

UPDATE REPORT 2

Planning Committee

Wed 10 Sep
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)	Andrew Brazier
	Alan Mason (Vice-Chair)	Wanda King
	Joe Baker	Yvonne Smith
	Roger Bennett	David Thain
	Michael Braley	

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Redditch Borough Council
Planning Committee

Committee Updates
10th September 2014

2014/036/FUL B And Q Diy Supercentre, Jinnah Road

Following receipt of the representations noted on the previous update paper, the following is the conclusion of officers on the additional matters raised:

The financial viability of a foodstore scheme at the Kingfisher Centre, within the Town Centre, is considered to be marginal and likely to be dictated largely by the scale and impact of changes to town centre car parking as a result of any proposals. However, it hasn't been ruled out as a potential option

The deliverability in a reasonable timeframe of the proposal remains unclear as there is no operator on board – it is noted that there are contractual reasons why the applicant cannot enter into discussions regarding other sites whilst this application is pending

Members are reminded that the application is recommended for refusal and officers consider that the additional information aids the officer recommendation as it appears to remove some of the doubt over whether it would be possible to use a sequentially preferable Town Centre site for the proposed retail use, in compliance with both local and national planning policy.

As at the time of publishing, the tally of representations received was as follows:

51 objections
133 supporters
4 comments not expressing a preference.

Other than the matters above, no new issues have been raised.

2014/096/OUT The Jolly Farmer, Woodrow Drive

No Updates

2014/190/OUT 25 Broad Ground Road, Redditch

WRS have requested a condition regarding the impact of noise from the proposed development on any nearby residential properties. However, it is considered that given the nearest residential properties are more than 300m away from the perimeter of the site, it is not necessary to impose such conditions as the impacts would be insignificant.

