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# **Planning**

Committee

Wed 12 Feb 2014 7.00 pm

Council Chamber Town Hall Redditch



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## **PLANNING**

## **COMMITTEE**

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**Agenda** 

Membership:

Cllrs: Andrew Fry (Chair)

Roger Hill Wanda King Alan Mason (Vice-Brenda Quinney Chair) Joe Baker Yvonne Smith

Roger Bennett Michael Chalk

**5**. **Update Reports** 

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To note Update Reports (if any) for the Planning Applications to be considered at the meeting (circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting).

# Redditch Borough Council Planning Committee

Committee Updates 12th February 2014

### 2013/291/COU Unit 27, Kingfisher Walk

No Updates

#### 2013/316/COU Tookeys Farm House, Tookeys Drive

The applicant has provided data from the County biological records data centre regarding the site, demonstrating that there were no records of any significant species or habitats on or in close proximity to the site. The Wildlife Trust has therefore confirmed that there is no requirement for any mitigation works in this case. There is therefore no need for any further conditions to be recommended on this occasion.

The county archaeologist has confirmed that whilst there are archaeological interests near the site, there appear not to have been any of significance on the site and therefore there is no need to seek any remedial action in this case.

It has also been recommended by the legal adviser that the condition restricting the use of the site be amended to prevent any commercial use and therefore condition 2 on page 13 of the main agenda should be amended as follows:

2. The use of the private golf practice facility hereby permitted shall be limited to occupiers and guests thereof of Tookeys Farm House, and the occupiers shall always be in residence when the facility is in use. The facility shall not be used by more than 6 adults and 4 children under 16 at any time and shall not be used for any commercial purposes or financial gain at any time.

Reason: In the interests of surrounding residential amenity and to prevent the over-intensification of the use of the site in accordance with Policies B(RA)1 and B(BE)13 of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3.

No Updates

#### 2014/006/COU 1 Matchborough Centre, Matchborough Way

No Updates