

**A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD
7.00PM TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

Present

Cllrs C Gough (Chair), M Cargill, J Bunting, C Neal-Sturgess, N Knapman, C Wright (clerk), K Wright (ATC admin)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

None Present.

1. Apologies

J Styles, Y Morrison

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of Planning Committee meeting of 12 March 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Planning Applications

- a) **13/00518/FUL** - Proposed automated external defibrillator in specialist metal box at Alcester Unionist Club, 46 - 48 High Street, Alcester, B49 5AB for Mrs Ann Delany (comments by 2/4/13)
ATC support this application but unless there is any objections we feel we do not need to attend the SDC consultation on this matter, should we need to speak on this we would attend.
- b) **13/00519/LBC** Proposed automated external defibrillator in specialist metal box at Alcester Unionist Club, 46 - 48 High Street, Alcester, B49 5AB for Mrs Ann Delany (comments by 2/4/13)
ATC support this application but unless there is any objections we feel we do not need to attend the SDC consultation on this matter, should we need to speak on this we would attend.
- c) **12/02865/FUL – Amendment application** Erection of a new 3-storey teaching block (Comprising: 9 classrooms and associated preparation/office accommodation and observatory); relocation of sports courts together with associated works including installation of plant equipment, new car parking (6 spaces) and landscaping works. At Alcester Grammar School, Birmingham Road, Alcester, B49 5ED for Alcester Grammar School. (write to SDC by 3/4/13) **Clive will attend the SDC planning consultation meeting on this matter and has written up his response (see appendix 1)**

5. Notice of Decision - permission with conditions

- a) **13/00259/ADV** – Addition of panel to existing totem sign at Little Chef, Alcester bypass, Alcester, B49 6PQ for McDonald's Restaurant Ltd. Consent granted with conditions. **Noted**
- b) **13/00122/FUL** – Change of use from A3 to A3/A5 to confirm existing takeaway use, 14.7m² to be demolished, 32.9m² extension, creation of drive-thru lane, installation of customer order display and canopy at Little Chef, Alcester bypass, Alcester, B49 6PQ for McDonald's Restaurant Ltd. Permission with conditions. **Noted**
- c) **13/00213/TEL56** – Proposed installation of DSLAM cabinet at Cross Road, land opposite 1 Station Road, Alcester. No Objection. **Noted**
- d) **12/02511/LBC** – Amendment to the existing LBC 11/02052/LBC to change external cladding to the upper part of the extension at Alcester Warren Farm, Whitemoor Lane, Sambourne, Redditch B96 6NS. Consent granted with conditions. **Noted**

6. Stratford Road Land

Bank statement will be checked next week to make sure money has been put in then the work can continue and the new trees bought.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

There was nothing further to report on this at the moment.

8. Housing Needs

There was nothing further to report on this as ATC are still waiting for the meeting with the SDC head of property services and WCC head of property services.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

10. Propositions to a full Council meeting

None

11. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 9 April 2013 at 7.00pm at Globe House

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Appendix 1

ATC Additional Comments to be made at the SDC meeting (by Clive Neal-Sturgess)

12/02865/FUL – Amendment application Erection of a new 3-storey teaching block (Comprising: 9 classrooms and associated preparation/office accommodation and observatory); relocation of sports courts together with associated works including installation of plant equipment, new car parking (6 spaces) and landscaping works. At Alcester Grammar School, Birmingham Road, Alcester, B49 5ED for Alcester Grammar School.

The Alcester Town Council Planning Committee have no material objections to the development of the school premises as planned, the problems relate solely to the transport arrangements.

As this is an Amendment Application, ATC Planning Committee consider that the applicants should now take into account the Outline Planning Application for proposed developments on Alimore Lane (11/02895/OUT and 11/02767/OUT for the construction of 350 dwellings with associated car parking, access, infrastructure provision and open space). These developments will likely lead to an extra 600+ vehicles using Birmingham Road, which will significantly exacerbate the existing difficult conditions.

It is considered that the new Transport Plan does not adequately address the on-street parking, and the resident's concerns. Furthermore, it is predicated on the concept of increased car sharing by the school's students; this is a flawed concept. Apart from being difficult to manage, it is well known that increasing the occupancy of teen-driven vehicles significantly increases the crash rate, and is not to be encouraged.

The second report by WCC Highways considers that there are no problems with the current situation, nor will there be with the increase to the schools car using population. However, a) it does not take into account residents views, being a look-and-note survey with no consultation with the residents; b) it does not consider parking on side roads surrounding the access points; c) it does not consider future developments (Alimore Lane as above); d) it does not consider the safety implications of increased occupancy of teen-driven vehicles. Therefore, in our opinion is that it does not adequately address the concerns.

ATC Planning Committee also considers that possible changes could include:

- 1 Additional car parking on the school playing fields, with a drop-off facility.
- 2 Better managed traffic flow through the school premises to avoid traffic entering and exiting the school drive without crossing the traffic flow.
- 3 A 20mph zone along the Birmingham Road encompassing the schools entrances, with a buffer zone at either end.
- 4 A suitably sited Pelican Crossing opposite the school main entrance.