



# STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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To: All Town Councillors

Dear Member,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Planning & Environment Committee** which will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019** at Council Offices, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton at 7.15pm to transact the business set out in the Agenda below.

*EML Lindsay*

Emma Lindsay - Town Clerk

14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

No.	Agenda	Time (est.)
1	To receive comments and questions from members of the public	15 mins
2	To receive and if agreed approve apologies for absence	1 min
3	To receive declarations of interests and approve written applications for dispensations	1 min
4	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019*	2 mins
5	To decide what comment to make on each planning application listed below	5 mins
6	To receive a report from the Town Clerk on the outcomes of planning applications*	5 mins
7	To receive notice of any planning appeals and to approve any further response	2 mins
8	To receive a presentation regarding the results of the Station Road traffic survey and agree further actions	30mins
9	To consider a proposal to address speeding in Sturminster Newton and agree further actions*	20 mins
10	To receive an update from the Rights of Way Group	5 mins
11	To decide what comment to make on any tree matters	2 mins
12	To receive correspondence and discuss any issues raised	2 mins
13	To receive information from members and discuss proposals for future business	5 mins

\* Indicates that this agenda item is the subject of a briefing note or written report attached to this agenda.

## Planning Applications received to be considered on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

<b>1</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	2019/11/01	2/2019/1482/HOUSE		
	<i>Case Officer</i>			
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	Mr and Mrs I Clarke	Red Lion House	Newton Hill	Newton
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
	Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT102DQ	08/11/19

**Erect oak framed garden building.**

**STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
Held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** in the Council Chamber at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillor S Bevis	Councillor M Roake
Councillor A Donaldson	Councillor J Rose
Councillor C Fraser – Chairman	Councillor R Taylor – Vice Chairman
Councillor J Janes	

Absent: Cllrs Lacey, Jones, Reed and Chater.

In attendance: Alan Harrison (Co-opted Footpaths Officer), Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk), Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

Members of the public: 1

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>																					
PE/92/19	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> No members of the public were present.																						
PE/93/19	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from: Cllrs Lacey, Jones, Reed.																						
PE/94/19	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> No interests were declared and consequently no written requests for dispensation had been received.																						
PE/95/19	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <b>The minutes of the Planning &amp; Environment Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, having been circulated and publicised prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record.</b>	Cllr Donaldson Cllr Taylor																					
PE/96/19	<b>CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>																						
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PE/97/19	<b>PLANNING OUTCOMES</b> The Council noted the outcomes of planning applications listed in the report circulated with the meeting papers.																						
PE/98/19	<b>PLANNING APPEALS</b> There were no planning appeals to consider.																						

- PE/99/19 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE  
**The Council RESOLVED the following members be appointed to the Development Sub-Committee:**  
**Cllrs Fraser, Taylor, Lacey, M Roake and J Janes.** Cllr Taylor  
 Cllr J Rose
- PE/100/19 RIGHTS OF WAY  
 A Harrison reported how well the Grounds staff, Country Rangers and the Rights of Way volunteers work together and is pleased that so many paths are kept well under control and well maintained.
- A Harrison also advised that the stock of leaflets for the Sturminster Newton Walkabouts were running low and they may need some funding support for a reprint. The Town Clerk advised the Group could apply for the next round of the Council grants.
- Cllr Roake raised the issue of improving the footpath between Butts Pond and the Jubilee Path and asked if it could be raised on a subsequent Planning & Environment Committee Agenda. The Town Clerk suggested that Cllr Roake meet with her and Grounds Manager Adam Dodson to discuss the matter.
- PE/101/19 TREE MATTERS  
 Cllr Donaldson verbally updated the Committee retrospectively regarding several tree works approved by the Tree Officer since the last Planning & Environment Committee in August.
- He also advised he had received a complaint about overgrown buddleias affecting a neighbour in Brinsley Close. As these belong to Farnfield Solicitors he passed the complaint onto them.
- Cllr Donaldson had also received complaints about spoil being left in Snooks Yard – he had suggested these comments should be passed to the Development Enforcement team.
- Cllr Roake requested that the hedge opposite The Bull be cut back as it was very difficult to pass and keep on the pavement. The Town Clerk advised the office will look into this and report if not already done.
- PE/102/19 CORRESPONDENCE.  
 No correspondence had been received requiring members attention.
- PE/103/19 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS  
*Cllr Donaldson* – Had received a variety of complaints in the last 2 weeks, in particular problems caused while the works to lowering the pavement at Goughs Close were being done.  
 Cllr Donaldson attended the Wyatt Homes consultation and commented that some residents had shared their concerns about the development.  
*Cllr Rose* – advised a brief update on the William Williams 400th anniversary project.  
*Cllr Roake* – asked if it was known when the repairs to the bridge were being implemented. The Town Clerk advised that work would commence following the completion of repairs to Durweston Bridge.  
*Cllr Taylor* – advised about the problems with rubbish collection at Gotts Close and also advised that the annual poppy appeal would commence shortly.  
 Cllr Fraser – expressed congratulations to the Cheese Festival for a



