

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**20 September 2016****6.00 pm – 6.40 pm**
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud**3****Minutes****Membership**

Councillor Tom Williams **	P	Councillor Jim Dewey	P
Councillor John Marjoram *	P	Councillor Haydn Jones	P
Councillor Dorcas Binns	P	Councillor Jenny Miles	P
Councillor Chris Brine	A	Councillor David Mossman	P
Councillor Miranda Clifton	P	Councillor Gary Powell	P
Councillor Nigel Cooper	P	Councillor Mark Reeves	P

** = Chair * = Vice Chair

P = Present A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Planning Manager	Solicitor
Senior Planning Officers	Democratic Services Officer
Principal Planning Officer	

Other Members in Attendance

Councillors Doina Cornell and Nigel Prenter.

DC.021 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Chris Brine.

DC.022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

DC.023 MINUTES – 16 AUGUST 2016**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Development Control Committee held on 16 August 2016 are accepted as a correct record.

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLANNING SCHEDULE

Representations were received and taken into account by the Committee in respect of applications:

1	S.16/1023/FUL	2	S.16/1232/OUT
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DC.024 BATH ROAD TRADING ESTATE, BATH ROAD, STROUD, GLOS (S.16/1023/FUL)

The Chair updated the Committee that officers had not received a report from Gloucestershire County Council's (GCC) Highways Department and therefore Committee would be unable to determine the application satisfactorily and properly. He proposed a motion to **DEFER** the application until a response had been received and the application is determined at a future meeting once the response is received. The motion was seconded by Councillor John Marjoram.

On being put to the vote the motion to **DEFER** the application was unanimously agreed.

The Chair apologised to members of the public and the applicant for the deferral. He wanted it noted that the committee was disappointed with the position GCC's Highways Department had put them in.

RESOLVED To DEFER application S.16/1032/FUL until a response was received from Gloucestershire County Council's Highway Department.

REASON Committee was unable to make a decision without the Highway Department's response to the application.

DC.025 18 WOODMANCOTE, DURSLEY, GLOS (S.16/1232/OUT)

The Senior Planning Officer outlined the above application and drew attention to the late pages which corrected the conditions which were incorrect due to a system error.

Councillor Doina Cornell, a Ward Member for Dursley raised two main concerns, the loss of employment land in Dursley and the lack of affordable housing.

Mr J Bohm was the spokesperson for nearby residents whose concerns included the loss of even more employment land in Dursley and the design of the 7 new terraced houses being situated too close to the main road.

In reply to members' questions the following points were clarified:-

- Planning Strategy colleagues had confirmed that there are plenty of employment sites available in Dursley, eg the Littlecombe site and currently the Council have a surplus of employment land of 14 hectares.
- Satisfactory evidence had been submitted regarding the marketing of the site. The only further marketing which could possibly have been undertaken was a for sale board on the site.
- The business has been operating from the site for over 20 years and wanted to relocate premises nearer to the A38.
- The site was close to a conservation area.

- The width of the pavement in front of the terrace of houses was approximately 2½ meters and this would not change.

A motion to **ACCEPT** the officer's recommendation was proposed by Councillor Haydn Jones and seconded by Councillor Dave Mossman.

In debating the application members noted that the site was large, in a residential area but the development was not high density because of its location.

On being put to the vote there were, 5 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED To GRANT PERMISSION for application S.16/1232/OUT, as set out in these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Chair