

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

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

Monday, 11th April 2022, at 7.30pm
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Present

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

In attendance

Sheral Gardner (Assistant Clerk).

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Consultations and Highways meeting of 14th March 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

No report.

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. SDC Canal Strategy

The Committee considered the draft strategy for the future of the canals. It was **agreed** to respond with the following comments:

- The consultation documents are all difficult or impossible to read and enlarge. Beautiful layout but incomprehensible with language we are unable to understand.
- There is a good evidence based document with some really interesting ideas, but its impenetrable.

- The consultation documents do not meet standard requirements for people using text readers on screen, therefore fail to address equality duties.
- Facts and figures to back up statements are not available.
- Such a huge amount of public money should not be spent on documentation for public viewing and consultation which is so difficult, if not impossible to read for most people online.
- The concept of the canals meeting and flowing together is good, but difficult to work out what will happen.
- SDC officers will have worked with consultants from the inside. As outsiders we need training to understand the documents. How will members of the public understand them?
- The report has good strategic, interesting ideas that we could buy into, but it's incomprehensible.
- We recommend SDC's best option to get people on board, is to hold a joint parish and town Council presentation, to enable them to properly present the consultation in the best way they can. It will accelerate our ability to understand and will provide all round results for everyone.

Action: Clerk to advise SDC.

9. Special School for Stroud Consultation

The Committee considered a consultation for a new 60 place special school for Stroud. It was **agreed** to respond with the following comments and questions:

- In theory we support the idea of increased places for children with moderate learning disabilities
- What kind of abilities will be catered for?
- We are saddened that the GCC strategy cannot have more integration and co-locations. We would be broadly supportive of an integrated strategy.
- We would hope the consultation is carried out very sensitively with the Top of Town community, who have lost their own school
- What is planned for the old family centre?

Cllrs Camilla Hale and Geoffrey Andrews will attend the public meeting.

Action: Clerk to advise GCC.

10. Short Term Street Trading Consent

The Committee supported a number of applications relating to Stroud Festival of Food and Drink, including The Farmers' Market Stalls (Union Street, Threadneedle Street, John Street), George Street, Fawkes Place, area below Bank Gardens and Lansdown.

Members requested that if there is a bar proposed in the Bank Gardens area, could it be separate from any children's areas. There was also concern about the problem with rubbish and rats in Fawkes Place and whether that could be a concern with the preparation and sale of food?

Action: Clerk to advise SDC.

11. Licence Applications

The Committee had no observations regarding a Premises Licence for Brunel Goods Shed and a Pavement Licence for Woodruffs.

Action: Clerk to advise SDC.

Members thanked the Chair for her support throughout the year.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chair

Date

Item 6 APPLICATIONS 11th April 2022

Planning Application No.	Location	Details	Ward/notes
S.22/0483/LBC	Imperial Hotel, Station Road	Interior and exterior alterations including canopy over lobby door	<p>Comment: We are saddened there is no lift and therefore this is not an accessible building.</p> <p>We reiterate our question regarding parking spaces 1-11. Has this been negotiated with Network Rail, as we believe they own this land?</p>
S.22/0482/FUL	Imperial Hotel, Station Road	Interior and exterior alterations including canopy over lobby door.	<p>Comment: We are saddened there is no lift and therefore this is not an accessible building.</p> <p>We reiterate our question regarding parking spaces 1-11. Has this been negotiated with Network Rail, as we believe they own this land?</p>
S.22/0559/TCA	Flat 3, Linstock Lodge, 9 Bisley Road	The removal of one branch on an ash tree in the garden. Location indicated in attached plan and the images show the tree and branch proposed for removal. The tree displayed some signs of ash-dieback last year. One branch is showing several signs of decay and this branch overhangs quite a bit of the rest of the garden. Removal is therefore requested partly on safety grounds, but also because the branch shades an area where native species-rich calcaereous grassland has been established. It is hoped that removal will benefit the grassland and prolong the life of the tree. There is no risk of nesting birds using the tree and the bird box (which has never been used) has been taken down before any nesting could begin.	No observations
S.22/0206/OUT	Land At M5 Junction 13 West Of Stonehouse, Eastington	Proposed Eco-Park development comprising a 5,000 capacity football stadium, indoor and outdoor playing pitches, an Academy building, up to 37,700 sq.metres of Class E offices and 18,000 sq. metres of B2/B8 employment floorspace with up to 2,750 sq. metres of ancillary Class E food/retail/creche, a hotel with up to 100 beds, a Care Village including a 70 bed Care Home, as well as associated access, parking, landscaping and other ancillary works. Outline with access details submitted.	<p>Comment:</p> <p>We query traffic mitigation and would like to see a plan for when the building is taking place, to show that Stonehouse will not be adversely effected and people using the motorway can still get to work.</p>
S.22/0563/FUL	47 London Road	Change of use from office to residential	Support: Good design and brings a little garden into town.

S.22/0604/TPO	48 Shepherds Croft	T1 Sycamore - Remove single co-dominant stem to ground level and reduce remaining two stems by maximum of 2m overall.	No observations
S.22/0633/TCA	Land Adjoining, Eagle Mill Close	T1 - Fell mature ash tree.	No observations
S.22/0568/HHOLD	4 Callowell Cottages , Callowell	Demolition of single storey outbuilding, except for retaining wall at back. Erection of single storey outbuilding and, conversion of garage to habitable room including windows to ground and first floors. Timber cladding and photovoltaic panels. Resubmission of S.21/0792/HHOLD	No observations
S.22/0372/HHOLD	62 Summer Street	Erection of double and single storey rear extension and porch	Comment: We support the comments made by the neighbour at Orton House. More detailed plans of the exterior design of the house are required.
S.22/0572/HHOLD	38 Belmont Road	Creation of a single storey, flat roof, side and rear extension. To remove the wall between lounge and dining room. To create a downstairs WC	No observations
S.22/0645/HHOLD	39 Thompson Road, Uplands	Erection of two storey extension	No observations
S.22/0652/HHOLD	Byeways , Beards Lane	Demolition of garage. Erection of two-storey extension	No observations
S.22/0737/AFPA	Lot 4 Land At, Woodside	Prior Approval - Agricultural/Forestry Description: Vehicle access for transfer of materials to the food growing area	No observations
S.22/0750/HHOLD	North Ridge , Farmhill Crescent	Extension and refurbishment to existing dwelling	Comment: We would like to see the provision of photovoltaics on this new enlarged roof space and hope to see permeable parking spaces at the front of the house.