

Yeovil Town Council



Town House
19 Union Street
Yeovil
Somerset
BA20 1PQ

Planning Committee

Monday 17th January 2022

7.00pm

Venue: Westlands Entertainment Venue
Westbourne Close
Yeovil, BA20 2DD

It is important to note that the Town Council is a statutory consultee and will not take the final decision on this planning application. South Somerset District Council will determine the application and issue the final decision.

This venue has been chosen because of its large capacity, but as with any venue, numbers that can be accommodated have to be limited for safety reasons. Therefore, if the capacity has been met no further admissions will be allowed. Bookings cannot be made in advance.

Amanda Card, Town Clerk

11th January 2022

Planning Committee

This information is also available on our website: www.yeovil.gov.uk

Members of Yeovil Town Council's Planning Committee are summoned to attend:

Jade Dash

Sarah Lowery

Karl Gill

Graham Oakes (*Vice Chairman*)

David Gubbins

Evie Potts-Jones (*Ex-officio*)

Emma-Jayne Hopkins

Wes Read

Gordon Hunting (*Chairman*)

Ashley Richards

Kaysar Hussain

Roy Spinner

Andrew Kendall (*Ex-officio*)

Rob Stickland

Jane Lowery

Members of the public attending the meeting are allowed up to 3 minutes to talk. If you intend to do so, please complete a yellow slip available on the door and hand it to either the Chairman or the Clerk to the meeting before the meeting starts.

When there are a number of people wishing to speak, you are requested to avoid repeating the points made by previous speakers. If the same points are continually raised, the Chairman reserves the right to intervene.

If there are a significant number of objectors/supporters, it is recommended that a selected number of people are elected to raise the relevant issues on behalf of all those objecting/supporting in order to make the points clearly and concisely, and to avoid repetition.

Recording of Council Meetings

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Members of the public exercising their right to speak who do not wish to be recorded or filmed, need to inform the Chairman who will instruct those taking a recording or filming to cease doing so while they speak.

Equality Act 2010

The general public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age	Race
Disability	Religion or Belief
Gender Reassignment	Sex
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Sexual Orientation
Pregnancy and Maternity	

Human Rights Act Statement

The Human Rights Act 1998 makes it unlawful, subject to certain expectations, for a public authority to act in a way which is incompatible with a Convention Right. However, when a planning decision is to be made there is further provision that a public authority must take into account the public interest. Existing planning law has for many years demanded a balancing exercise between private rights and public interest and this council's recommendations on planning applications take into account this balance. If there are exceptional circumstances which demand more careful and sensitive consideration of Human Rights issues then these will be taken into consideration by South Somerset District Council as the Planning Authority when they determine the applications.

AGENDA

Please note that the Town Council is a Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications and as such does not make the final decision on any Application. The decisions and comments this Committee makes will be fed into the planning process. South Somerset District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the final decision notice (Planning Determination) once their investigations into the application have been completed.

10/222 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given.
LGA 1972 s85(1)

10/223 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

Members of the Committee, who are also Members of South Somerset District Council, are reminded of the need to declare their membership of that Council and indicate that they may speak and/or vote on applications which may be later referred to that Council for determination, and that they could reconsider any such applications at district level taking into account all relevant evidence and representation made at that tier.

10/224 MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th October 2021.

10/225 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION 21/02466/COU AT ACACIA LODGE, 166 HENDFORD HILL, YEOVIL

To consider planning application 21/02466/COU at Acacia Lodge, 166 Hendford Hill, Yeovil for the proposed change of use from care home to accommodation for people experiencing homelessness (sui generis).

The application was previously considered at the Planning Committee on 20th September 2021 when it was agreed to defer it because of the lack of information. Subsequently, further information has been submitted by the applicant:

- Amended site plan and elevations
- Engagement grid
- CCTV Plan
- Operational Manual – Management Plan
- BCHA Annual Impact Report 2020-2021
- Further supporting comments

The documents are available on the SSDC website (www.southsomerset.gov.uk), but the amended site plan 21740_SD.01.D is appended for ease of reference.