# MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.00 PM

**PRESENT**: Councillor J Lloyd (Chairman)

Councillors C Booth, S Fox, A Govier, C Govier, M McGuffie, S

Mercer, and J Thorne.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors C Penk and K Wheatley

David Farrow (Town Clerk)

Alice Kendall (Deputy Clerk/RFO)

Two members of the public One member of the press

### 291 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor S Pringle-Kosikowsky.

#### 292 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Lloyd declared a personal interest in application 43/24/0059 as a member of the Playing Field Working Group.

Councillor J Thorne declared interests in the following:

- 43/24/0064 Personal interest as his son lives nearby.
- 43/24/0082/T Personal interest as the applicant is a friend.
- Agenda item 7 (case ref MA/57843) prejudicial interest and will leave the room during discussion.

He further asked if the Council should make comment on 43/24/0081 given early involvement in the Community Hub.

Councillor A Govier declared a personal interest in application 43/24/0059 as a member of the Playing Field Working Group and as a supporter of the club.

### 293 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public spoke regarding application 43/24/0059.

One member of the public spoke about the applications for the Dolphin Inn (43/24/0081 and 43/24/0083).

### 294 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Planning meeting held 2 September 2024.

### 295 TO CONSIDER WHAT COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY SOMERSET COUNCIL

(a) Case Ref: 43/24/0059

**Proposal:** Replacement of floodlighting at Wellington AFC, North Street,

Wellington

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved. Councillors were supportive of the application and disagreed with the comments made by the Heritage Officer.

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At this juncture, it was agreed to bring forward applications 43/24/0081 and 43/24/0083.

### **(b) Case Ref:** 43/24/0081

**Proposal:** Change of use of public house to a community space on the ground floor, office space on the first floor and residential conversion of a 2 No. bedroomed flat into a 3 No. bedroomed dwelling at The Dolphin Inn, Waterloo Road, Wellington (retention of part works already undertaken)

It was **agreed** that given the Council's early involvement in the provision of a new community space, that unbiased comments could not be made within a planning context. However, it requested that issues with some processes, including building control, as raised by a member of the public (already submitted) be followed up as a matter of importance.

### (c) Case Ref: 43/24/0083

**Proposal:** Erection of 2 No. dwellings and formation of access on land to the rear of the Dolphin Inn, Waterloo Road, Wellington

It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to support the principle of infill development such as this. However, the following concerns were raised specifically relating to this application:

- Councillors questioned the statements made relating to phosphates and asked that they be fact checked.
- The current proposal is overdevelopment on the site, the density of which provides little amenity space for each dwelling.
- The design is not in keeping with surrounding properties and will have an impact on Wellington Park which is heritage listed.
- There are no comments from the Heritage Officer despite the site being only 50m from Wellington Park.

### (d) Case Ref: 43/24/0064

**Proposal:** Demolition of former mill building and erection of 9 No. dwellings with associated access and landscaping at Haymans Mill, Payton Road, Westford, Wellington

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. However, concerns were raised with the visibility splay at the junction of Rackfield and Payton Road and the impact that the increased traffic would have. It was suggested that perhaps improvements could be made there with a Section 106 agreement attached to this application.

### (e) Case Ref: 43/24/0072/A

**Proposal:** Display of 1 No. non illuminated graphic vinyl at KFC, Westpark, Chelston, Wellington

**RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.

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(f) Case Ref: 43/24/0076/T

**Proposal:** Application to carry out management works to one oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wellington No.5) Tree Preservation Order 2007 at 2a Blackdown Road, Wellington (TD1037)

It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to comment that there was not enough information within the application and asked that the Tree Officer thoroughly reviews the proposal.

(g) Case Ref: 43/24/0079

**Proposal:** Replacement of porch at 57 Springfield Road, Wellington (retention of works already undertaken)

**RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.

(h) Case Ref: 43/24/0082/T

**Proposal:** Application to carry out management work to one oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wellington No.6) Tree Preservation Order 2006 at 31 Oakfield Park, Wellington (TD1019)

**RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved subject to satisfactory comments from the County's Tree Officer.

