

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 in the council chambers
49, High Street, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 6AL at 10am**

Present: Cllrs D Watts, J Heward, C Berry(3)

Not Present: Cllrs M Piper, M Cunningham, W Alexander, J Keen, D Murry, D Dunbar(6)

No member of the public present

Minute Number	Resolution
13468	Opportunity for Public None
13469	Apologies for absence Cllrs M Piper, M Cunningham, W Alexander, J Keen, D Murray, D Dunbar
13470	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None
13471	Minutes of Planning Committee meetings of 19th and 26th October 2024. <u>It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 19th and 26th October 2024 these were signed by the Chair .Vote all in favour.</u>
13472	Any other Plans received prior to meeting (post agenda)-notified to public. None.
13473	Delegated applications-already submitted <u>for information only.</u> The delegated applications were noted by all present.
13474	Decisions by Wealden District Council The decisions by Wealden District Council were discussed and noted by all present. It was noted that 53 Windmill Road application had been refused and a discussion over the Hindsland application (WD/2021/0594) took place.
13475	Other planning matters a. To discuss writing a letter to Wealden District Council to request that open space is included within the new Local Plan within the Polegate area in addition to any required allocation from developers. Suggested areas Honey Farm area and parcels of land originally offered by Wealden District Council to Polegate Town Council etc. (to be decided by committee - delegated) A discussion over the open space and the newly released local plan took place. Areas that had been marked as for development within the area (from the SHLAA) had been mentioned. Although the land close to the Orbit development had been submitted, the outline application had had major reservations from Highways England, who had objected. The committee was agreed that POL3 should not be included and be requested to be allocated as open space. It was commented that the main areas of green space still left in the area was privately

owned. It was also noted that many of the new developments had only small insignificant areas of open space and these were usually under the control of a management company, which residents on those developments paid for. There was no guarantee that they would be kept managed and open to their residents.

It was agreed that Polegate had an under allocation of open space.

It was agreed to object to POL7 being allocated for development as it was the only central area which could be used for parking. It was agreed to raise a request that the district council obtain the land for a wealden car park. Polegate was the only major town who didn't have a Wealden run car park. This had been raised multiple times and it was agreed this should be raised again.

It was noted that on page 37 the employment allocation was in an area where once again Highways England had stated the junctions were not suitable for the proposed site. The committee stated that although they welcomed new employment to the area, it should not be at the expensive of huge overwhelming industrial sized buildings.

Comments would be made on INF7, INF8.

On page 255 it referred to S106 payments, but these off-site payments should be at least enough to allow the town council to purchase equivalent areas of land to use as open space/recreational space.

It was resolved to delegate to the clerk to write the letter to Wealden District Council (including open space and gift of land requests as discussed) and to also prepare the responses to the local plan Questions with councillors comments sent in. VOTE All in favour

The clerk was asked to circulate maps as shown to councillors.

The meeting closed at 10.36am

Signed by _____ Chair of Planning Committee _____ Dated _____