fantastic event over the previous weekend.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Approved on ..... Chair's signature .....

# Planning Application Decisions

Planning Applications Decisions between last P & E 19<sup>th</sup> September until 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

<b>1</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2018/11/05	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2018/1388/HOUSE	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mrs Carpenter	<i>House Name</i> 2nd Floor Flat	<i>Road</i> 36 Market Place	<i>Locality</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT101AR	<i>Application date</i> 15/11/18
	<i>Comment</i>	07/12/18		

**Objections - The Town Council objects on the grounds of inappropriate materials proposed for window frames for a building in a Conservation Area.**

*Decision* 20/09/19

**Withdrawn.**

<b>2</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2018/11/06	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2018/1389/LBC	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mrs Carpenter	<i>House Name</i> Second Floor Flat	<i>Road</i> 36 Market Place	<i>Locality</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT101AR	<i>Application date</i> 15/11/18

**Remove and replace some windows to South and West elevations and carry out associated internal/external alterations.**

*Comment* 07/12/18

**Objections - The Town Council objects on the grounds of inappropriate materials proposed for window frames for a building in a Conservation Area.**

*Decision* 20/09/19

**Withdrawn**

<b>3</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2019/05/09	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/0601/LBC	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i> Stour Grange	<i>Road</i> Church Street	<i>Locality</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT101DB	<i>Application date</i> 16/05/19

**Carry out remediation work to stabilise the south western corner of the dwelling, also remedial/repair work internally and externally as detailed on plans.**

*Comment* 14/06/19

**No Objections.**

*Decision* 22/10/19

**Grant of Listed Building Consent**

<b>4</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2019/05/10	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/0364/HOUSE	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mr Hatherly	<i>House Name</i> 97 Glue Hill	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT102DJ	<i>Application date</i> 30/05/19

**Erect front porch, install 2 no. rooflights and staircase to form additional accommodation within loft void (demolishing existing porch).**

*Comment* 21/06/19

**No Objections. However the Council suggests the works should be subject to a traffic management plan being put in place for the duration of the works.**

*Decision* 27/09/19

**Grant Planning Permission**

<b>5</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2019/05/11	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/0365/LBC	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mr Hatherly	<i>House Name</i> 97 Glue Hill	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT102DJ	<i>Application date</i> 30/05/19

**Demolish existing porch. Erect front porch; remove and replace roof; install french windows (re-open original rear door opening); install timber framed window in gable wall (re-open original); install 2 no. rooflights and staircase and carry out associated internal and external alterations.**

*Comment* 21/06/19

**No Objections. However the Councils suggests the works should be subject to a traffic management plan being put in place for the duration of the works.**

*Decision* 27/09/19

**Grant of Listed Building Consent**

<b>6</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2019/07/03	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/0916/HOUSE	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mr I Clarke	<i>House Name</i> Red Lion House	<i>Road</i> Newton Hill	<i>Locality</i> Newton
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT102DQ	<i>Application date</i> 17/07/19

