

SWT Planning Committee - 13 January 2022

Present: Councillor Simon Coles (Chair)
Councillors Marcia Hill, Ian Aldridge, Mark Blaker, Roger Habgood, John Hassall, Mark Lithgow, Ray Tully, Sarah Wakefield, Brenda Weston and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Alison Blom-Cooper, Rebecca Miller, Martin Evans (Shape Legal Partnership), Karen Wray and Tracey Meadows

Also Present: Councillor Janet Lloyd

(The meeting commenced at 1.05 pm)

90. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Palmer, Morgan and Wheatley

91. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee

(Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 16 December 2021 circulated with the agenda)

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 December 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Habgood seconded by Councillor Hill

The **Motion** was carried.

92. Declarations of Interest or Lobbying

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Application No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr I Aldridge	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington. Responded to public but did not fetter interest	Personal	Spoke and Voted

Cllr M Blaker	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Coles	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Habgood	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington. Responded to public but did not fetter interest	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr J Hassall	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr Mrs Hill	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Lithgow	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Tully	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Wakefield	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr B Weston	43/20/0086	Received correspondence from Lidl and residents of Wellington.	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Whetlor	43/20/0086	Received correspondence	Personal	Spoke and Voted

		from Lidl and residents of Wellington.		
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93. **Public Participation**

Application No	Name	Position	Stance
43/20/0086	Mr D Price		Against
	Mr J Horton		Against
	Mrs J Penny	Local Resident	In favour
	Mr J Thorne	Resident/and Cllr	Against
	Ms George-Taylor	On behalf of the Applicant	In favour
	Cllr J Lloyd	Ward Member	Against

94. **43/20/0086 Erection of a Class E (a) foodstore with associated parking, landscaping and access works on land north west of the Nynehead Road/Taunton Road/Torres Vedras Drive Roundabout, Wellington**

Comments from members of the public included;
(summarised)

- Concerns that the application breached multiple Development Policies including protecting Wellington Town Centre, protecting the green wedge, making retail uses accessible on foot from the town centre to encourage linked trips, protecting the visual gateway approach to Wellington and reserving employment land outside Wellington;
- Concerns that allowing this application would set a precedent for Wellington in retail, economic and visual terms;
- Concerns that this application was listed as a convenience store, not a supermarket;
- Concerns with landscaping;
- Concerns with the lack of a Northern Relief Road and access to the site;
- Wellington could support another supermarket;
- Wellington would be viewed as a destination to explore rather than a sign passed on the main road.
- This development would bring much needed employment into Wellington and had received lots of support from residents;
- The site was in a sustainable location, with electric charging points on the site;
- New trees would be planted on the site;
- Traffic reduction with residents shopping locally;
- The development would create 40 new jobs

Comments from Members included;
(summarised)

- There was a need in Wellington for a low-cost outlet and this application would not take trade away from the independent stores in Wellington Town Centre;
- No concerns from Highways;
- Concerns with Public safety with regards to the crossing and speed limit on the road;
- Concerns that the site was not designated for retail use;
- Traffic concerns:
- Concerns with the impact on Nynehead Court;
- Concerns with the hedge removal and trees used for screening;

Councillor Hill proposed and Councillor Lithgow seconded a motion for Full planning permission to be **APPROVED** as per Officer Recommendation with amended conditions as per the update sheet and subject to a S106 agreement. The motion was carried

95. **Latest appeals and decisions received** - Noted

(The Meeting ended at 3.15 pm)