(i) Case Ref: 43/24/0084

**Proposal:** Erection of a two storey extension to the rear of 88 Mills Drive, Wellington

**RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

(i) Case Ref: 43/24/0086

**Proposal:** Erection of extension to the rear of the garage at 12 Immenstadt Drive, Wellington

**RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.

(k) Case Ref: 43/24/0087

**Proposal:** Installation of external heat pump to the rear of 2 Lukes Close, Wellington

**RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved subject to confirmation that there is no noise nuisance from the heat pump.

(I) Case Ref: 43/24/0092

**Proposal:** Approval of layout, scale and appearance of the internal spine road, pedestrian/cycle link and associated surface water drainage infrastructure on land north of Taunton Road, Longforth Park, Wellington

**RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.

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### 296 TO CONSIDER WHAT COMMENTS TO MAKE ON AN AMENDED APPLICATION

(a) Case Ref: 43/24/0069

**Proposal:** Replacement of shop front single glazed painted timber windows and door with coated aluminium at 26 High Street, Wellington. A copy of the proposed elevation was circulated with the agenda detailed a revised colour scheme.

**RESOLVED** to recommend that this application be approved.

## 297 TO CONSIDER WHAT COMMENTS TO MAKE ON AN APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENSE

**Case Ref:** MA/57843

**Proposal:** Application for a premises licence for Our Embassy, 2 High Street, Wellington TA21 8RA, including a plan of the area proposed to be covered under the licence (attached). This is for the sale of alcohol (for consumption both on and off the premises) between the hours of 09:00-22:00 daily, as well as for the provision of recorded music between 18:00 and 20:00 Monday to Wednesday, 17:00 to 21:00 Thursday to Saturday, and 12:00 to 22:00 Sunday.

Councillor J Thorne left the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to recommend that the license be granted.

### 298 SOMERSET COUNCIL - PLANNING DECISIONS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Application Number(s)	Proposal	Address	WTC Recommendation Or Comments	Somerset Council Decision
43/23/0056	Outline application with all matters reserved, except for access, for a mixed use development of up to 200 No. dwellings, employment land (Use Classes E & F), an internal spine road to facilitate a rail halt/station, public open space, drainage & associated infrastructure	Land north of Taunton Road, Longforth Park, Wellington	Support in principle with other comments listed	Approved
43/24/0038	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline application 43/06/0016 for the scale, siting, design, access, external appearance and landscaping for 2 No. terraced blocks of	Plot 19 Westpark 26, Chelston	Approval	Approved

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	industrial accommodation providing 16 No. units			
43/24/0063/HHN	Application to determine if prior approval is required for the erection of a proposed single storey extension to the rear	15 Greenway Road, Wellington	Noted	Prior Approval Approved
43/21/0008	Application for Outline Approval with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 No. detached dwelling	Land adjacent to 7 Bluett Road, Wellington	Requested further consultation on design and placement	Approved
43/24/0057	Erection of blockwork wall to 1.8 metres in height with vertical timber panelling above to enclose farm building	Henley Farm, Harpford Farm Lane, Wellington	No objection	Approved
43/24/0060	Erection of 1 No. dwelling with associated works to the rear (resubmission of 43/23/0071)	33 Priory, Wellington	No objection	Refusal
43/24/0066/LB	Replacement of timber framed single glazed casement window with a timber framed double glazed casement window	10B Fore Street, Wellington	Approval	Approved
43/24/0068	Erection of 2 No. single storey extensions, erection of first floor to the rear and internal alterations	Sunnybank, 63 Rockwell Green, Wellington	Approval	Approved
43/24/0066/LB	Replacement of timber framed single glazed casement window with a timber framed double glazed casement window	10B Fore Street, Wellington	Approval	Approved

The meeting closed at 7.00pm





Our ref: CTIL 12494501 25/10/2024

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Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSED UPGRADE TO EXISTING RADIO BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CTIL 12494501 RICHARDSONS GARAGE, WELLINGTON TRADING ESTATE, SCOTT'S LANE, WELLINGTON, TA21 8ST, NGR E: 332546 N: 350036

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone is in the process of identifying a suitable site in the WELLINGTON area for a radio base station to maintain and improve existing levels of service provision. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, Cornerstone is committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of Cornerstone's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for an upgrade to the existing installation at this location to provide enhanced coverage and capacity, and new 5G coverage ensuring that this area of WELLINGTON has access to the latest technologies.

Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones, and other devices we rely on simply won't work.

Please find below the details of the proposed site.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

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#### **CTIL 12494501 RICHARDSONS GARAGE**

The site is needed to provide enhanced 2G and 4G coverage and capacity as well as new 5G service provision to ensure that customers experience access to the latest technologies currently available. The upgraded installation will also meet the extra demands on the network in this area as new technologies improve increasing the demand for 4G and 5G technologies.

The Government recognises that widespread coverage of mobile connectivity is essential for people and businesses. People expect to be connected where they live, work, visit ad travel. That is why the Government is committed to extending mobile geographical coverage further across the UK, with continuous mobile connectivity provided to all major roads and to being a world leader in 5G. This will allow everyone in the country to benefit from the economic advantages of widespread mobile coverage. As well as improved mobile signal, 5G networks are also crucial to drive productivity and growth across the sectors that local areas are focusing on through their emerging Local Industrial Strategies. Enabling and planning for 5G implementation is central to achieving the Government's objective to deliver property at the local level and enable all places to share in the proceeds of growth.

The Government is determined to ensure the UK receives the coverage and connectivity it needs. To this end, the Government wants to be a world leader in 5G, the next generation of wireless connectivity, and for communities to benefit from the investments in the new technology.

The case for 5G is compelling as it will bring faster, more responsive and reliable connections than ever before. More than any previous generation of mobile networks, it has the potential to improve the way people live, work and travel, and to deliver significant benefits to the economy and industry through the ability to connect more devices to the Internet at the same time, creating the so-called "Internet of Things". This will enable communities to manage traffic flow and control energy usage, monitor patient health remotely, and increase productivity for business and farmers, all through the real-time management of data.

The demand for mobile data in the UK is increasing rapidly, and as households and businesses become increasingly reliant on mobile connectivity, the infrastructure must be in place to ensure supply does not become a constraint on future demand.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and the preferred Cornerstone option is as follows:

RICHARDSONS GARAGE, WELLINGTON TRADING ESTATE, SCOTT'S LANE, WELLINGTON, TA21 8ST, NGR E: 332546 N: 350036

The proposed works comprise the removal of the existing 11.6m high mast with 6 no. antennas and its replacement with a 22.3m mast with 6 no. antennas, 1 no. 0.6m microwave dish, I no. 0.3m microwave dish and ancillary equipment, the relocation of the existing 2 equipment cabinets within the compound.

The operators are proposing to upgrade their existing installation to ensure the latest high quality, reliable, secure communications technology is able to be provided from this location. The amendments to the existing scheme

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are essential in order that customers' handheld devices continue to operate for the purposes in which they have become accustomed, accessible wherever they are whether that be indoors or outside.

As this is an existing Streetworks installation and the amendments are relatively minor in nature, this is sequentially the most preferable site for the operators to upgrade their existing service provision to this cell area.

We have considered alternative site options and discounted as follows:

D1				
Easting	314130	Northin	9	120597
Site type	Greenfield			
Option name	BT Telephone	Exchange		
Site address	Line 1	Scott's Lane		
	Line 2	Rockwell Green		
	Town	Wellington		
	County	Somerset Council		
	Postcode	TA21 8PL		

#### Summarise why this option has been discounted.

Discounted due to the fact that on a google maps search there was evidence of scarring which looked like gas. Further, the site could be an eyesore to the residential dwellings adjacent, this could cause planning issues.

D2					
Easting	314091		Northing	1	20541
Site type	Greenfield				
Option name	The Paddocks				
Site address	Line 1	The Paddo	ocks		
	Line 2				
	Town	Wellingtor	า		
	County	Somerset			
	Postcode	TA21 8EZ			

### Summarise why this option has been discounted.

Site is situated close to residential dwellings which could cause planning issues. The verge for the mast is extremely narrow which could make building the site more difficult.

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D3				
Easting	314185	Northing	120645	
Site type	Greenfield			
Option name	Mr TLC			
Site address	Line 1	Mr TLC		
	Line 2	Scott's Lane		
	Town	Wellington		
	County	Somerset		
	Postcode	TA21 8ST		

### Summarise why this option has been discounted.

The greenfield site was an option, it is on a grass verge outside a business. The site is situated in front of a side entry which could make it difficult to get permission from the landlord. Further there are residential dwellings which could cause issues as it could be seen as an eyesore.