**Erect timber clad garden building.**

*Comment* 16/08/19

**No Objections. The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.**

*Decision* 25/09/19

**Withdrawn**

<b>7</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2019/09/01	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/1131/HOUSE	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mr and Mrs Pitfield	<i>House Name</i> Yew Tree House	<i>Road</i> Mullins Farm Access Road	<i>Locality</i> Bagber Common
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT102HB	<i>Application date</i> 04/09/19

**Erect single storey porch and shower room extension.**

*Comment* 20/09/19

**No Objections.**

*Decision* 07/10/19

**Grant of Planning Permission**

<b>8</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> 2019/09/02	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/1216/HOUSE	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> P Mountain	<i>House Name</i> Pennyfield	<i>Road</i> Penny Street	<i>Locality</i> Sturminster Newton
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i> 20/09/19

**First floor extension above the existing garage to form new art studio**

*Comment* 08/10/19

**No Objections**

*Decision* 30/10/19

**Grant of Planning Permission**

**Sturminster Newton Town Council  
Planning and Environment Committee  
Proposal to address Speeding in Sturminster Newton**

1. Introduction

Councillors are aware that concerns have been raised regarding speeding in areas of the Town including, Newton, Bath Road, Rixon Hill and Honeymead Lane. This report sets out how the Council may contribute proactively to the management of vehicles speeding within the Town.

2. Speeding

Speeding issues have been reported at various locations to the Council and to the Police "No Excuse" team. Additionally, a survey for Honeymead Lane has been commissioned to establish whether or not a 20mph zone can be introduced in the area.

There is also an active speedwatch team in the Town who are permitted to monitor the following locations.

- Bath Road
- Manston Road
- Bridge Street
- Newton Hill

The output from the speedwatch monitoring is used by the Police road safety team to identify speeding hotspots.

3. Community Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme

Dorset Council believe that SIDs are an important tool for vehicle speed management and they maintain a team dedicated to this approach. The Dorset Council team have clear evidence that SIDs reduce speeding in areas where they are used prominently. For example, the Dorset Council SID team recently evaluated the impact of a SID located in Wool and demonstrated that 85 percentile (85%ile) speeds were reduced from 36.7mph to 31.7mph<sup>1</sup>. A copy of the evaluation at Wool is **attached**.

Dorset Council is the *Highways Authority* that oversees the assessment and implementation of SIDs for the Dorset Council area. There are specific criteria that must to be met to establish that a location is suitable for a SID, this requires expertise and is a Dorset Council judgement only, decisions are not made locally. A copy of the technical information and assessment criteria for installing SIDs is **attached**.

4. Implementation

The first step is a traffic speed survey conducted by Dorset Council, this establishes the basic need for a SID and the survey must produce evidence that speed management is needed (technically the initial survey establishes the 85%ile speed at

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<sup>1</sup> Caveat: the method of assessment of speeds and speed reductions is not a simple measure, rather it is based on a nuanced statistical approach. The figure used routinely is the "85%ile" or the "85 percentile", which actually indicates the threshold speed below which 85% of all traffic travels. Simple statements of "average speed" are not adequate in this context as a more sophisticated analysis is used nationwide.

each location, if the 85%ile speed is too high then speed management is confirmed). This survey is then supplemented by a site visit from the SID team to establish suitable locations (usually 3) and overall suitability with regard to Health & Safety and also Traffic Requirements. If sites meet these stringent assessment criteria then a SID can be purchased, posts installed at the agreed locations, and use of the SID may begin. Generally, the SID is positioned on each pole location for 6 weeks then rotated to the next location etc. This method has been assessed by Dorset Council as the optimum overall procedure for SIDs.

#### 5. Financial implications

There are a number of cost elements required:

- Conduct initial traffic survey (£250)
- Conduct additional speed surveys, usually 3 but possibly up to 6 (3x£150 = £450)
- Purchase cost for a SID unit (£2495)
- Installation of siting poles (3x£500 = £1500)
- Solar power upgrade on poles (3x£175 = £525)
- Total indicative cost at present (£5220).

