



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 26th May, 2022

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Chris Mitchell (C)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Patricia Agar (LCo)

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

Councillor Jill Desayrah (L)
Councillor Shafaz Ditta (C)
Councillor Karen Lewing (G)
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)

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

AGENDA

Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

1. **Appointment of Substitutes**
To receive details of any Member nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of Previous Planning Committee**
of the meeting held on 28th April 2022 to be approved and signed. (To follow).
4. **Site Visits**
Such inspections of current application sites as may have been recommended by Officers and as may be approved by the Committee.

Members of the Committee should inform the Interim Head of Development Management of any requests for site visits by 5.00 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately prior to the meeting (24th May 2022) and reasons for the request.

Site visits will be conducted in accordance with the procedure attached which forms part of the Council's Good Practice Protocol for Members and Officers dealing with Planning Matters.

5. **Public Participation**
Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, each speaker being allocated a maximum of five minutes, for members of the public to present a petition, ask a question or comment on any matter on the Agenda or within the remit of the Committee in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 10.

6. **Public Representation**

Members of the public will be allowed to address the Committee in respect of applications to be considered by the Committee in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 11. Members of the public will address the Committee during the Committee's consideration of the respective item.

7. **Application 22/00037/RM - University Development, Bromyard Road**

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Ward(s): Bedwardine

Contact Officer: Thomas Gabriel, Interim Senior Planning Officer
Tel: 01905 722521

The Corporate Director - Planning and Governance recommends that the Planning Committee approves the reserved matters application subject to the conditions set out in Section 9 of the report.

8. **Application 21/00506/REM - Former DEFRA Site, Whittington Road**

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Ward(s): Nunnery

Contact Officer: Andrew Thompson, Interim Head of Development Management
Tel: 01905 722179

The Corporate Director - Planning and Governance recommends that the Planning Committee Grants planning permission subject to conditions set out in Section 9 of the report.

9. **Any Other Business**

Which in the opinion of the Chair is of sufficient urgency as to warrant consideration.

PLANNING COMMITTEE SITE VISITS

The following is an extract from the Good Practice Protocol relating to Planning Matters.

The procedure for site visits will be as follows: -

- Members of the Planning Committee together with relevant officer's travel to the site by minibus.
- On arrival at the site, the designated planning officer explains the main planning issues to the Committee.
- Inspections will be undertaken in a formal and professional manner. The Committee should stay together as a group.
- There will be no inter-action between Members and applicants or objectors at the site visit beyond the common courtesies to be expected when visiting someone else's property.
- Members may ask questions of the officers and draw attention to issues relevant to the site visit.
- Members will not debate the merits of the proposal on the site visit or on the way to or from the site visit.
- Members who have declared a prejudicial interest or who, for any other reasons, do not intend to participate in the planning decision, will not participate in the site visit.
- The Chair will close the site visit and all Members will leave the site at the same time.
- The Chair may alter or terminate any visit at his/her discretion.