

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF HEREFORD AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE: Cllrs Andrews, Boulter, Foxton, Hobbs, Milln, Potts and Powell

You are hereby summoned to the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee to be held at the Town Hall, Hereford at 6pm on THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023. The Agenda for which is set out below.

Becci O'Reilly
Administration & Events Manager



HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Committee Room, Town Hall, Hereford
THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 at 6pm**

AGENDA

At the start of the meeting the chairman will remind all present of the fire evacuation procedure.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To accept apologies for absence.
- 2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**
To note the appointment of substitute members under Standing Orders (if any).
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest made by Members under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE** **APPENDIX ONE**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 17 August 2023 as an accurate record.
- 5. COMMITTEE ROLE AND REMIT** **APPENDIX TWO**
To receive and consider a report from the Town Clerk.
- 6. DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS**
To consider resolving that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of the County of Herefordshire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council and that District

Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

7. POLICY ISSUES

To receive any updates on matters relating to the Area Plan, the eastern river crossing or enforcement.

None at this time.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

APPENDIX THREE

Applications for planning permission and similar matters referred to the City Council by the County of Herefordshire District Council under Paragraph 8 to Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in terms of consultation:

To consider applications for planning permission, listed building consent, advertisement consent, notifications of proposals to carry out works to trees, licensing applications including any delegated decisions, and to determine what representations in respect thereof shall be made to the local Planning Authority under powers delegated to the committee by the City Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

10. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting after this will be 12 October 2023 at 6pm.

Further information – If you have any queries about this Agenda or require any details of background papers, further documents or information you should contact the Administration & Events Manager, Becci O’Reilly, on Tel: 01432 260468, email: becci.oreilly@herefordcitycouncil.gov.uk or the Town Clerk, Steve Kerry, on Tel: 01432 260429, email: clerk@herefordcitycouncil.gov.uk



HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 17 August 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Cllrs Polly Andrews, Elizabeth Foxton, Debbie Hobbs, Jeremy Milln

ATTENDING: Becci O'Reilly, Administration & Events Manager and Planning Committee Clerk

P2023/24.32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Sue Boulter. Cllrs Sam Potts and Dan Powell did also not attend.

P2023/24.33 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

P2023/24.34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

P2023/24.35 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillors agreed that the Minutes and Draft Responses of the Meeting of 20 July 2023 were an accurate record.

P2023/24.36 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

It was

RESOLVED that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of the County of Herefordshire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council and that District Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

P2023/24.37 POLICY ISSUES

None.

P2023/24.38 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

For further information on the outcome of planning application decisions, please see the 'Draft Responses' item corresponding to this meeting. It was

RESOLVED to submit planning application decisions to Herefordshire Council.

P2023/24.39 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

P2023/24.40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14 September 2023 at 6pm.

There being no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7pm

Signed

Date

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HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 17 August 2023

DRAFT RESPONSES TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Draft Verdicts:

Planning Applications

Number	Address	Verdict
232202	1 Ledbury Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2SX	No Objection however Cllrs ask that trees are preserved where possible and conditions for replanting are put in place.
232254	61 Commercial Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2DJ	Objection! Cllrs do not feel objections raised at previous consultation have been addressed.
232255	61 Commercial Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2DJ	Objection! Cllrs do not feel objections raised at previous consultation have been addressed.
232284	49 Eign Gate, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 0AB	No Objection
232310	1-3 Broad Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 9BH	No Objection
232311	1-3 Broad Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 9BH	No Objection
231903	Land at 8 St Nicholas Street, Hereford	No Objection however Cllrs note the great archaeological value of the backyard area of the site and request an archaeological survey is conducted before works are progressed.
230068	81 Broomy Hill, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 0LJ	Objection! Cllrs note the comments made by internal consultees and request more information before a decision can be made on this backland development.
232219	25 St Martins Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 7RD	No Objection
232242	59 Ross Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 7RJ	No Objection however suggests shed is painted green to match the topiary so as not to cause any distraction to drivers on the road adjacent.
231156	Land east of Mortimer Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 9SP	No Objection
231635	Cafe - Hereford Railway Station, 30 Station Approach, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1BB	No Objection however Cllrs note the lack of external serving hatch is disappointing as internal café is not accessible to anyone waiting outside but not travelling.