The survey costs, whilst unbudgeted, could be covered from within the current financial year's revenue budget. If the Council wishes to purchase a SID this will need to be budgeted properly in the next financial year

#### 6. Recommendation

To consider the content of this report and to decide:

- If the Committee wishes to recommend that the Council commissions traffic surveys in Newton, Bath Road and Rixon Hill with aim of establishing the evidence for a SID (locations subject to confirmation from Dorset Council).
- If the Committee wishes to pursue the implementation of a SID then a budget of £4520 is included for the financial year 2020/21.





## SID Evaluation Summary

**Project No.** : **TM 9999**      **Job No.** : **J092**      **Site No.** : **3299**  
**Location** : **DORCHESTER ROAD, WOOL**  
**Road No.** : **A352**      **Speed Limit** : **30**  
**Easting** : **383372**      **Northing** : **086319**

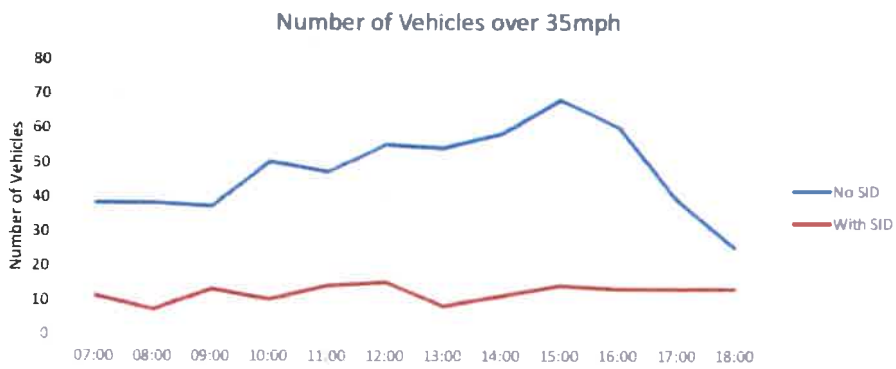
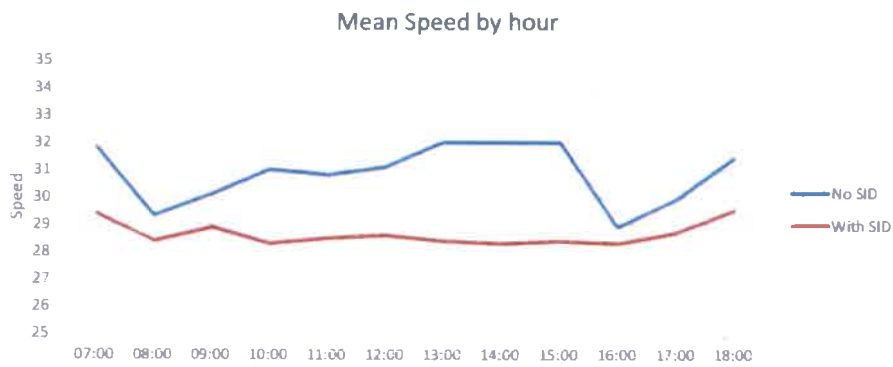
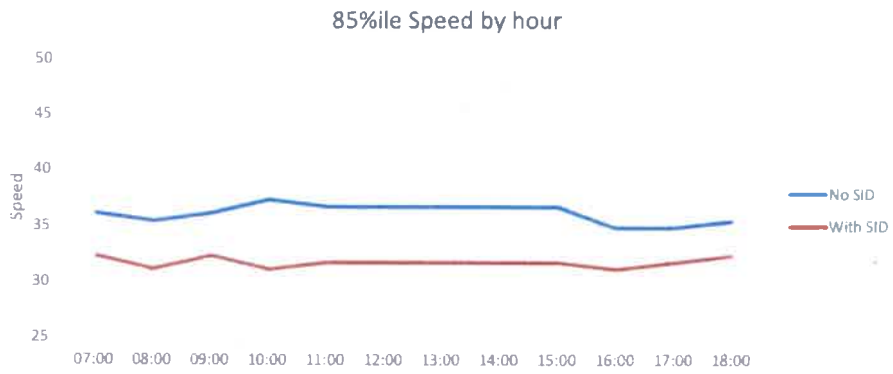
**7-Day Average Summary**

