

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held on Tuesday, 24 September 2019**

**At 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall**

**Present:**

Councillor R Smith (Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman	A McMahon
	M Jones	A Prosser
Officers:	Nicky Cayley	Democratic Services Officer
Others:	# members of the public.	

**P392 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr Prosser was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

**P393 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs Ashbourne and Ashby.

**P394 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in application WTC/175/19 as the applicant was known to her. Cllr Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in application WTC/174/19 as the applicant was known to her.

**P395 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present for this item.

**P396 MINUTES**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meetings held on 23 July, 13 August and 3 September 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the above minutes be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**P397 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** that the comments, as per the attached schedule, be forwarded to West Oxfordshire District Council.

P398 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED:** that the schedule, as circulated, be noted.

P399 **OXFORDSHIRE COTSWOLDS GARDEN VILLAGE AREA ACTION PLAN (AAP) - PREFERRED OPTIONS**

The Committee received and considered a consultation from WODC on the proposed Oxfordshire Garden Village at Eynsham.

**RESOLVED:** that the following comments be forwarded to WODC as a response to the consultation:

- The development should consider transport connections to Witney;
- The development should consider ease of access for public transport;
- The Town Council expresses dissatisfaction on the concentration ongoing on plans for the A40 – the Town Council is not satisfied that such plans will be sufficient to mitigate the increase in cars that will come with the development; It would like to see plans for better connectivity and there should be a rapid transport link;
- The Town Council would like the Shores Green junction to be fully operational before this development is built;
- The Town Council would like reassurance that future rail links will not be ruined by the development;
- The Town Council notes the high likelihood of increasing strain on Witney’s healthcare provision such as G.P surgeries, the Community Hospital and Minor Injuries Unit and would like the impact on Witney’s community infrastructure to be considered;
- The Town Council would like to see walking and cycle routes planned within the garden village and also would like to be reassured that the sewage from the garden village will not affect the rivers.

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The meeting closed at: 8.50pm

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Chair