Tree Works Applications

Number	Address	Verdict
231895	9 Carter Grove, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1NT	Objection! Cllrs request that the Yew tree is maintained but instead cut back hard.
232371	Aylestone Hill, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1JJ	No Objection
232180	20 Sudbury Avenue, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1YB	No Objection

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HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE ROLES AND PROCESSES

1. Background and Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 There is a general review of committee roles and remits at the moment which is due to be reported to Council on 14 November. Three committees have met and considered their roles and some proposals for change have been put forward, none affect the role of Planning Committee. However, this process also presents an opportunity for each committee to consider how it goes about its business and how that can be improved.
- 1.2 This report sets out suggestions for how the management of planning items might be improved. If agreed any recommendations that are about the internal workings of the Committee would not need to wait for Council approval. That is only required if there is a change to terms of reference or membership.

2. Processing Planning Applications

- 2.1 The great majority of the Committee's time is devoted to studying and responding to planning applications, some listed building or conservation area consent applications, tree works applications and licensing proposals for Herefordshire Council. The Committee is almost entirely a consultative meeting to feed opinions into the decision-making processes of Herefordshire Council.
- 2.2 Many applications are "green flagged" that is they are indicated as unlikely to require detailed scrutiny and have attracted no, or very few, local objections. These are usually passed with little or no debate and no objection is recorded. Despite this streamlining of the meeting itself, the same process applies in agenda preparation as for the more contentious items. The application and all the supporting papers are uploaded for display at the Committee meeting in case there is a question or a point a member wishes to make. Whilst this occurs rarely the option needs to remain.
- 2.3 This means that the time taken to prepare papers for a Planning Committee can be four or five times the length of the Committee itself with an inordinate amount of time being spent processing low risk, low interest applications with no local concerns simply for to members to agree they do not need to consider them in depth before lodging "no objection". This is a very time consuming and unproductive use of officer time.

3. Call In

- 3.1 All planning applications received by Herefordshire are notified to the county ward member, who is in some cases is also the City Council member and to the Clerk and nominated officer for Planning Committee. They are also loaded onto the Herefordshire Council Planning Portal on their website.
- 3.2 Thus it would be possible for all City Council members, whether on Planning Committee or not, to scan that internet source and identify any applications they have a concern about. The search can be refined to a ward only list so members need not run through dozens of applications to find the ones that they might be wishing to express a view on. It would then be possible for the member to alert the Administration and Events Manager to the fact that they wish the Committee to consider the application. This should normally be triggered by local objections, the role of the City is to represent its citizens as a consultee. There may be a genuine concern in some rare cases which has not been picked up by the general public, perhaps the application might set a precedent or challenge a previous policy or standard in which case it would be reasonable to call it in.
- 3.3 There would be deadline, set back a few days from the normal agenda despatch deadline, for the called in applications to be loaded up and presented to Committee for consideration. This would significantly reduce the unnecessary workload attached to presenting non-contentious applications simply for the Committee to confirm they are non-contentious. In addition to the officer time saved it would enable the meetings themselves to focus fully on the more challenging applications.
- 3.4 Where the delegated officer power to object to mast applications has been used these would by definition be seen as controversial as this process is triggered by valid local objections. These would therefore always be on the agenda, it would not be necessary for the local member to call them in.

4. Constitution

- 4.1 There is a legal framework for member of a committee to petition the Chair, or even to call a meeting without the Chair's consent if they are not willing to discuss an item. This is a somewhat cumbersome process and is designed to be used where a Committee Chair is in dispute with members as to what should be on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting. This is not what is being suggested here.
- 4.2 A local member calling in an item for consideration would not be challenged or asked to argue in advance in any detail the grounds for calling the item in. If they are not a member of Planning Committee and do not intend to come to the meeting on the specific item it would be suggested that they send in some statement of their reasons for concern by email so their representing of local views can be taken into account.

5. Supporting Objectors

- 5.1 In all cases anyone contacting their local member to raise a planning objection should be encouraged to log their own objection using HC's Planning Portal as the more objectors there are the more likely it is that Herefordshire will either seek amelioration of the features of the proposal that are causing the objectors or reject it altogether. The representations of the City Council legally carry no more weight than those of an individual, we are not even statutory consultees. Therefore, our voice is much more effective if it is backed up by a strong community response.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That the Committee moves to a process of considering applications on a called in basis, all other applications to be passed automatically by officers as no comment.**
- 6.2 That all members of the City Council are asked to scan Herefordshire Council's Planning Portal and to identify to the Clerk or the Administration and Events Manager any items they wisht the committee to consider.**
- 6.3 That the Committee considers all applications identified by local members as being of concern.**
- 6.4 That the delegated power to officers to deal quickly with mast applications as amended is retained and all mast applications where officers have objected be reported to the Committee for ratification or withdrawal as the members shall decide.**

Steve Kerry
Town Clerk

PLANNING COMMITTEE 14 September 2023

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(Those applications marked in **green** are cleared, as they are uncontentious, and will not be discussed at Planning Committee unless specifically requested by a Councillor.)

