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**MEETING:** Planning & Licensing Committee  
**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm  
**PLACE:** Council Offices, Commercial Road, Weymouth DT4 8NG

**Present:  
Councillors**

Lucy Hamilton  
Jan Bergman  
Michael Frost  
Tim Griffiths

Oz Kanji  
David Mannings  
Trefor Morgan  
Jon Orrell

Graham Winter  
Anne Weaving

**Officers**

Jane Biscombe

Debbie Lovelock

Before the start of the meeting proper, those present held a minute's silence in memory of Cllr Ray Nowak, who sadly passed away on 20 May 2019.

**0001 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were approved from Cllr Brookes and Cllr Wheller.

Cllr Weaving substituted for Cllr Wheller and will replace Cllr Wheller at all future Planning and Licensing Committee meetings. This permanent change to the Committee membership will be confirmed at the Full Council to be held on 26 June 2019.

Cllr Weaving was voted in as Vice-Chair for this meeting.

Councillors voiced concern that no one from Dorset Council's (DC) planning team was present. Members noted that with 163 Parish and Town Councils in Dorset, the planning officers could not be expected to have the capacity to attend meetings. It is unusual for planning officers to attend consultative meetings such as parish and town Council Planning Committees.

It was noted that Councillors can personally comment on planning applications should they wish to and also attend the DC planning committees where the decision on applications is made.

Cllr Mannings asked for clarity on how the Committees views are communicated to DC. The Town Clerk confirmed that the agreed comments are sent to DC via the online planning portal.

**0002 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest

**0003 Public Participation**

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the advertisement of the Curtis Field planning application. It appears that there was an error on the original notice which stated that "The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the adopted development plan." The Council understands that no notices were displayed for approximately one week whilst this error was corrected. The Council would like an assurance that the display of notices met the legal requirements as this could lay the planning authority open to challenge.

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## 0004 Development Applications

Resolved: that the following comments be forwarded to Dorset Council.

Plan No.	Details	Comment
WP/19/00 273/RES	Curtis Fields Land South Of, Chickerell Road, Weymouth	<p>Proposer: Cllr Morgan. Seconder: Cllr Winter</p> <p>The Council objects to these proposals on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The depth of the balancing ponds is not clear and the Council has concerns with regard to health and safety of the public and wishes to see the public protected from risk eg fencing.</li> <li>• St Augustine’s school has increasing numbers and there is insufficient drop off space which will lead to traffic congestion and parking problems.</li> <li>• The pavements do not appear wide enough for pushchairs and wheelchairs. The Council would like assurance that all pavements are wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair.</li> <li>• The cul-de-sacs in adjacent housing areas that are used for garage access cause significant fear of crime amongst residents due to low lighting. The Council would like assurances that lighting in these areas will be of a higher standard.</li> <li>• No cycle routes are shown on any plans, these are necessary to encourage cycling and improve safety, this will help reduce congestion.</li> <li>• The Council has concerns over density and layout and would prefer to see fewer units with more space between to improve wellbeing.</li> <li>• The Council shares the concerns of Dorset Wildlife Trust over loss of habitat and biodiversity.</li> <li>• The Council has concerns over the raised highways and the possible increase in flood risk.</li> <li>• The Council has been informed by a local resident that there were errors in the displayed notice which stated “The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the adopted development plan.” The Council understands that no notices were displayed for approximately one week whilst this error was corrected. The Council would like an assurance that the display of notices met the legal requirements.</li> </ul>
WP/19/002 87/LBC	Burgundy House, 40 Westhill Road, Weymouth, DT4 9NB	<p>Proposer: Cllr Orrell. Seconder: Cllr Weaving</p> <p>The Council objects to this proposal as it does not feel it has sufficient documentation to comment. The Council would like to see before and after plans and detailed elevation plans. The Council does not feel that it has sufficient information to allay its concerns regarding the preservation of the historic nature of the building, in particular the impact on internal structures. The Council requests that the determination of the application is delayed to permit more detailed plans to be submitted and WTC consulted again.</p>
WP/19/002 94/FUL	25 St Leonards Road, Weymouth, DT4 8LE	<p>Proposer: Cllr Winter. Seconder: Cllr Orrell</p> <p>No objection</p>

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WP/19/002 96/FUL	72 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7LB	Proposer: Cllr Winter. Seconder: Cllr Orrell The Council shares residents' concerns regarding access and overshadowing.  The Council has no objections subject to DC Highways being content that there are no access issues and that the Health and safety of residents in adjacent properties is not compromised.
WP/19/002 30/FUL	Manor Barn, Stottingway Street, Weymouth, DT3 5QA	Proposer: Cllr Hamilton. Seconder: Cllr Morgan The Council has no objections subject to the Conservation team at DC being content that there are no concerns regarding the preservation of the listed building, and subject to the EA having no concerns regarding flooding.
WP/19/002 31/LBC	Manor Barn, Stottingway Street, Weymouth, DT3 5QA	Proposer: Cllr Hamilton. Seconder: Cllr Morgan The Council has no objections subject to the Conservation team at DC being content that there are no concerns regarding the preservation of the listed building, and subject to the EA having no concerns regarding flooding.
WP/19/002 80/FUL	Cackleberry Farm, Watery Lane, Weymouth, DT3 5QD	Proposer: Cllr Winter. Seconder: Cllr Weaving No objection
WP/19/003 02/FUL	26 & 27 St Thomas Street, Weymouth, DT4 8EJ	Proposer: Cllr Morgan. Seconder: Cllr Kanji The Council supports this application as it is bringing new residences into the area, subject to the Dc Conservation team not having any concerns.
WP/19/003 03/LBC	26 & 27 St Thomas Street, Weymouth, DT4 8EJ	Proposer: Cllr Morgan. Seconder: Cllr Kanji The Council supports this application as it is bringing new residences into the area, subject to the Dc Conservation team not having any concerns.
WP/19/003 04/FUL	9 Melcombe Avenue, Weymouth, DT4 7TH	Proposer: Cllr Winter. Seconder: Cllr Kanji No objection
WP/19/002 99/FUL	Store At Rear, 9 Great George Street, Weymouth	Proposer: Cllr Orrell. Seconder: Cllr Morgan The Council has no objections subject to the Conservation team at DC being content that there are no concerns regarding the historic nature of the buildings, and subject to the EA having no concerns regarding flooding.
WP/19/003 06/FUL	71 Brackendown Avenue, Weymouth, DT3 6HY	Proposer: Cllr Weaving. Seconder: Cllr Mannings No objection
WP/19/003 07/FUL	Asda, Newstead Road, Weymouth, DT4 8JQ	Proposer: Cllr Hamilton. Seconder: Cllr Bergman No objection

### 0005 Licensing, Enforcement, Appeals & Phone Masts

None

### 0006 Other development consultations

Modifications to the Pre-Submission Draft Plan - Mineral Sites Plan.

Members noted the contents of the plan. A vote of no comment was proposed by Cllr Winter and seconded by Cllr Griffiths. The vote was passed, Cllr Orrell and Cllr Bergman abstained from this vote.

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**Item 7 – Emergency items**

WP/19/00118/FUL – Scrap Metal Yard, Upwey Street, Weymouth, DT4 7DN.

Proposer: Cllr Orrell. Seconder: Cllr Weaving

The Council agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:

- The development will increase the risk of flooding by reducing the permeability of the area.
- The layout is too dense for the area and risk overcrowding and overshadowing.
- The area is likely to have contaminated land issues due to the previous land use.
- The access is poor and will lead to traffic congestion and parking problems.

Officers were requested to bring a large-scale map to future meetings.

Meeting closed at 8.27 pm

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