

STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 11 March 2025

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Pete West (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Jake Austin (Vice-Chair); Councillors Grace Baynham, Dominic Hardwick, Helen Hibbert, Wendy Meikle, Dan Oliver and Frankie Singleton.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 28 January 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Grace Baynham	Agenda Item 10 – ‘Progress on Area Committee Decisions’ as an employee of Stepping Hill Hospital
Dominic Hardwick	Agenda Item 10 – ‘Progress on Area Committee Decisions’ as a member of the Stepping Hill NHS Foundation Trust

Personal & Prejudicial Interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Dominic Hardwick	Plan no. DC09376 for a hybrid planning application comprising (a) Application for full planning permission for the provision of an Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP); and (b) an application for outline planning permission for the erection of: up to 60 new residential homes including 10% all affordable supported housing (Use Class C3); a residential care facility (Use Class C2), for up to 75 beds; and an extra care facility (age restricted 55+ years) (Use Class C3) for 70 all affordable units; together with landscaping and open space, with all matters reserved at Stockport Rugby Union Football Club to South of Jacksons Lane Hazel Grove as a member of Stockport Rugby Union Football Club.

Councillor Hardwick left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or the vote.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that members of the Area Committee had sent a co-signed letter to Stepping Hill NHS Trust requesting them to expedite the Travel Plan for the hospital. The Chair reported that a local MP had also engaged with Stepping Hill Hospital in an attempt to resolve the Travel Plan issue.

The Chair reported that members of the Area Committee had met with representatives of the Ukrainian community to demonstrate support for Ukraine on the anniversary of the Russian invasion.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting, and a written update had not been received for circulation in advance of the meeting.

It was reported that at the meeting of Communities and Transport Scrutiny Committee which took place on 3 March 2025, Chief Superintendent Hughes had stated that in the coming municipal year a representative of the neighbourhood policing team would be in attendance at Area Committees.

(iii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair on any matters in the powers or duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out within the Code of Practice.

One public question was submitted relating to the Stepping Hill Travel Plan.

Members reported that the hospital, in conjunction with the council's planning department, were working to maximise the amount of parking on site at the hospital.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance reported that no organisations had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Pixies Cheer

Emma Riley and Alex Shaw attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of Pixies Cheer for a grant of £571.48 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of the team competing in the All Star World Championships and Worlds competitive cheerleading competition.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Pixies Cheer for a grant of £571.48 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of the team competing in the All Star World Championships and Worlds competitive cheerleading competition.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Sea Cadets

Phillip Guest attended the meeting and submitted an application on behalf of the Stockport Sea Cadets for a grant of £235.28 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of purchasing archery equipment to start an archery club for the sea cadets and other cadet forces to be held at Stockport Sea Cadet unit.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Stockport Sea Cadets for a grant of £235.28 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of purchasing archery equipment to start an archery club for the sea cadets and other cadet forces to be held at Stockport Sea Cadet unit.

Executive Business

**5. BUS PINCH POINT SCHEME - DIALSTONE LANE, STOCKPORT - TRO
OBJECTION REPORT**

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the objections made in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce waiting/loading restrictions on Dialstone Lane, Stockport for the Bus Pinch Point Scheme.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Members thanked officers for the briefing which provided information on the benefits of this scheme.
- Members commented that the benefits would favour those passing through the Offerton ward, rather than residents of the ward, some of whom might be negatively affected by the proposed scheme. In particular, residents on the eastern side of Dialstone Lane had expressed concern about how they would be affected.
- Members would continue to campaign for the permit parking scheme on Dialstone Lane, which might require an exception to the permit parking policy.

- It was reported that residents permit parking did not form part of this scheme, but that should this scheme go ahead that would not prohibit future consideration of a residents permit scheme.

RESOLVED – That, notwithstanding the objections received, the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services be recommended to make the orders as advertised.

6. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - 'NO WAITING MONDAY – FRIDAY 8.00AM – 9.30AM & 2.00PM – 3.30PM' (SINGLE YELLOW LINE) ON THE FAIRWAY AND DOVEDALE ROAD, OFFERTON

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation exercise and seeking approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (No Waiting Mon – Fri 8.00am – 9.30am & 2.00pm – 3.30pm (Single Yellow Line)) on the Fairway and Dovedale Road, Offerton.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Members expressed concern about the traffic regulation orders applying year-round and requested further consideration be given to applying the orders in term-time only, given that parking was problematic during term-time only.
- The restrictions were likely to be onerous on residents should they be applied year-round.
- Officers were requested to provide ward members with further detail on the extent and timing of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order and enforcement.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred pending further detail being provided to the ward councillors relating to the extent and timing of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order and enforcement.

7. SCHOOL STREET, HAZEL GROVE

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a request to approve a loading restriction on part of School Street in Hazel Grove.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Members stated that this scheme had been requested as a result of concerns related to parking close to the MacDonalds restaurant, which had resulted in a blocking of the junction causing problems for drivers attempting to enter or leave the area.
- Although parking was restricted, loading was allowed for five minute periods. Delivery drivers collecting food from MacDonalds were using that space for short periods of time.
- In the light of the issues caused, members had requested that 'no loading' restrictions be added to the existing TRO on a short section of School Street in order to reduce the amount of cars waiting on that junction.
- A similar scheme adjacent to the MacDonalds at Grand Central on the A6 had alleviated the same problem.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to that the legal advertising of that extent of the Traffic Regulation Order scheme on School Street, Hazel Grove that fell within the purview of this area committee and as set out in the report and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, that the orders be made at a cost of £950, to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Hazel Grove ward allocation).

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to give approval to the legal advertising of that the element of the scheme that fell within 15 metres of a Strategic Route.

Non-Executive Business

8. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A development application was submitted. (NOTE: Full details of the decisions including conditions and reasons for granting or refusing planning permission and imposing conditions are given in the schedule of plans. Deputy Chief Executive is authorised to determine conditions and reasons and they are not therefore referred to in committee minutes unless the committee makes a specific decision on a condition or reason. In order to reduce printing costs and preserve natural resources, the schedule of plans is not reproduced within these minutes. A copy of the schedule of plans is available on the council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/planning. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/093768 - Stockport Rugby Union Football Club to South of Jacksons Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport

In respect of plan number DC093768 for hybrid planning application comprising:

a) Application for full planning permission for the provision of an Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and extensions and enhancements to the club house; and

b) Application for outline planning permission for the erection of:

- up to 60 new residential homes including 10% all affordable supported housing (Use Class C3);

- a residential care facility (Use Class C2), for up to 75 beds; and

- an extra care facility (age restricted 55+ years) (Use Class C3) for 70 all affordable units; together with landscaping and open space, with all matters reserved, at Stockport Rugby Union Football Club to South of Jacksons Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport,

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – (1) (8 for) That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit in light of the Area Committee's concerns regarding drainage of the site and potential flooding, the impact on greenbelt including potential issues around the transfer of microplastics and the impact on green chain, the potential impact on the openness and character of the area and the potential increase in traffic.

(2) (4 for, 2 against, 1 abstention) That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to refuse planning permission on the grounds of the potential harm to the landscape, character and area and that the special circumstances applying to developments on greenbelt do not outweigh the potential benefits of the proposed development.

9. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcement within the area represented by the Stepping Hill Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and detailing the current position on area flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.