

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 7 December 2023

RESPONSES TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Verdicts:

Planning Applications

Number	Address	Verdict
223521	22 Commercial Street Hereford Herefordshire HR1 2DE	Objection! Cllrs noted that the signage is not in keeping with the street scene, and is of poor quality. In light of this application also being retrospective, Cllrs agreed that the signage should be replaced by something more in line with Hereford's aesthetic.
232589	52 Eign Gate, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 0AB	Not considered as approval has already been given.
232645	52 Eign Gate Hereford Herefordshire HR4 0AB	Not considered as approval has already been given.
232992	10-11 Commercial Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2DB	No Objection.
233045	Land at Hereford County Hospital, Union Walk, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2ER	Councillors agreed to support the application in majority, though there were some concerns. While it was impressive that the applicant had evidenced significant research over alternative sites, some Councillors felt that other sites had not received enough attention. It was noted that the hospital grounds are small and cramped, with there being little room for the building elsewhere. However, there was also concern over the archaeology of the grounds, specifically that the site may be the former grounds of a priory. Though evidence of digging had been submitted, with no substantial finds, there was worry from some Councillors that the grounds had not been searched thoroughly enough. Additionally, despite the grounds being paved over, the site is still listed as a green space, and could potentially be used as a green space in future; something which the hospital is now in short supply of. Some Councillors expressed concern that another potential green area would be removed from the hospital grounds, while an alternative location for the proposed building could be found elsewhere if given enough thought. Overall, Councillors agreed that the application was necessary and should be approved, though the mentioned issues remained cause for concern for some.

233317	Freedom Church, Commercial Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2BJ	Objection! Cllrs strongly opposed the proposed signage, and were adamantly against the application. The proposed signage is excessively designed and would have a noticeable negative impact on Hereford's street scene. The enormity of the signage would dominate the street, the design of which appears poorly conceived. The building is already in a sad state of repair, and this should be the focus of the applicant rather than covering the building façade with distasteful imagery. There is no need or demand for this signage and it would do nothing to improve Hereford's visual aspect – it would instead be very detrimental. Cllrs resolutely oppose the application.
233422	St Davids Hall, Symonds Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2HA	No Objection.
233471	Venns Close Car Park, Symonds Street, Hereford, HR1 2HA	No Objection.
233473	Bus Station Public Car Park, Commercial Road, Hereford, HR1 2BL	No Objection, though Cllrs noticed that the design of the pods are not the same as those in the applicant's press releases, and they request to know why this is.
233539	St Davids Hall - Adjacent Mobile Classroom, Symonds Street, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2HA	No Objection.
233442	39 Greyfriars Avenue, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR4 OBE	No Objection, though Cllrs noted that they would instead like the stairs to be a pontoon.
233121	Land East of B&Q, Holmer Road, Hereford, HR4 9SH	No Objection.

Tree Works Applications

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233277	12 College Cloisters Hereford Herefordshire HR1 2NG	Objection! More detail is needed. Cllrs request a photo of the area so as to get a better scope of the effects of the tree on the grounds. The drawings attached to the application were noted as being of poor quality.

Licensing Applications

Number	Address	Verdict
Trilogy (formerly Play Nightclub) See attached licence consultation	Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2AR	No Objection.
2Faced Dance Company See attached licence consultation	The Centre for Movement Units 1, 6 and 7 Former Magistrates Court, Goal Street HR1 2HU	No Objection.

Traffic Regulation Order

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See attached consultation	- Sidney Box Drive and Atlay Street, Grandstand Road, Hereford	No Objection.