



St Andrews Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting
Held on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 19:30
At Redhouse Community Centre, Swindon

Councillors Present: Kola Beyioku, Sue MacDonald, Paul Morris and Vince Williams (Chairman)

Officer Present: Mrs Rose – Administrative Officer

Public Present: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from D Young

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2025 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

- (i) Members **RESOLVED** to note that Swindon Borough Council are carrying out Swindon Local Plan 2023-2043 Regulation 18 Public Consultation and the consultation runs for six weeks between 3:00pm Monday 1st September 2025 and 11:59pm on Monday 13th October 2025.
- (ii) Member **RESOLVED** to note the new Local Plan to 2043 can be viewed on the Council's website at: <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/newlocalplan>.
- (iii) Members **RESOLVED** to note that engagement sessions are being run for parish councillors and residents on
 - a. **Monday, 29th September 2025** at Central Community Centre, Emlyn Square, SN1 5BP
 - b. **Thursday, 2nd October 2025** at Moredon Sporting Hub, Cheney Manor, SN2 2QJ
 - c. **Monday, 6th October 2025** at Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, SN4 9LW
- (iv) It was **RESOLVED** that the committee would postpone submitting comments until after attending the councillor engagement sessions, and that the next planning committee meeting be scheduled for 8th October to ensure comments can be submitted by the 13th of October deadline.

5. BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN – SEARCH FOR SITES

Councillors have asked for more clarification on what biodiversity means and what measures are being taken. We already take steps in Redhouse, Groundwell and St Andrews Ridge to support wildlife, such as leaving borders to go wild to encourage pollinators and natural habitats, and we wish to promote this work more widely. In

addition, the Committee would like to propose the Old Waste Disposal Site at Chapel Farm for consideration as a biodiversity net gain unit.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider and comment on the planning applications listed below:

- (v) S/25/1113
1 Hayward Close, Abbey Meads, Swindon, SN25 4XA
Change of use from Dwellinghouse (Class C3) to Residential Institution (Class C2).
Comments: No objections

7. PLANNING DECISIONS

It was **RESOLVED** to note any decisions made by Swindon Borough Council for the Parish of St Andrews

Meeting ended: 20:07

Chairman _____