

Kidderminster Town Council – Planning Committee
Tuesday 17th November 2020

Virtual meeting to be held at at **6.00pm**

Members of the Planning Committee:

Councillors J. Baker (Chairman), J. Aston, K. Gale, M. Kelly, F. Oborski MBE, and S. Rook

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KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 Held in the Town Hall

Present: Councillors J. Baker (Chairman), J. Aston, K. Gale, M. Kelly and F. Oborski MBE

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Apology

Councillor S. Rook

PL.361

Declarations of Interests

Councillor Oborski MBE declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in relation to agenda item 3 - Planning for the Future – White Paper August 2020. She stated she was the WFDC Portfolio Holder accountable at District level for the response to the White Paper

PL.362

Minutes

The notes of the meeting held on 8th September 2020 were agreed as a correct record

PL.363

Public participation

None

PL.364

Planning for the Future – White Paper August 2020

Councillor Oborski MBE declared an interest (ODI)

The Committee discussed the White Paper and made the following points

- The proposed changes take away the role of local councillors in planning oversight and looking after their parishes priorities
- The proposed changes create a democratic deficit as local views, as expressed through the parishes will be taken away

After further discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Committee's opposition to the White Paper be forwarded to NALC to inform their national response on behalf of all parish councils.

PL.365

Consideration of responses to planning applications

The Town Council's responses to the planning applications are loaded directly onto the Wyre Forest District Council portal and can be viewed there.

The Committee considered 36 applications, listed below are the two applications that the Town Council did not support

- Former Rock Works Park Lane Kidderminster Worcestershire
Ref. No: 20/0077/FUL Planning Application

Objection – not enough parking for a development this size. The ground floor should be reserved for parking

- Kidderminster Carolians RFC Franche Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 5AG
Ref. No: 20/0716/FUL

Objection – The fence to be installed should not be over 6ft in height

The meeting ended at 6.28pm

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Proposed Incinerator at Stourport Road Kidderminster

Public consultation

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Dear Mr Beirne

Please see below a copy of my letter of objection to Worcester County Council Development Control.

This application is being rushed through with little time for scrutiny given the situation with Covid-19. And with no consultation or notice.

If you are aware of our areas history, you will know that the application for an incinerator to deal with Worcestershire's waste

Was defeated soundly at a Public Enquiry in 2002. All the same arguments against such a proposal plus many more remain today. We now have the Silverwoods development with all the benefits that brings to our area instead of a massive waste incinerator. I fought alongside local councillors as a member of SKI (Stop Kidderminster Incinerator).

This proposal is an affront to all those who spent 5 years of their life campaigning and makes a mockery of the planning process and the right to have a say about how our local area is developed. I hope you will object to this application.

Regards Christine Jordan

Mrs. Christine Jordan

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Kidderminster

Worcestershire

DY11 7AG

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The Development Control Manager

Worcestershire County Council

Directorate of Economy and Infrastructure

County Hall

WR5 2NP

Date. 17th October 2020.

Reference Planning Application 20/000034/CM.

Dear Development Control Manager.

I wish to object to the proposed plans by Powergen to build an incinerator at Stourport Road Kidderminster. This application should be given very careful consideration given the need to address how we produce and handle our waste . Incineration is by no means a low carbon technology and this type of installation goes against best practice. It also reduces the incentive to find alternative way of dealing with waste such as reuse, recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion etc. Incineration is not going to help us reach zero carbon emissions by 2050 let alone 2030 and Worcestershire needs to show that it is on board with this.

It cannot be good planning strategy by to allow 3 incinerators to be sited in such close proximity to each other.

Whilst some carbon producing plant may be necessary such as the crematorium also on Stourport road it would seem a poor idea to add another to the area. Despite this proposed plants clever name we have not yet developed a way of burning without producing carbon. Plastic waste in particular requires careful management and storage as past fires attest to. Additionally bottom and fly ash is a big problem still and despite claims by companies it is usually too contaminated to reuse as aggregate.

I am most concerned about what appears to be a complete lack of consultation by both the company and Worcester County Council. This is a significant application which will impact people over a wide area. I live around a mile away and when I enquired of the company why I had received no notification I was told that the radius for their leaflet distribution was informed by the County council. I have not come across anyone in the area who received notice. Given this and Covid-19 restrictions the time allowed to study and object to this complex application is far from enough.

I further draw your attention to the following points.

No need for another incinerator has been identified. It is not good enough for the company to say they are talking with local businesses who may be interested.

The company says waste will be sourced locally and waste transported at quiet times. However they appear to consider the whole of the West Midlands as local in their application. I fail to see how a detailed impact assessment can be completed with such vague information. The Stourport road is a heavy polluter in our area and the geography and meteorology of the area ensures that pollutants are kept down low to the ground.

The Waste incinerator a mere 4 miles away at Hartlebury was recently granted license to expand its process. Incinerators need to be fed to be efficient and safe. Another incinerator could well encroach on the Hartlebury plants waste stream at a cost to local taxpayers. The small amount of electricity that this development may generate will only benefit the site.

Whilst there is industry in the area there are also a great many residents, schools, Supermarket, Leisure centre and food outlets in what is already considered a deprived area, not least the brand new Silverwoods housing development some of which is still under construction and set to include a care home, sheltered housing and business units. It cannot be wrong to say the incinerator would make these future homes and business premises far less attractive.

You may like to consider a report by the British heart Foundation that found "Heart attack and stroke deaths related to toxic air could exceed 15,000 in West Midlands over the next decade unless Government acts" It goes on to say "As many as 1,700 heart and circulatory death could be attributed to particulate air pollution in the next decade in Worcestershire".