	Pre SID	With SID	Diff.
85%ile (mph)	36.7	31.7	-5.0
Mean (mph)	31	28.7	-2.3
No. > 30mph	1858	1157	-701
No. > 35mph	696	219	-477
No. > 40mph	218	65	-153

**NOTES** : **SID Facing Eastbound Traffic**

**PLAN** :





## Highways

### SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) Information sheet for local communities

***As the Highway Authority the community SID programme is operated in accordance with Health and Safety and Traffic Regulation requirements, therefore it is imperative communities refrain from any advanced decisions or expenditure until first meeting with representatives of Dorset Council, who will guide you through the process (contact details below). Under no circumstances should communities purchase a SID until authorised to do so.***

- SID is a temporary vehicle activated illuminated sign.
- In order to ensure the SID programme remains consistent, local communities can only **purchase (make /model) SIDs approved by Dorset Council.**
- The cost of a SID is £2,495 plus VAT. Solar modification available through Dorset Council (additional cost of £175 per post)
- A budget SID is available at £2,000.00 excluding VAT but has a smaller screen and limited functionality. Solar modification available (additional cost)
- An initial speed survey will be required to establish whether a SID can be authorised and this can cost up to £250 unless existing speed data is already available.
- Cost for installing a SID post is between £300 & £500 depending on location and health and safety requirements.
- SIDs should not be deployed permanently. but as directed by Dorset Council as the Highway Authority.
- Deployment periods are currently for 4-6 weeks per site, with an upper limit of 3 sites per SID.
- SIDs should only display vehicle speeds and authorised messages
- The parameters for the SID speed display should be limited to the speed limit and above. Ideal setting on a 30mph road: Display to activate at 30 MPH up to 45MPH, subject to site conditions.
- SIDs can only be deployed at locations approved and assessed by Dorset Council that meet the required **speed criteria** (see below) and risk assessment criteria.
- **Local communities deploying their own SID should do so in accordance with Dorset Council operational guidance and pursuant S72 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Adequate Public Liability Insurance is also required by the community group to cover this activity.**
- Local communities deploying their own SIDs must keep Dorset Council informed on deployment periods. This should include location, time deployed and dates.

- Volunteers will only be authorised to deploy SIDs on the Highway after the required training is completed and signed off, which will include Health and Safety guidance and Risk Assessment details.

#### **Speed Criteria**

Any site considered for a community owned SID has to meet the following criteria. The 85%ile speed (This being the speed threshold at which 85 percent of vehicles are travelling at or below) needs to be a minimum of 10%+2mph greater than the speed limit, as set out in the Association Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guidelines. This is done to take account of inaccuracies in equipment and vehicle speedometers. For example a 30mph limit would need to be 35mph or greater;  $30 \times 10\% + 2 = 35\text{mph}$ .

This information and guidance is provided to ensure Speed Indicator Devices are deployed appropriately on the Highway and in line with thorough evaluation. It also conforms to the Department of Transport guidance below.

#### ***DfT Traffic Advisory leaflet for vehicle activated signs & TRAFFIC SIGNS MANUAL - CHAPTER 1***

*1.20 Authorities should consider requiring the removal of any object or device erected privately on land adjacent to their roads which has the apparent or express intention of guiding, warning or directing road users.*

*1.23 Signs are used to control and guide traffic and to promote road safety. They should only be used where they can usefully serve these functions. Warning signs will not, for instance, promote road safety if used widely where there is no unusual degree of danger. On the other hand their omission where guidance, control or danger warrants the use of a sign is not in the best interests of road users.*