**APPENDIX 1.**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at 7:30 pm on Monday 17th July 2023, in the Council Chamber, Newbury Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury,**

**Present:** Councillors Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett, Jo Day, David Harman, Ian Jee, David Marsh, Vaughan Miller and Tony Vickers.

**In Attendance**

Hugh Peacocke (Chief Executive Officer)

1. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillors Sam Dibas, Andy Moore, Nigel Foot and Roger Hunneman

1. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

The CEO declared that Councillors Phil Barnett, David Marsh and Tony Vickers are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

Councillor Phil Barnett declared that he was an acquaintance of Mr. Dewey, who was registered to speak against application No. 1, ref. no. 23/01030.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 19th June 2023**

**Proposed:** Councillor Vaughan Miller

**Seconded:** Councillor Ian Jee

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

1. **Actions from previous meetings**
2. The CEO reported that the Council’s responses to consultations on planning applications and licensing applications had been sent to West Berkshire Council.
3. The CEO reported that the section 215 List had been sent to enforcement in WBC for action. No responses to date.
4. Manor Park consultation- going to WBC Executive for decision at their meeting in September.
5. **Questions from members of the public**

There were no questions or petitions from members of the public.

1. **Members’ Questions and Petitions**

Question from Councillor Meg Thomas:

*Residents report problems crossing the Andover Road between The Gun pub & The new Pets Corner currently under construction (was The Old Bell Pub), crossing Monks Lane from Pets Corner to the south side of Monks Lane and also crossing Andover Rd south of the roundabouts.  Only on the Essex St section is there a zebra.  (and that needs repainting; one resident has reported a minor accident there)*

*Obviously the busiest time is at school drop off & pick up. (Mostly Park House students but also families going to Falkland & children going to St Barts). However many other people use this route to get to the shops & I would be concerned for elderly people trying to cross. Also, those with pushchairs find it difficult to sit halfway on the islands due to lack of space.*

*I am beginning to think traffic lights with dedicated pedestrian crossings as per the 'Sainsbury' round about are needed. Can we ask West Berkshire Council to investigate this?*

Chairman: *We will* *ask West Berkshire Council to investigate this.*

1. **Schedule of Planning Applications**

Resolved that the responses recorded at Appendix 1.2 to these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

Members expressed concern that there was no member from the Westfields ward at the meeting.

In relation to application No. 7, 23/01437, Mr. Lindsay was invited to send his queries to the CEO.

Application No. 13- 22/02754- Land East Of Newbury College Monks Lane Newbury- The Committee resolved “No objection to this application”. Councillor David Marsh voted against this resolution.

1. **Planning Appeals- Appeals by Lochailort Newbury Ltd against the decisions to refuse planning permission for redevelopment of The Kennet Centre, Newbury (Applications reference 21/00379 and 21/00380)**

The meeting considered the notice of appeals and the cover report from the CEO.

**Proposed:** Councillor Vaughan Miller

**Seconded:** Councillor Tony Vickers

**Resolved:** That the Council sends its concerns to the Planning Inspectorate and applies to be a Rule 6 party to these appeals and

That a Working group is set up to formulate the Council’s Case Statement in this matter. Councillors Nigel Foot, Gary Norman, Andy Moore, Roger Hunneman and David Harman were appointed to the Working group which is requested to present a draft statement of Case to the next meeting.

1. **Update from The** **Western Area Planning Committee**

There were no meetings of the Western Area Planning Committee since the last meeting of this Committee. A meeting is scheduled for 23rd August.

**Proposed:** Councillor Vaughan Miller

**Seconded:** Councillor Tony Vickers

**Resolved:** That Councillor Andy Moore represents the Town Council, when required, at meetings of the Western Area Planning Committee and that Councillor David Harman is the substitute representative.

1. **Sandleford Park West (SPW) - Outline planning application** [**(23/01585/OUTMAJ)**](http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=23/01585/OUTMAJ)

**Proposed:** Councillor Vaughan Miller

**Seconded:** Councillor Tony Vickers

**Resolved:** That the Committee the Sandleford Joint Working Group to meet and advise the Council before responding to this application at the next committee meeting on Monday 14th August.

1. **Forward Work Programme for Planning & Highways Committee**

Add the following items for the Committee meeting on 14th August:

1. To consider the response from the Sandleford Joint Working Group and respond to the Sandleford West application ( Ref. No. 23/01585)
2. To consider the draft Statement of Case for the Lochailort appeals

**There being no other business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed**

**at 9.42 pm**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Chairman