence with timber close board to southern boundary.	No observations
S.22/0041/HHOLD	Grove View, Lower Leazes	Erection of single storey extension, installation of deck with housing plant room beneath, external insulation and render, new porch, amendments and installation of windows.	No observations
S.22/0548/TPO Description:	7 Milton Grove	Mature ash tree - Take height out & take back 2 long limbs in length	No observations