



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 16th December, 2021

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Guildhall

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Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Mike Johnson (C)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)

Councillor Mel Allcott (LD)
Councillor Alan Amos (C)
Councillor Bill Amos (C)
Councillor Jenny Barnes (LCo)
Councillor Marjory Bisset (G)

Councillor Owen Cleary (C)
Councillor Allah Ditta (C)
Councillor Jo Hodges (L)
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)

C = Conservative G = Green L = Labour LCo = Labour and Co-operative
LD = Liberal Democrat

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Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

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Late papers circulated prior to the meeting in respect of items to be considered and determined.

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LATE PAPERS

Thursday 16th December 2021

Roundabouts – Various

Committee update for 16 December 2021.

21/00993/ADV Roundabout at Newton Road, Worcester

Consultee response from Warndon Parish Council – The Parish Council notes advertising on roundabouts represents a valuable source of income to the City Council and understands a formal Planning Application is a matter of procedure. The signs should be in keeping with their location, not to cause any undue distraction to road users. The Parish Council expects sponsored roundabouts to be maintained to a high standard.

Officer Response:

The comments of the Parish Council are noted. No change to the recommendation.

21/01007/ADV Roundabout at Woodgreen Way

Consultee response from Warden Parish Council – The Parish Council notes advertising on roundabouts represents a valuable source of income to the City Council and understands a formal Planning Application is a matter of procedure. The signs should be in keeping with their location, not to cause any undue distraction to road users. The Parish Council expects sponsored roundabouts to be maintained to a high standard.

Officer Response:

The comments of the Parish Council are noted. No change to the recommendation.

21/01014/ADV Roundabout at Claines Lane, Worcester

Consultee response from WCC Highways – recommends the application is refused on the grounds of the accident data of five personal injury accidents over a five year period to July 2021. The introduction of signage on the roundabout which has high speed approaches would cause an unnecessary distraction to drivers. The highway safety implications of the proposed signage are considered to be unacceptable and contrary to Paragraph 111 NPPF.

Response from Cllr Lawrance – I have lived near that roundabout for over fifty years and it's a regular blindspot to motorists. It's mostly speed related incidences but people don't seem to cope well with going around this roundabout safely. There was a cyclist killed there a couple of years ago. A friend was rear ended waiting at that junction two Christmases ago, her car was written off and pushed into traffic. The woman who hit her was chatting to a friend and didn't see that she had reached the end of the Northern Link.

If we need any extra signage it's an illuminating SLOW DOWN NOW sign hanging from the bridge but motorist even managed to flatten two brand new Reduce Speed now signs inside a couple of months.

Officer Response:

The comments of the Councillor and Highways are noted. In light of the concerns raised officers consider that the proposals should be refused in relation to highway safety.

New Recommendation: Refusal

Reason: The introduction of signage on the roundabout which has high speed approaches would cause an unnecessary distraction to drivers. The highway safety implications of the proposed signage are considered to be unacceptable and contrary to Paragraph 111 NPPF

21/01033/ADV Roundabout at Wainwright Road, Worcester

Consultee response from Warden Parish Council – The Parish Council notes advertising on roundabouts represents a valuable source of income to the City Council and understands a formal Planning Application is a matter of procedure. The signs should be in keeping with their location, not to cause any undue distraction to road users. The Parish Council expects sponsored roundabouts to be maintained to a high standard.

Officer Response:

The comments of the Parish Council are noted. No change to the recommendation.

21/01034/ADV Roundabout at St Peters Drive, Worcester

Consultee response from WCC Highways – recommends the application is refused on the grounds of the signage representing a potential distraction to drivers in a location with high speed approaches and where there are existing accident records.

Officer Response:

The comments of the Highways Officers are noted. In light of the concerns raised officers consider that the proposals should be refused in relation to highway safety.

New Recommendation: Refusal

Reason: The introduction of signage on the roundabout which has high speed approaches would cause an unnecessary distraction to drivers. The highway safety implications of the proposed signage are considered to be unacceptable and contrary to Paragraph 111 NPPF

21/01035/ADV Roundabout at Swinesherd Way, Worcester

Consultee response from WCC Highways – recommends the application is refused on the grounds of the signage representing a potential distraction to drivers in a location with high speed approaches and where there are existing accident records.

Neighbour comment - The Parish Council notes advertising on roundabouts represents a valuable source of income to the City Council and understands a formal Planning Application is a matter of procedure. The signs should be in keeping with their location, not to cause any undue distraction to road users. The Parish Council expects sponsored roundabouts to be maintained to a high standard.

Officer Response:

The comments of the Highways Officers and neighbour are noted. In light of the concerns raised officers consider that the proposals should be refused in relation to highway safety.

New Recommendation: Refusal

Reason: The introduction of signage on the roundabout which has high speed approaches would cause an unnecessary distraction to drivers. The highway safety implications of the proposed signage are considered to be unacceptable and contrary to Paragraph 111 NPPF

21/01037/ADV Roundabout at Nunnery Way, Worcester

Consultee response from WCC Highways – recommends the application is refused on the grounds of the signage representing a potential distraction to drivers in a location with high speed approaches and where there are existing accident records.

21/01038/ ADV roundabout at Hastings Drive, Worcester

Consultee response from Warden Parish Council – The Parish Council notes advertising on roundabouts represents a valuable source of income to the City Council and understands a formal Planning Application is a matter of procedure. The signs should be in keeping with their location, not to cause any undue distraction to road users. The Parish Council expects sponsored roundabouts to be maintained to a high standard.

21/01042/ADV Roundabout at Dugdale Drive, Worcester

Neighbour comment - The Parish Council notes advertising on roundabouts represents a valuable source of income to the City Council and understands a formal Planning Application is a matter of procedure. The signs should be in keeping with their location, not to cause any undue distraction to road users. The Parish Council expects sponsored roundabouts to be maintained to a high standard.

21/01044/ADV Roundabout at Plantation Drive, Worcester

Consultee response from Warden Parish Council – The Parish Council notes advertising on roundabouts represents a valuable source of income to the City Council and understands a formal Planning Application is a matter of procedure. The signs should be in keeping with their location, not to cause any undue distraction to road users. The Parish Council expects sponsored roundabouts to be maintained to a high standard.

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