The proposed site is of great concern for other environmental impacts. There is a risk of contamination to groundwater with bore water being extracted nearby by Severn Trent Water and Wilden Marsh Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is also nearby and is a sensitive environmental area.

There is also a risk to water quality in the nearby canal and River.

Finally I should also remind you that a hard won five year battle against the proposal to build an incinerator a few hundred yards from this site was soundly rejected by a public enquiry held at Kidderminster Town Hall in 2002.

The same arguments apply now and the incineration technology has not changed and many of the same residents are still here.

Instead of an incinerator we now have the Silverwoods Development and all the housing and opportunity that it extends to our community.

This proposal to build another incinerator is an affront to the community and councillors that fought so hard last time.

I hope you will reject this planning proposal.

Yours Sincerely

Christine Jordan.

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Planning Committee
Tuesday 17th November 2020

Planning Applications as at 10th November 2020

Overview - 19 applications (5 are tpo's)

1. [Demolition of existing building and erection of 8 dwellinghouses, some with garages, together with new internal road and landscaping](#)

The Grange 162 Sutton Park Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 6LF
Ref. No: 20/0033/FUL

2. [Fell Oak and replace with suitable species.](#)

510 Chester Road South Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1XD
Ref. No: 20/0844/TPO

3. [Proposed single storey side and rear extension](#)

16 Woodland Avenue Kidderminster DY11 5AW
Ref. No: 20/0837/HOU

4. [Replacement Dwelling](#)

11 Whitehill Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 6JH
Ref. No: 20/0860/FUL

5. [Variation to Conditions 2 and 6 attached to Planning Permission 19/0127/FULL to make changes to roof design, external materials and installation of new flue](#)

Land Adjacent Berrington Court Felix Baxter Drive Kidderminster Worcestershire
Ref. No: 20/0853/S73

6. [Single Storey Rear / Side Extension and boundary railings \(1.2m high\)](#)

8 Falling Sands Close Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 7AT
Ref. No: 20/0863/HOU

7. [Two storey side and rear and single storey side extensions at number 257 and 258 Hoo Road](#)

257 And 258 Hoo Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1LY
Ref. No: 20/0871/HOU

8. [Two storey side extension](#)

170 Sion Avenue Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 2YL
Ref. No: 20/0878/HOU

9. [T1 - Removal of Cypress due to proximity to next doors garage and also the dwelling in question. T2 - Removal of Sycamore tree due to hanging over the dwelling in question. T3 - Removal of Ash Due to the same reasons as T3 as the trees are intertwined and canopy is over the house. T4 - Removal of Cypress due to proximity to house and also the light is causing no low level growth. This tree is out of control. T5 - Same as T4 as the trees are next to each other. Also the removal of these will allow all the quality trees along T8 to further mature. T6 - Removal of multiple cypress bushes due to all now being different shapes and not in keeping. T7 - we will retail the front hedge in line with the conservation area however it will be sculpted back to a better shape. T8 - all these trees will be retained to ensure the majority of the area is maintained as these pose no risk to dwellings. T9 - The fruit trees need major maintenance and we may look to relocate on the site. The grounds will be fully landscaped with a variety of different plants including bushes and trees in place to ensure all wildlife is maintained. Overall this whole site has been neglected for many years and these works are required to allow us to get the house back up firstly in keeping with the area but also into a liveable safe space.](#)

28 Blakebrook Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 6AP
Ref. No: 20/0861/TCA

10. [Number 1- Oak: Raise crown to 3 metres and remove deadwood. Number 3 - 2 x Oak: Reduce and removal branches, with a diametre of less than 10cm, overhanging house to give a 2 metre clearance.](#)

Planning Application

23 Fulmar Crescent Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 4HL

Ref. No: 20/0826/TPO

11. [Number 1- Oak: Raise crown to 3 metres and remove deadwood. Number 3 - 2 x Oak: Reduce and removal branches, with a diametre of less than 10cm, overhanging house to give a 2 metre clearance.](#)

23 Fulmar Crescent Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 4HL

Ref. No: 20/0826/TPO

12. [Two storey side extension, rear extension and infill canopy porch \(Resubmission Ref: 20/0409/HOU\)](#)

268 Puxton Drive Kidderminster DY11 5HT

Ref. No: 20/0877/HOU

13. [Provision of ramp to entrance](#)

1 High Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 2DJ

Ref. No: 20/0888/FUL

14. [Change of use of domestic garage to hairdressers \(by appointments only and hours of use between 10am and 3pm Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only\) and external alterations](#)

48 Brooklands Drive Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 5EB

Ref. No: 20/0643/FUL

15. [Proposed single storey side and rear extension and first floor rear balcony](#)

Gleniffer 12 Larches Road Kidderminster DY11 7AB

Ref. No: 20/0894/HOU

16. [Crown lift oak to allow more light into garden.](#)

28 Ludgate Avenue Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 6JP

Ref. No: 20/0872/TPO

17. [Erection of two storey rear extension with lower ground level](#)

53 Poplar Road Kidderminster DY11 6ND

Ref. No: 20/0895/HOU

18. [Holly - T1 - Growing on neighbouring property \(1Oak Grove\) Remove one limb back to attachment to main stem as it over-hangs property Western Red Cedar/Cypress - G1 - Reduce height by approx. 1/3rd Cypress - T2 - Section Fell due to close proximity to Silver Birch Silver Birch - T3 - Remove lowest limb that is orientating in a southerly direction \(growing into Cypress\) Silver Birch - T4 - Reduce 1 limb that is orientating in a south westerly direction Holly - T5 - Section Fell due to lean and close proximity to boundary](#)

2 Oak Grove Kidderminster DY10 3AL

Ref. No: 20/0903/TPO

19. [Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use as 20No self contained bedsit accommodation](#)

56-58 Bewdley Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 6RL

Ref. No: 20/0913/CLE