5G Mast Delegated Decision Applications:

Number	Address	Ward	Description & Link	Decision
232502	Ledbury Road Street Works, Ledbury Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1QE	Aylestone Hill	Application for prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code systems operators for proposed 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets. https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232502&search-term=232502	Submitted by Delegated Authority 05.09.23: Hereford City Council Planning Committee objects to Planning Application 232502. The City Council notes that there have been several objections from people in close proximity to the proposed mast and it supports those objections. We feel that insufficient effort has been made to find the least damaging location, the mast is too close to houses, is excessively visually intrusive in such a prominent location and obstructs a small but useful area of public open space.

Planning Applications:

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232354	Public Convenience, The Atrium, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2DT	Central	Proposed remodelling of the existing public conveniences to provide a 'changing place facility' together with upgraded male/female, accessible toilet and installation of a roller shutter to main entrance door.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232354&search-term=232354
232520	Sub Station, St Nicholas Street, Hereford, HR4 0BG	Central	Proposed refurbishment and alteration of an existing electricity sub-station building to replace and lower the roof and carry out repairs to the City walls.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232520&search-term=232520
232406	St. Nicholas House, Berrington Street, Hereford, HR4 0DD	Central	Proposed recladding envelope of existing building including new means of escape. New roof extension and boundary treatment.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232406&search-term=232406
232626	2 St Ethelbert Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2NR	Central	Proposed works to front ground floor window, including replacement of sill with hardwood.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232626&search-term=232626

232529	51 Chartwell Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2TU	Eign Hill	Proposed demolition of existing garage and utility and replacement with 2 storey extension consisting of playroom, utility and garage on the ground floor and new bedroom at first floor level.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232529&search-term=232529
231906	Land at Post Box Cottage, Longtown, Herefordshire,	Golden Valley South	Erection of two dwellinghouses within the curtilage of Post Box Cottage together with new vehicle access and alterations to existing dwelling.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=231906&search-term=231906
232323	45 Westfaling Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 0JD	Greyfriars	Erection of a single-storey rear extension	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232323&search-term=232323
232162	56 Hunderton Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 7AG	Hinton & Hunderton	Single storey side extension (retrospective)	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232162&search-term=232162
232510	Jubilee Bungalow, College Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1JR	Holmer	Proposed demolition of existing single-storey rear extension and erection of replacement two-storey extension. Conversion of loft into addition bedroom and erection of a double garage.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232510&search-term=232510
232466	177 Aylestone Hill, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1JJ	Holmer	Retrospective application seeking planning permission for the installation of a fresh milk and milkshake vending machine.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232466&search-term=232466
232541	Leys Farm, Grafton Lane, Grafton, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8BL	Red Hill	Proposed removal of condition 5 of planning permission DCCE2006/0608/F(Proposed bungalow) - to allow the farmhouse or bungalow to be sold separately.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232541&search-term=232541
232382	129 Hinton Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 6BN	Saxon Gate	Proposed demolition of an existing bungalow and garage. Erection of a replacement bungalow and garage.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232382&search-term=232382
232226	9 Litley Court, Hampton Park Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1TP	Tupsley	Proposed extension to garage and replacement garden room and decking.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232226&search-term=232226

232542	Land adj to 23 Gorsty Lane, Hereford, HR1 1UL	Tupsley	Proposed development of 4 pairs of semi-detached dwellings with associated landscaping, drainage and ancillary works.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232542&search-term=232542
232444	79 - 83 Widemarsh Street, Hereford, HR4 9EU	Widemarsh	Proposed refurbishment works and conversion of existing offices to form three residential units.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232444&search-term=232444
232566	Old School Lane, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 9BP	Widemarsh	Proposed variation of conditions 2 & 6 of planning permission 200967 (Provision of battery storage and flexible generation) - change of layout of the equipment, including arrangement of generators in a single line, erection of an acoustic barrier between generators and the nearest noise receptor, and updated battery equipment	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232566&search-term=232566

