

UPDATE REPORTS

# Planning Committee

Wed 14 Jan  
2015  
7.00 pm

Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
Redditch



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# PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:	Andrew Fry (Chair)	Wanda King
	Alan Mason (Vice-Chair)	Yvonne Smith
	Joe Baker	David Thain
	Roger Bennett	Nina Wood-Ford
	Andrew Brazier	

### 4. 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  
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Committee Updates  
14th January 2015

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

The applicants have made a further offer of reduced opening hours and now propose that the condition does not allow for any 24/7 opening at all, but still require 7am-11pm opening Monday-Saturday.

The view of officers is still that the opening hours should be restricted to 8am-10pm Monday - Saturday as per the main report, and therefore the recommendation remains.

The final drafting of the conditions will be dealt with by officers under the original resolution.

**2014/272/FUL Former Ambulance Station , Cedar Park Road**

No Updates

**2014/275/FUL Mettis Sports And Social Club, Cherry Tree Walk**

No Updates

**2014/284/FUL Units 16, 17, 18, Kingfisher Walk**

No Updates

**2014/311/FUL Headless Cross Methodist Church, Evesham Road**

Four additional letters of objection have been received raising the following matters:

- o Methodist Church and Spire is a Headless Cross landmark and a unique historic building that should be retained and preserved or re-sited or converted to either a community or residential use.
- o Concerns relating to great disruption with regards to traffic, parking problems and air pollution.

Officer comment:

The main report highlights that the revised scheme retaining the Church Tower and Spire is an acceptable compromise which mitigates against the loss of the heritage asset as a whole. The proposal to re-site the church is unrealistic. Proposals to convert the church to either residential or community use are not included in this application and therefore cannot be considered here. The traffic impacts are covered in the main report and need no further investigation here. No concerns have been raised from Worcester Regulatory Services relating to air quality.

**2014/323/FUL Hewell Road Swimming Pool Site, Hewell Road**

No Updates

