



## BROMYARD & WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023  
at 7pm in the Council Chamber,  
Council Offices, Bromyard

**Minutes**  
**P23/26 – P23/31**

Members Present: Cllrs G Churchill (Chairman), R, Page, F Clark, M Stevens, L Law,  
and L Holman.

In attendance: Karen Mitchell (Town Clerk), Jennifer Eva (Committee Officer), Ward  
Cllr. C Davies and 8 members of the public.

**P23/26 Apologies**

*Local Government Act 1972 S85 (1)*

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P Andrews.

**P23/27 Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensation**

*Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No. 1159*

None.

**P23/28 Minutes**

*Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)*

The Minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the  
Chairman.

**P23/29 Planning Applications**

To comment on planning applications to be determined by Herefordshire  
Council: -

1. P163932/O Land at Hardwick Bank, Bromyard, Herefordshire.

Outline planning application for a sustainable urban extension comprising  
up-to 250 dwellings; open space, allotments, and landscaping; school  
expansion land; areas of children's play; sustainable urban drainage  
infrastructure; internal roads; and associated infrastructure. Detailed  
approval is sought for principal means of access and layout with all other  
matters reserved.

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders 3(e) the Chairman  
permitted 15-minutes for public participation. Those in attendance wishing to  
speak were asked to state their names and addresses to the committee  
before expressing their views on the application.

In total, six residents spoke in opposition to different aspects of this outline  
application. Concerns were raised regarding the following issues.

- Lack of basic/essential infrastructure i.e. capacity in GP, dentist and school provision.
- Current lack of employment land for the existing work force in town.
- Sewerage / fresh water provision - ability of the existing system to cope with increased demand.

- Pedestrian access – proposed route onto the A44 poses a risk to pedestrians. A more suitable route via Broxash Close would be preferable.
- Width of highway, Upper Hardwick Lane, is too narrow to cope with increased usage resulting from the development.
- Residents living adjacent to the site would be negatively impacted by the development, loss of green space, reduced proximity to the countryside, loss of views and increased disturbance.
- Roadway through the development indicates the potential future expansion of the site with more properties being built.
- Environmental impact – loss of important habitat for a variety of floral and fauna species, some of which are protected by law.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their contribution and then opened the discussion to Councillors.

Cllr. Page outlined several reasons as to why the committee should not support this application based on the plans for safe access, including footpaths, verges, and cycleways.

**It was RESOLVED** that the Town Council opposes this application and strongly recommends that planning permission is refused on the basis that safe access including footpaths, verges and cycleways is not proven in this application.

2. P231373 - The Green, Green Lane, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4RZ.  
Proposed ground mounted solar array panels to serve The Green.

**It was RESOLVED** that the committee supports this application.

**P23/30 Planning Decisions**

Members noted the following planning decision recently determined by Herefordshire Council.

1. P230665/FH - 1 Firs Lane, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4EQ.  
Proposed ground floor, flat roof extension to rear of the property. Type: Full Householder HC Decision: Approved with conditions. TC: Supported.

**P23/31 Correspondence**

None

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40pm.

Signed ..... Date .....