

Notes from SPC Main Meeting 04.05.20
Relating to D Templeton Presentation and
Planning Application No: 18/01469/FUL/20/00893/DISCON

Attendees:

Cllr G Davison-Chairman (GAD)	D Templeton – Planning Potential (DT-Guest)
Cllr M Millen (MM)	S Glover – Aldi (SG- Guest)
Cllr S Agintas (SA)	(DS-Pub)
Cllr P Kirkham (PK)	(LM-Pub)
Cllr C Northwood (CN)	(TS-Pub)
Cllr A Ronaldson (AR)	

Ward Cllr M Petchey (WC-MP)

This minute has been prepared to reflect aspects of the meeting pertinent to Planning Application 20/00893/DISCON (Agenda Item 316/19) and associated site works together with the Public Forum Agenda Item 315/19.

315/19 (GAD) asked if anyone wished to speak from the public. (LM-Pub) asked through the Chair if Mr Templeton could advise on a question regarding the Department of Transport stop order. The Council agreed.

The following question was put.

1. After negotiations with the Department of Transport, what progress has been made with regard to the Revised Stopping Order?

Response by: (DT-Guest) Confirmed there were early discussions and requested the opportunity to respond later. (SG-Guest) also confirmed would get back following the meeting. (GAD) thanked (LM-Pub) for their participation.

Post meeting information. Following the meeting LM-Pub wrote and email directly to DT-Guest and a response was provided on 05.05.20, confirming Aldi made an amended 'stopping up order' submission to the Secretary of State based on the attached revised plan. This showed that the access routes, car park and turning area is kept free and open. This revised submission was made on 18/02/2020. They await an update from the Dept for Transport.

316/19 Presentation: Mr. D Templeton

Update from Representative of Planning Potential on behalf of Aldi regarding Planning 18/01469/FUL/20/00893/DISCON

(GAD) introduced Mr Templeton (Planning Potential) (DT-Guest), and invited him to address council, who in turn introduced Mr Glover (Aldi) (SG-Guest).

Thanking Council, (DT-Guest) recounted how the application had included the move of the mural which was granted in 2019. He continued by stating there were 3 conditions which were to be carried out in a 3-part, phased manor.

Discussions have been continuing with Stantonbury International School but have not reached a conclusion because Aldi want to get on and discharge the first two of the three conditions.

They have been trying to get on site before the end of the calendar year. Causing Aldi to re-think their whole investment strategy.

(DT-Guest) welcomed any support which would allow them to get on.

GAD) asked the councillors if they had any questions for the guests. There were none.

At this point in the meeting (GAD) confirmed to council that, although not present, (DS-Pub) had written to request council to consider 4. Questions. The Chairman advised the Council that two sets of questions had been received from non-residents of the area. The first set comprised 4 questions 2 of these questions whilst related to the Mural wall were not pertinent to the Planning Application before the Council. Likewise the second set of three questions whilst related to the mural wall were not pertinent to the application before the Council. He went on to read the two questions that were pertinent.

1. Will the Bicycle Wall mural be removed from the present gable wall by a contractor; directed, employed and with the costs of all and any works paid by Aldi, or if the answer is no by whom?
2. Will the high-quality photographic record of the tiles and the condition assessment; noting the location of damage et cetera; as proposed in The Method Statement, be carried out before or after the scaffolding is erected and before or after the 6mm plywood panels are installed to the external face?

(DT-Guest) made the request to the Council to be allowed to answer the questions, which was granted. (DT-Guest) went on to confirm the removal of the mural was yet to be decided, and yes, all costs were to be borne by Aldi. A photographic record of the Mural had already been completed. The condition assessment has been detailed in the University of Lincoln document which is part of the planning application.

The Chairman advised the Council that tonight we had to consider the planning application as submitted. He reminded the Council that the planning application for Stantonbury International School included the demolition of a large teaching block which is less than 60m from the Mural wall. If the wall remained in place it would certainly be affected by demolition works.

The presentation was concluded, the guests were thanked for their time and informed they were welcome to either leave the meeting now or to continue to be present until the end. Both guests chose to leave the meeting at this point.

316/16 The Council voted in favour of the Planning proposal 6 votes for.

Later in the meeting and after the presentation guests had already left, a member of the public asked to speak to council under 315/19 The Council Agreed.

He explained that he felt that his questions had been dismissed earlier in the meeting and requested a further chance to put them to the council for response. (GAD) put to council which was agreed to.

(TS-Pub) went on to say the point they were making was to try and understand how the Parish Council wants to see the mural. It is important to the Forum. Does it want to see it moved as one piece or behind locked doors?

(GAD) went on to confirm a further member of the public (TS-Pub) had forwarded questions in writing earlier that afternoon for consideration. The questions were read out:

1. Would the Parish Council support the Bicycle Wall being split into smaller pieces or would it prefer to keep it on one piece?
2. Would the Parish Council prefer the Bicycle Wall to be re-sited in a public area (where it can be enjoyed by everyone) rather than in a private area (such as the International School)?
3. Assuming that Aldi agreed, would the Parish Council support a proposal to reinstall the Bicycle Wall on the north side of their new building?

(GAD) advised that, these questions relate to an important matter with regard to the Parish and its parishioners. The view of the Parishioners is therefore very important and for the Council to make comment now, without consulting with the community, was premature. Their views will be sought on the disposition of the Mural at the appropriate time i.e. when further applications are made. To offer an opinion now, might compromise future consideration and decisions and may not reflect the community view.

He further commented that Parish Council had carried out a Facebook survey which had no support for the wall to be retained. He went on to say SPC's Neighbourhood Plan, therefore, purposefully did not set out requirements related to how the wall would be retained. He had been advised that since the Referendum is delayed until 7th May 2021, in the interim period, the policies in the Neighbourhood plan are given significant weight i.e no specific requirements for how the mural will be retained.

For this reason it was recommended by (GAD) that these questions not be addressed at this time. The meeting moved forward.