



## Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022** at **7.00pm**. The meeting was held at the Station Community Hub, OSM, EX11 1AH

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Johns (**Mayor**), Faithfull, Grainger, Giles, Pang, Kerry Kennell-Deputy CEO and 8 members of the public

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### TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lucas (**Deputy Mayor**), Stewart Green, Copus, Martin, Johnston, DCC Cllr Bailey and Christine McIntyre-CEO.

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### TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIPT OF REQUESTS FOR NEW DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIS) DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item and Interest
Cllr Faithfull	No interests declared.
Cllr Giles	Declared he has no close friends who own land nor does he live near any of the sites proposed.
Cllr Grainger	No interests declared
Cllr Johns	Declared she has no close friends who own land nor does she live near any of the sites proposed. During the meeting Cllr Johns declared that her husband is a trustee and Chair of the Ottery St Mary Cricket Club when the cricket was mentioned by a member of the public in relation to proposal 10. It was clarified that the cricket club are not involved in the proposals from EDDC.
Cllr Pang	No interests declared.

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### IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were none.

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**TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION *Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes***

No items were raised but the Mayor agreed that members of the public would be invited to speak before the Council discussed each site to enable them to make their views clear.

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**TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SITES IN THE EDDC EMERGING LOCAL PLAN**

It was explained that land owners have put forward sites throughout East Devon for possible inclusion in the EDDC Emerging Local Plan. These sites are being reviewed by the EDDC Strategic Planning Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to gather the views of members of the public and councillors in relation to each of the sites proposed in Ottery St Mary. Despite Ottery St Mary increasing by 25% (700 houses) over the past 10 years the Council are concerned that other East Devon towns which have stronger transport links with a railway station and better bus service have less proposed development in their areas. There has not been adequate investment in the infrastructure to support the increase in growth that has already taken place and it was noted that outlying villages such as West Hill, Tipton St John and Alington all use the Ottery facilities. There is currently a shortage of primary school and secondary school places, and the doctor's surgery is struggling to meet demand. All the sites proposed in Ottery St Mary are greenfield sites. The Council strongly disagree with the statement that "Ottery St Mary is well connected by bus", particularly since the revised bus timetable came into effect earlier this year which reduced services. The EDDC information also suggests that members of the public can get from Ottery to Exeter Airport directly which is not the case. Appendix 2 contains detailed information on each of the proposed sites and is attached to these minutes.

<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
Otry_1	Barrack Farm, OSM, EX11 1RB	Do not support this site due to concerns regarding flooding, light pollution and noise. Insufficient infrastructure is in place and there are factual errors regarding connectivity.
<b>Council Comments:</b> The Council query the point of 1.25 hectares of employment land at the site when land available at Finnimore Industrial Estate has not been taken up. This application lies in the green wedge between Ottery St Mary and West Hill. The Council do not support this site due to a lack of primary and secondary school places and lack of medical capacity.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
Otry_9	Land at Thorne Farm, OSM, EX11 1QZ	Do not support this site due to the visual impact, flooding.

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<b>Council comments:</b> It does not make sense that this site is now being supported by EDDC as in January 2020 a planning application on the same site was turned down by EDDC. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies this land should be used for Community and Education use only – not for additional houses. The Council do not support this site.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
Otry_10	Land to North and South of Salston Barton, OSM, EX11 1RG	It was questioned where a pavement could be put. Land is prone to flooding.
<b>Council comments:</b> The Council do not support this site as there would be access to the road with no pavements or street lights and site is prone to flooding.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
Otry_15	Land at Bylands, Slade Road, OSM EX11 1QN	Increased traffic on a narrow road & no pedestrian access to facilities. Would need a pavement.
<b>Council comments:</b> The Council do not support this site.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/26	Land west of Cadhay Lane, OSM	Agree with EDDC that site should not be allocated.
<b>Council comments:</b> Support EDDC view that site should not be allocated.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/27	Land south of Strawberry Lane, OSM	Poor road from Kings Reach. Access problem from Strawberry Lane to Salston Corner. Elevated site. There is not a footpath on the Bovis site.
<b>Council comments:</b> The Council do not support this site which is not realistic and is impractical and suggests linking to a non-existent footpath.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/29	Gerway Farm, OSM	Sidmouth Road not suitable for extra traffic. Green wedge between Ottery and Wiggerton. Would trees happen as a resident has tried for years to complete an avenue of trees on the other side of the road. Concern regarding flooding.
<b>Council comments:</b> The Council do not support this site.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/30	Sidmouth Road J/W Gerway Lane, OSM	Agree with EDDC that site should not be allocated.
<b>Council comments:</b> Support EDDC view that site should not be allocated.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>

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GH/ED/31	Slade Farm, OSM	Agree with EDDC that site should not be allocated.
<b>Council comments:</b> Support EDDC view that site should not be allocated.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/32	Church Path Field, land east of Chineway Gardens	Agree with EDDC that site should not be allocated.
<b>Council comments:</b> Support EDDC view that site should not be allocated.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/33	Land adjacent Great Well Farm, OSM	Agree with EDDC that site should not be allocated.
<b>Council comments:</b> Support EDDC view that site should not be allocated.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/34	Land at Littlewell, OSM	Agree with EDDC that site should not be allocated.
<b>Council comments:</b> Support EDDC view that site should not be allocated.		
<b>Site reference number:</b>	<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Public comments:</b>
GH/ED/35	Land at Ridgeway, OSM	Agree with EDDC that site should not be allocated.
<b>Council comments:</b> Support EDDC view that site should not be allocated.		

The Council feels strongly that a disproportionate number of houses have already been built in Ottery. The Council will resend their objection to the proposed sites to members of the EDDC Strategic Planning Committee. A member of the Town Council will speak but only has 3 minutes. Members of the public are welcome to register their attendance at the EDDC meeting and can speak for 3 minutes each.

**The meeting ended at 9.10pm**

<b>SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR</b>	
<b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b>	
<b>DATE/VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Council Offices, 8 Broad Street

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