

**Swilland and Witlesham grouped Parish Council**

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**Minutes**

**Planning Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 7:30 p.m.**

**in the School Room Witlesham Baptist Church**

**Councillors Present:** David Roots, Jerry Hindle (Chair), Chris Collings, Andy Dungey, Tim Burrows

- 1. Chair's welcome and to accept Councillors' apologies for absence.**  
Chair opened meeting – Kim Shaw absent
- 2. To receive Councillors' declarations of interest** – none.
- 3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a true record** – minutes confirmed by all and signed by chair.
- 4. To note ESC decisions received since 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024** – clerk checked website, no ESC decision updates recorded for recent applications.
- 5. Planning Applications for consideration:**

**a) DC/24/4077/OUT**

**Site Address** - Land And Garages Rear Of 22-24 And 38-40, Weyland Road, Witlesham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9ET

**Proposal** - Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - Construction of a single storey detached dwelling

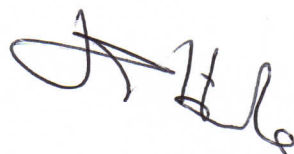
**Expiry date** 25/12/2024

Following discussion, all Cllrs agreed response for submission to ESC Portal:

**Consideration;**

Historically the garages and forecourt have provided an important Weyland Road parking facility in close proximity to two blocks of flats and originally provided by the District Council for this purpose. The property was sold off and has recently been gated and closed off for local car parking, consequently causing car parking problems, roadside congestion, parking on greenswards and access difficulties. Eight objections from the public have been added to the Planning Portal.

**Recommendation**

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To Object on the following grounds.

The change of use and development is seen contrary to Local Plan Policy as follows:

SCLP 7.2 Parking Proposals and Standards; Loss of garaging and car parking is contrary to SCLP 7.2 a) and b)

SCLP 5.7 Infill and Garden Development. The cramped nature of the development into the given curtilage, and closeness to adjacent properties is considered contrary to SCLP 5.7 b) c) and d)

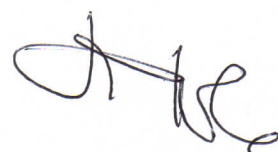
SCLP 8.1 Community Facilities and Assets. The garages and parking area was originally provided in association with the development of the nearby blocks of flats and has historically been used for local residents parking and is considered as an asset of community value. Change of use to residential use is considered contrary to SCLP 8.1 a) and b)

SCLP 11.1 Design Quality; In the context of Weyland Road, the change of use to residential is contrary to SCLP 8.1 b) c) i, ii and iv

SCLP 11.2 Residential Amenity. The change of use, cramped nature of the development and close proximity to other properties is contrary to SCLP 11.2 a) b) d) e)

6. **Stop the Quarry update** – Chair Jerry Hindle reports that TRU group to hold public exhibition at Westerfield VH for day on 21/2/2025. Discussed whether a second exhibition is needed at Witnesham VH - Cllrs agreed not at this time.
7. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council Planning Committee.
  - A, Add to PC January Agenda to accept SCC recommendation for latest plan for Playing Field.
  - B, Review of Terms of Reference for Planning Committee to include oversight of PC land matters.

Meeting closed at 8.29pm



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