



Sandridge Parish Council

The Planning Committee met on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 2pm in Marshalswick Community Centre

PRESENT: Councillors: Graham Leonard (Chair), John Foster, June Reid, Lyn Bolton, John Newton-Davies, Neil Harris

OFFICER: Rebecca Pannese, Projects, Amenities and Community Engagement Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillors: John Hale

ABSENT: -

IN ATTENDANCE: -

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There was none

807 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th December 2022, having been previously circulated, were unanimously approved as a correct record.

808 Junction of Highview Gardens, Jersey Farm – Planning ref: 5/2022/2942
Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

To submit the following comment:

Further to the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2023, Sandridge Parish Council would like to make the following comments:

Sandridge Parish Council, whilst recognizing the need for improved telecommunications in this era of mobile connectivity, feel that the site proposed in this application should be reconsidered, given the negative effect on the local street scene and the close proximity to the houses on both sides of Sandringham Crescent. The Planning Department should ensure that all alternative sites have been fully considered before this proposal is approved.

Sandridge Parish Council will seek to have this application ‘called in’ should officers be minded to approve the proposed site and will be in touch with our District Council colleagues to this end.

809 13 Kingsmead, St Albans – Planning ref: 5/2022/2896

Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

To submit the following comment:

Further to the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2023, Sandridge Parish Council would like to make the following comments:

Sandridge Parish Council, whilst recognizing that the land in question appears to belong to the applicant, we strongly disagree with the attempt to enclose this small area of “amenity” land which has been in existence since the estate was first built in 1977. This enclosure would be contrary to the approved Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan, Policy E2: To “not increase the prominence of the settlement within the landscape”, in this case to replace what was green shrubbery with an 1800 mm high brick wall.

SPC also believes that the removal of this small strip of amenity land will potentially lead other home-owners on Jersey Farm to incorporate similar patches into their gardens, with the ultimate result that the green character of Jersey Farm will be lost for good, again contrary to the Policies in the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan.

810 23 Osprey Drive, St Albans – Planning ref: 5/2022/2955

Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

Not to submit a comment.

811 Junction of The Ridgeway / Hazelmere Road - Planning ref: 5/2022/2960

Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

To Submit the following comment:

Further to the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2023, Sandridge Parish Council would like to make the following comments:

Sandridge Parish Council, whilst recognizing the need for improved telecommunications in this era of mobile connectivity, feel that the site proposed in this application is not suitable for a number of reasons.

1. It is on a busy junction, further complicated by the exit from Barnfield Road almost opposite the site, particularly in the morning and late afternoon and the necessary base cabinets would impede the sightlines on this corner.
2. It would adversely affect the street scene, being significantly higher than surrounding properties.
3. There is a more appropriate site, which lies between other sites along this section of The Ridgeway considered by the applicant, but rejected as unsuitable. Sandridge Parish Council would suggest that the middle of the green on the crescent on The Ridgeway would be a better place as the mast would be screened by the mature trees

on the green and be further away from any house than it would be in the proposed position.

Sandridge Parish Council will seek to have this application 'called in' should officers be minded to approve the proposed site and will be in touch with our District Council colleagues to this end.

812 Garage Block, Hughenden Road, St Albans - Planning ref: 5/2022/2956

Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED

Not to submit a comment.

813 20 Villiers Crescent – Planning ref: 5/2022/2873

RESOLVED

Not to submit a comment.

814 60 Pondfield Crescent – Planning ref: 5/2022/2939

RESOLVED

Not to submit a comment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee has been arranged for Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 2pm, at Marshalswick Community Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.55pm.

Chair

Date