

**ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2020**  
**HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**Present:**

Cllr S Muirhead (Chair), Cllr M Cheney (Vice Chair)  
Cllr H Bland, Cllr A Deuchar, Cllr A Edmonds, Cllr B Hill, Cllr N Josephy, Cllr P Lawler,  
Cllr J Rayner, Cllr L Smitten, Cllr C Williams

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 3 members of the public

**1. Introductions by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Council's very first virtual meeting and explained the procedures that would be followed.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr W Brown, Cllr L Harris and Cllr S Henderson

Not in attendance: Cllr J Moore

**3. Declarations of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda and granting of any dispensations required**

Cllr Edmonds – in relation to Site B. No dispensation required.

**4. Consider and sign the Minutes of the 4 March 2020 meeting**

The minutes from the planning committee meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2020 were approved. They will be signed at a later point.

**5. Consider and sign all planning decisions recorded between 5 March and 30 June 2020**

The planning decisions recorded between 5 March and 30 June 2020 were approved. They will be signed at a later point.

**6. Discuss the Parish Councils draft response to 20/03638/OUT**

The Council discussed the proposed response.

**7. Comments from the public for councillors to consider**

Comments from the public were received and noted.

**8. Consider final response to application 20/03638/OUT**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to add objections reasons that the site is in the area of AONB and outside the settlement boundary, as well as comment that it sets a precedent for other SHLAA sites.

It was **RESOLVED** nine in favour and one against, with one abstention, to add a comment that should the application be approved, Site B would be accepted subject to conditions.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The site is within the AONB
- The site is outside the settlement boundary
- No clear housing need is established.
- The argument about a lack of alternative sites is out of date and wrong.
- Development would have significant negative impacts on the AONB.
- The vehicular access arrangements are potentially dangerous.
- There is no sensible pedestrian access to the village centre.
- Water and sewage disposal systems will almost certainly prove even more inadequate.
- The suggested volume of development and indicative layouts show a poor use of valuable green field land.
- It could set a precedent for other SHLAA sites. The formal sites assessment for the Neighbourhood Plan (undertaken by a landscape architect from AECOM) concluded that this and others similar sites were unsuitable for development.

A full copy of the objection reason is attached to these Minutes as [Appendix A](#).

**Planning decisions made by Wiltshire Council since 1 July 2020** (for information)

20/03958/FUL Construction of vehicle access and parking for existing facilities on Palmer's Field and Sport Field, with access to possible future sports pavilion/changing room (variation to approval 17/02749/FUL)

Permission granted subject to conditions on landscaping, no first use until the barriers have been installed, future access management, and restrictions on works to the rough grassland between Palmer's & the sports field.

**Planning Inspectorate decision**

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the appeal against the refusal of the raised platform at 22 Oxford Street (19/10765/FUL).

Signature of the Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_