



St Andrews Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting
Held on Wednesday 21st January 2025 at 7pm
At Redhouse Community Centre, Swindon

Councillors Present: Sue MacDonald, Paul Morris, Vince Williams (Chairman) and Debbie Young
Councillors Not Present: Kola Beyioku
Officer Present: Mrs Rose – Administrator Officer and Emma Sylvester – Chief Executive Officer
Public Present: 26

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Beyioku and **RESOLVED** to accept reason for absence.

21. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2025 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23. It was **RESOLVED** to bring items 4. (i) and (ii) forward.

24. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered four planning applications.

RESOLVED to send the following comments to Swindon Borough Council:

(i) **S/25/1652**

94 Thornhill Drive, St Andrews Ridge, Swindon, SN25 4GQ

Change of use from Use Class C3a (dwllinghouse) to Use Class C2 (Children's Care Home)

Public speaking: A resident, representing a number of residents, objected to the planning application on the grounds of potential loss of amenities, problems associated with commercial waste management, increased vulnerability of pedestrians due to traffic levels, parking impacts, and noise arising from operations.

Objection

St Andrews Planning Committee object to the application and support residents' objections from neighbouring properties as recorded on the Planning Portal and voiced in person at our Planning Committee meeting (21 Jan 26).

Concerns include:

- **The increased traffic congestion that will occur at the T-junction opposite, insufficient parking provision at the property, particularly**

with the likelihood of up to five staff vehicles present during shift changes and an already congested "on road" parking situation.

- Planning permission for the existing garage conversion shown on the ground floor plan does not appear to have been requested or granted (no related application can be found on SBC planning portal). Therefore, no planning or building regulations assessment has been made, or conditions put in place for the changes already made.
- The property was originally constructed as a domestic family dwelling, not a care facility, neighbouring residents strongly object to any change of use.
- The storage and visual impact of commercial waste at the property.

For the reasons stated above, we request that the application be called in to Planning Committee for consideration.

(ii) **S/26/0013**

Unit D, Millgrove House 59 Millgrove Street, Redhouse, Swindon

Proposed change of use from Fish & Chips takeaway (Sui Generis) to a Tuition Centre and after school recreation (Use Class F.1)

No objections

(iii) **S/25/1182**

Abbey Stadium, Lady Lane, Swindon, SN25 4DN

Change of use of Sui Generis Stadium Building to Commercial (Class E) and Community Use (Class F2), the erection of a new Community Storage Building (Class B8) and a new Commercial Building (Class E), Including outdoor sports facilities, public open space and associated infrastructure

St Andrews Planning Committee continue to support the residents' comments on the revised proposal. We also welcome the proposal by the developer for negotiations with SAPC regarding management and use of the proposed community spaces for the benefit of St Andrews Parish residents.

25. POST AGENDA PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following post agenda application.

RESOLVED to send the following comments to Swindon Borough Council:

(iv) **S/25/1177**

Abbey Stadium, Lady Lane, Swindon SN25 4DN

Demolition of the existing stadium and the erection of 130 no. Residential Dwellings, including public open space and associated works.

St Andrews Planning Committee still support resident's comments & still want the application to be called in to Planning Committee for consideration.

Meeting ended: 19:40

Chairman _____ Date _____