

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**13/04/2016 at 6.00 pm**



**Present:** Councillor S Bashforth (Chair)  
Councillors Ames, Azad, Blyth, Briggs, Fielding, Garry, Iqbal,  
McCann, Mushtaq, Price, Shuttleworth and Wrigglesworth

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Fabiola Fuschi	Constitutional Services Officer
Stephen Irvine	Head of Planning and Infrastructure
Martyn Leigh	Interim Development Manager
	Team Leader
Wendy Moorhouse	Principal Officer Transport Projects

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Larkin and Councillor Hudson.

In Councillor Larkin's absence, Councillor Blyth acted as Vice-Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5           **PROPOSED NEW SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL**

The Group Solicitor reminded Members of the Committee that the planning applications before this meeting needed to be considered afresh. Members were advised to disregard any previous decisions made and that applications were to be determined on planning merits only.

The Group Solicitor proceeded to inform Members about a letter the Council had received that afternoon from Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, acting on behalf of Diggle Action Group, which urged the Committee to refuse approval to the four planning applications on the agenda, on the basis of what were alleged to be legal flaws in the Planning Officer's report.

The Group Solicitor then provided Members with advice dealing with the alleged legal flaws highlighted in the letter that had been obtained from David Manley QC, who had been advising the Council on the handling of the planning applications.



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C. APPLICATION NUMBER: PA/337301/15

APPLICANT: Interserve Construction Ltd on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education

PROPOSAL: a full planning application to build a new secondary school and associated facilities.

LOCATION: Former WH Shaw Pallet Works, Huddersfield Road, Diggle, OL3 5NX

It was MOVED by Councillor Bashforth and SECONDED by Councillor Blyth that the application be APPROVED.

On being put to the vote 12 VOTES were cast IN FAVOUR OF APPROVAL and 1 VOTE was cast AGAINST with 0 ABSTENTIONS.

DECISION: that the application be GRANTED subject to the conditions as set out in the report and the amended conditions included in the Late List attached at Item 6.

**NOTES:**

1. That the Objector and the Applicant's Agent attended the meeting and addressed the Committee on this application.
2. In reaching its decision, The Committee took into consideration the information as set out in the Late List attached at Item 6.

A. APPLICATION NUMBER PA/337931/15

APPLICANT: WRT Developments Ltd

PROPOSAL: A full planning application to demolish the existing buildings on the WH Shaw site within the red line boundary. It does not include the grade II listed office building and clock tower or link bridge.

LOCATION: Former WH Shaw Pallet Works, Huddersfield Road, Diggle, OL3 5NX

It was MOVED by Councillor Bashforth and SECONDED by Councillor Blyth that the application be APPROVED.

DECISION: that the application be GRANTED subject to the conditions as set out in the report and the amended conditions included in the Late List attached at Item 6.

**NOTES:**

1. That the Objector and the Applicant's Agent attended the meeting and addressed the Committee on this application.
2. In reaching its decision, the Committee took into consideration the information as set out in the Late List attached at Item 6.
3. The Chair reported that the Members of the Committee had attended a site visit on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**B. APPLICATION NUMBER: PA/337929/15**

**APPLICANT:** WRT Developments Ltd

**PROPOSAL:** a listed building consent application to demolish the link bridge attached to the Grade II listed office building and clock tower.

**LOCATION:** Former WH Shaw Pallet Works, Huddersfield Road, Diggle, OL3 5NX

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Mushtaq and **SECONDED** by Councillor Fielding that the application be **APPROVED**.

**DECISION:** that the application be **GRANTED** subject to the conditions as set out in the report and the amended conditions included in the Late List attached at Item 6.

**NOTES:**

1. That the Objector and the Applicant's Agent attended the meeting and addressed the Committee on this application.
2. In reaching its decision, the Committee took into consideration the information as set out in the Late List attached at Item 6.

**D. APPLICATION PA/337930/15**

**APPLICANT:** Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council

**PROPOSAL:** a full planning application to provide a parental drop off facility plus residential car parking as part of the wider highways scheme on land off Huddersfield Road.

**LOCATION:** Former WH Shaw Pallet Works, Huddersfield Road, Diggle, OL3 5NX

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Bashforth and **SECONDED** by Councillor Blyth that the application be **APPROVED**.

On being put to the vote, 12 **VOTES** were cast in favour of **APPROVAL** and 1 **VOTE** was cast **AGAINST** with 0 **ABSTENTIONS**.

DECISION: that the application be GRANTED subject to the conditions as set out in the report and the amended conditions included in the Late List attached at Item 6.



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**NOTES:**

1. That the Objector and the Applicant attended the meeting and addressed the Committee on this application.
2. In reaching its decision, the Committee took into consideration the information as set out in the Late List attached at Item 6.

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**LATE LIST**

**RESOLVED** that the information relating to the submitted planning applications, as at 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, as contained in the Late List, be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.54 pm