



Sandridge Parish Council

The Planning Committee met on Thursday 16th March 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: Councillor John Hale

ABSENT: -

IN ATTENDANCE: - A resident of Skyswood Road

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There was none.

834 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd February 2023, having been previously circulated, were unanimously approved as a correct record.

835 Sandringham School, St Albans, AL4 9NX – Planning ref: 5/2023/0186
Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED to submit the following comment to the Planning Department, S.A.D.C.:

Sandridge Parish Council have serious concerns over the environmental impact of the proposed additional class/teaching area on the first floor of the Sixth Form Block of Sandringham School.

Whilst we appreciate that the proposal in itself is not unreasonable, it is yet a further example of the School promising that this would be “the last request for an increase in facilities”, until the next one arises!

However, the knock-on effect of yet a further increase in staff and pupil numbers to accommodate an expanded sixth form entry is keenly felt by the wider community in terms of further traffic chaos and inconsiderate car parking in the surrounding roads. A condition of a previous planning approval was that the school should produce a parking plan indicating where all the additional cars would be parked on site. We are not aware that this was ever produced or made public. It should be completed before any further permissions are granted.

The inconsiderate parking referred to above relates to the obstruction of two bus routes, in particular the S8 and S9 which both run down Skyswood Road, routinely causing difficulty for the buses to negotiate this road resulting in damage to the verges from improperly parked cars and the necessary passage of the bus.

The District Council should consider imposing conditions on any approval of this application to include the onsite provision of sufficient parking spaces for ALL members of staff. The Council should also consider the introduction of resident only parking schemes as it has elsewhere in the city.

836 21 Deans Gardens St Albans, AL4 9LS – Planning ref: 5/2023/0114
Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

Not to submit a comment.

837 67 Harness Way, St Albans, AL4 9HB – Planning ref: 5/2023/0394
Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED to submit the following comment to the Planning Department, S.A.D.C.:

Sandridge Parish Council considers that this proposal is overdevelopment of the site and out of keeping with its neighbours. In particular, the proposed significant increase in ridge height to accommodate a large dormer in the roof, which is a feature not found in any properties in the vicinity. As a result we find the proposal to be contrary to policy D4 of the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan, specifically sections 2 and 3, as detailed below:

2. New development, improvements or extensions to existing buildings must take into account, and reflect, the distinctive area characteristics in terms of the design and materials used and in accordance with a relevant Area statement in Appendix 4.

3. The scale and height are in keeping with existing and adjacent buildings.

838 161 Sandpit Lane, St Albans AL4 0BS - Planning ref: 5/2023/0401
Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

Not to submit a comment.

839 30 Elizabeth Court, St Albans AL4 9JB – Planning ref: 5/2023/0449
Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED

Not to submit a comment.

840 8A Chiltern Road, St Albans AL4 9TE - Planning ref: 5/2023/0475
Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED

Not to submit a comment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee has been arranged for Thursday 6th April 2023 at 2pm, at Marshalswick Community Centre.

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

Chair

Date