

# Chilton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr R Girling Chair  
Dr J A Berry  
Dr S Druce  
Dr M Hansard  
Mr F Dumbleton  
  
Mrs M E Morris Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Urso-Cale and Mr C Broad. Mr Girling chaired the meeting as Mr Broad was absent.
2. Declarations of Interest None.
3. Open Forum None.
4. Planning application amendment (no. 2), on application P22/V2435/FUL, for development work at the following location: Land to the north of Frome Road Harwell Campus

#### Comments

#### Summary:

Chilton Parish Council (CPC) objects to the planning application but continues to support the concept of development on the Harwell campus. The reason for rejecting now is the recently-uploaded transport assessment fails to demonstrate the following:

- The impact from increased traffic volume upon the three ingress/egresses to Chilton Field and Chilton village
- Impact upon bus service access to the village and community.

#### Justification:

An initial review of PRHC-BSP-ZZ-XX-RP-D-0003\_TA\_Addendum suggests significant disruption to village traffic may result from Project Resilience either individually or collectively with other Campus planning applications and that this disruption is further exacerbated by the proposed hard mitigation measures of partial signalling on the western roundabout of the A34 Chilton Interchange. For example, Table 4.1 suggests from the modelling reported to date that even without Project Resilience (i.e. the reference case) traffic queues of 223 m are likely in peak AM periods on the approach to the eastern roundabout of the A34 Chilton Interchange from Hagbourne Hill. With Project Resilience and the proposed hard mitigation measures (ie partial traffic lights) this queue length more than doubles to 455m (see Table 7.1). When Project Resilience is assessed in concert with other Harwell Campus planning applications this queue length extends to up to 1450 m. (See Fig 59). Other examples could also be cited.

This most recent traffic assessment addendum gives cause for concern that Project Resilience with the proposed mitigation measures (ie. Partial traffic lights on the Chilton A34 western roundabout) may significantly adversely affect ingress and egress to Chilton Village, and possibly Chilton Fields. Furthermore, the other ongoing or planned future Campus Applications may further exacerbate these adverse effects.

With reference to the recently updated Archaeological Report CPC look forward to the outreach programme as mentioned in 7.1.8 as well as the comments from the Conservation Officer (South and Vale) and Historic England (South East).

5. Planning application amendment (no. 1), on applications P23/V0202/FUL, P23/V0203, P23/V0201 and P23/V0199 for development work at the following location: Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Harwell Camp

Comments

Application V0201 - The Council are concerned that unit 6 will look out on Severn Road. The Council are happy for an agent to contact them to demonstrate which areas are covered.

Application V0203 - The Council are concerned that unit 7 is overlooking residential properties as it points north and due east. The Council are happy for an agent to contact them to demonstrate which areas are covered.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.