

Dorchester Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee
2 December 2024

Present: Councillors R. Potter (the Mayor ex-officio & Vice Chairman), S. Biles, P. Farmer, L. Fry, J. Germodo, J. Hewitt, F. Hogwood, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, D. Leaper, V. Lloyd-Jones, R. Major, K. Reid, M. Rennie and R. Ricardo (Chairman).

Apologies: J. Hewitt and D. Taylor

Also in attendance: Cllr William Gibbons

33. Declarations of Interest

Councillors L. Fry and R. Major stated that as members of Dorset Council's Northern Area Planning Committee, they would keep an open mind on the planning applications and consider all information available at each stage of the decision process. They would take part in the debate but not vote on planning applications at this meeting.

34. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 November 2024 were signed by the chairman.

35. Parking in Dorchester

The Committee discussed town-wide priorities for parking enforcement and managing residents parking with Dorset Council's Service Manager for Parking Services Economic Growth and Infrastructure, Michael Westwood.

The Committee heard that Dorset Council's main priorities were safety on the highways and reducing congestion. It was recognised that additional parking enforcement officers were required and the committee were informed that there was a current recruitment process for additional parking enforcement officers underway.

The Dorset Council recognised that a number of local residents were having difficulty parking and that many of the existing resident parking schemes were heavily subscribed.

The Committee expressed concerns about the parking of campervans in residential streets, some of which did not move for long periods and occupied multiple spaces.

Members of the Committee expressed concerns about the following areas:

Monmouth Road
Alfred Road
Cromwell Road
Fordington
North Square
Icen Way

High East Street / Church Street traffic light area
Wessex Road
Wessex Way
Poundbury Crescent

The committee were concerned that there were some areas within the Town which had parking restrictions which did not meet the needs of residents. The Committee agreed to highlight and review these areas at a later date.

The Committee heard that from having additional parking enforcement officers in the area that it was hoped that additional enforcement would help alleviate the problems experienced by some residents and highlight areas that needed further review.

Resolved

That the Committee highlight and review parking areas of concern at a later date.

36. Request for Parking Restrictions – Fourgates Road

The Committee considered a request for additional double yellow lines in Fourgates Road and supported the request for referral to Dorset Council.

Resolved

That Dorset Council be asked to action the request for additional double yellow lines in Fourgates Road.

37. Planning Applications for Comment

The Committee considered the planning applications referred by Dorset Council to the Council for comment.

Resolved

That the comments on the various planning applications, as set out in Appendix 1, be submitted to Dorset Council.

38. Minute Update Report

There were no minute updates to report.

39. Planning Issues to Note

There were no Planning Issues to note.

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Planning Applications for Comment

East Ward (Councillors P. Farmer, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, R. Major and K. Reid)

- E1.** **P/HOU/2024/06632 20 Prince Of Wales Road Dorchester DT1 1PW**
Demolish single storey side extension and replace with single storey side extension. Demolish rear conservatory and erect new single storey rear infill extension and external alterations to main dwelling. Modify the existing vehicular access and off road parking.

No objection.

North Ward (Councillors S. Biles, A. Canning, V. Lloyd-Jones & D. Taylor)

- N1.** **P/FUL/2024/06135 38 South Street & 5A Trinity Street Dorchester DT1 1DF**
38 South Street – Install new shop front including new external door and steps to serve flat above shop. Demolish and re-build first floor rear extension. Remove and replace roofs. Carry out external alterations.
5A Trinity Street – Remove and replace roof and carry out external alterations.

No objection.

- N2.** **P/HOU/2024/06628 13 Wessex Road Dorchester DT1 2NU**
Erect single storey rear extension.

No objection.

- N3.** **P/FUL/2024/05933 & P/LBC/2024/06486 (Listed Building Consent) 22-23 South Street Dorchester DT1 1DA**
Install 102 x 570w PV array solar panels on the roof.

No objection.

- N4.** **P/LBC/2024/06872 29 High West Street Dorchester DT1 1UP**
Replace glazed conservatory roof with pitched roof formed in manufactured slates with conservation style roof lights.

No objection.

West Ward (Councillors L. Fry, J. Germodo, J. Hewitt and R. Ricardo)

- W1.** **P/HOU/2024/06439 93 Damers Road Dorchester DT1 2LB**
Erect Front Porch.

No objection.

- W2.** **P/FUL/2024/06651 44 Maiden Castle Road Dorchester DT1 2ES**

Change of use from guesthouse to a self-contained residential dwellinghouse with associated parking.

No objection.

South Ward (Councillors R. Potter and M. Rennie)

S1. P/HOU/2024/06480 5 Grosvenor Crescent Dorchester DT1 2BA

Erect two storey rear extension.

Objection.

The proposed development by reason of its bulk and height would be out of keeping and incongruous feature within the area. The scale of the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the neighbouring property to the West of the development. It is therefore contrary to policy ENV12 of the adopted local plan.

As Grosvenor Crescent is predominantly comprised of bungalows, a two storey rear extension would not 'contribute positively to the maintenance and enhancement of local identity and distinctiveness' of the crescent, thus contravening ENV10 of the adopted local plan.

Poundbury Ward (Councillors R. Biggs, F. Hogwood and D. Leaper)

P1. P/HOU/2024/06316 37 Liscombe Street Poundbury DT1 3DF

Erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern.

No objection.

P2. P/VOC/2024/06706 Sectors 4.22, 4.24 and 4.25 North West Quadrant Poundbury

Access; appearance; landscaping; layout and scale for the erection of 205 dwellings, 473m² of non-residential development & associated roads, drainage & other infrastructure – matters reserved for further approval by outline planning permission ref. 1/D/09/001363 (revised description) (With variation of condition 1 of planning permission WD/D/20/002764 to amend dwelling designs in relation to Sectors 4.22, 4.24 & 4.25).

No objection.