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232482	73 Broomy Hill, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 0LJ	Greyfriars	T1 - Ash nearest cricket nets, remove large low branch arching over ground, retaining the upright section in hedgerow. Remove two dropping low branches rubbing corner of cricket nets. T2 - Ash, remove four low branches arching over boundary. T3 - Ash in corner, remove approximately four low branches, one large broken branch and any dead hanging branches.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232482&search-term=232482
232319	Mouse Castle, 16 Old Eign Hill, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1TU	Tupsley	To dismantle large Silver Birch tree in the center of the garden, to improve light to the garden and inside the property.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232319&search-term=232319
232540	4 The Park, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 1TF	Tupsley	Proposed works to Tree No T1 - Oak on rear boundary. Tree No T2 - Birch in rear garden. Tree No T4 - Sorbus adjacent to driveway. Tree No T5 - Larch	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=232540&search-term=232540

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231591	23 Holmer Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 9RX	Widemarsh	T1 Sycamore - Repollard to previous points. T2 Hornbeam- Repollard to previous points. T3 Hornbeam - Repollard to previous points.	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=231591&search-term=231591

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None

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From: Sarah Girling <s.girling@hereford.anglican.org>
Sent: 10 August 2023 16:07
To: Becci O'Reilly; James Adedeji
Cc: Steve Kerry
Subject: RE: MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011: ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, HEREFORD

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Dear Becci,

Thank you for your email.

I set out below a statement from St Nicholas PCC explaining the background to their decision.

It may also be helpful to the Council if I explain a little more about the process for closing a church, so that members are aware of the different stages and of the opportunities they will have to comment on different aspects of the process.

There are two distinct stages to the closure of a church. The first is the question of whether or not to continue to hold services of Anglican public worship in the building, or whether it should be closed for public worship. That is the stage we are at now. There will be two rounds of consultation on this question. The first is under way, and is designed to gather views on a relatively informal basis. We will then decide, on the basis of those views, whether to proceed to a second, more formal round of consultation. You will be consulted again in that second round, should it go ahead. There can also be an opportunity in that second round of consultation to hold an open meeting, if that would be helpful.

If, as a result of that process, the church closes, we then move on to the question of securing a suitable alternative use for the building. Expressions of interest would be invited, and could be anything from use by another Christian denomination, to preserving it as a monument, to a more commercial use. A preferred option will be identified, subject to the usual planning consents, and then there will be another consultation on the proposal, and you will again be included in that consultation.

It is commonly the case that the wider community is more interested in the eventual use of the building than in the question of whether or not it should continue to be used for Anglican services. I hope it will be clear from the summary above that there will be opportunities in the future to comment on that issue, but that the present consultation is only on the question of whether or not the church should close.

Please do let me know if you have any further questions on any aspect of the process.

Statement from St Nicholas PCC:

“At their meeting on Monday 22nd May 2023, the PCC of St Nicholas church, Hereford passed a formal resolution to begin the closure process and to explore ways to support the congregation to move on whilst releasing the church building for an alternative sustainable use.

This decision was understandably made with some sadness, but a conviction that it is the right and responsible course of action. It was made after careful consideration of a range of sustainability factors, including financial, building, pastoral and congregational realities. Wider contextual realities were also taken into account, particularly the very close proximity to other Christian centres of worship (including those within the West Hereford Team), as well as broader sustainability issues facing the Diocese and the Church of England as a whole. These realities have

been explored in depth through a series of PCC meetings, open church drop-ins, conversations with members of the community and through the Annual Meeting of Parishioners in April 2023.

Over many years, the dwindling congregation has continued faithfully to maintain a Christian presence in the building, and the PCC believes it has made every reasonable effort to establish the future sustainability of the church. However, these efforts have not borne the hoped-for outcomes, particularly in terms of congregational growth.

The potential timescales for the closure process mean that the PCC will need to manage both the process of transition for the congregation as well as steward its remaining financial resources to ensure the building is kept in as reasonable a state of repair as possible for any future use. For this reason, the PCC believes that in making this decision now rather than later, it can be proactive and responsible as charitable trustees especially in the light of their diminishing resource base.

There will inevitably need to be conversations and consultations around any proposed future use for the church building as well as any subsequent pastoral reorganisations that may be needed.

At this stage, though, the consultation being carried out by the Diocese of Hereford is simply a proposal to close the church for public worship in the Church of England. The wider public consultation on the future use of the building will follow, depending on the outcome of this initial stage.”

With all good wishes,

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Dear James

Hereford City Council's (the Parish Council for Hereford) Planning Committee considered your email and attached letter at their monthly meeting on Thursday 20 July. Cllrs have requested more information be provided as to why a closure is being considered before they can comment on the proposal.

Kind regards

Becci O'Reilly