

UPDATE REPORTS

Planning Committee

Wed 12 Feb
2014
7.00 pm

Council Chamber
Town Hall
Redditch



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Agenda

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

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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**

ADDITIONAL UPDATE

2013/316/COU Tookeys Farm House, Tookeys Drive

An objector has requested that they be able to identify that the following points were also raised as part of the representations received. Officers note that all of these matters that are material planning considerations are considered in the assessment section of the report or in the update report, some as a result of them being raised by members of the public.

- setting of Grade Two * listed building
- topography changes
- Influence on a meadow area listed on a national register
- absence of Very Special Circumstances
- harm to bio diversity - not the same as wild life
- noise from machinery during development - this perhaps is an indicator of the scale of earthworks carried out
- damage to the ecosystem.
- protection of the ridge
- changes to Local Plan 3