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D4			
Easting	314131	Northing	120612
Site type	Greenfield		
Option name	Scott's Lane		
Site address	Line 1	Scott's Lane	
	Line 2	Waitrose	
	Town	Wellington	
	County	Somerset	
	Postcode	TA21 8ST	

#### Summarise why this option has been discounted.

The greenfield was site discounted due to the fact that it is situated on a Waitrose car park. Due to having to pay for the parking space the site that has been picked would be more cost effective.

D5				
Easting	314289		Northing	120529
Site type	Street works	5		
Option name	63 Sylvan R	oad		
Site address	Line 1	63		
	Line 2	Sylvan Road		
	Town	Wellington		
	County	Somerset		
	Postcode	TA21 8EQ		

### Summarise why this option has been discounted.

The streetworks site was considered however, was discounted due to the fact it is in the eyeline of residential dwellings which could be argued as an eyesore. The site is also situated in close proximity to the road which could cause safety issues for pedestrians and drivers vision. There is also already an electrical box situated on the site.

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D6				
Easting	314215		Northing	120542
Site type	Greenfield			
Option name	KUnit 1			
Site address	Line 1	KUnit 1		
	Line 2	Scott's Lane		
	Town	Wellington		
	County	Somerset		
	Postcode	TA21 8ST		

### Summarise why this option has been discounted.

The site is situated on a central reservation of a road. This was discounted as it would seriously impair the visibility for drivers coming out the road. There also appears to be overhead power lines from a google maps search.

D7				
Easting	314120		Northing	120598
Site type	Rooftop			
Option name	BT Telephoi	ne Exchange		
Site address	Line 1	Scott's Lane		
	Line 2	Rockwell Gree	en	
	Town	Wellington		
	County	Somerset		
	Postcode	TA21 8PL		
Summarise why this option has been discounted.				

This site was discounted due to the building for the rooftop looking derelict. Further there are residential dwellings adjacent from the site which could cause planning issues.

The Local Planning Authority mast register and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Cornerstone installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14-day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

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We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments. For your information pre-consultation letters and a set of plans have been sent to the local ward councillors for Blackdown & Neroche Ward (Cllr R. Henley, S. Wakefield), the local MP, Planning officers, the head teacher and chair of governors of St John's C of E Primary School and the Manager of Wellington Prep School.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (quoting cell number [CTIL 12494501])

Yours faithfully

### Alex Ostrige

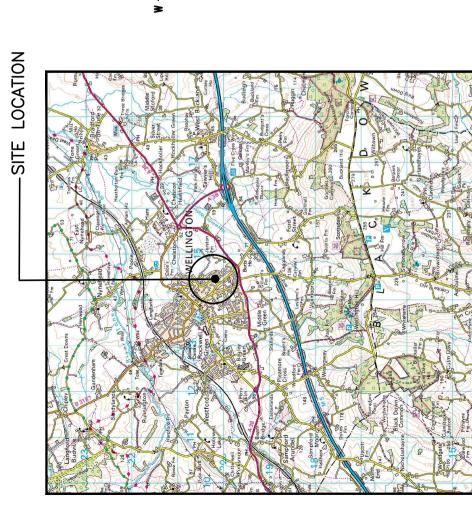
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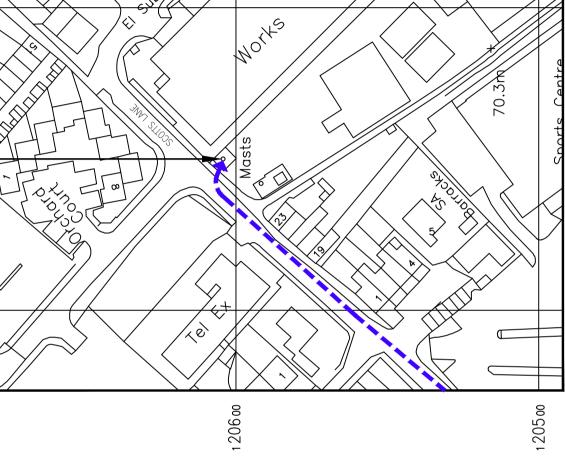
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