

Minutes of the Planning Committee

12 January 2026

-: Present :-

Councillor Brook (Chair)

Councillors Billings, George Darling, Fox (Vice-Chair), Strang, Tolchard and Virdee

(Also in attendance: Councillor Foster)

20. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pentney.

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Liberal Democrat Group, the membership of the Committee had been amended to include Councillor George Darling in place of Councillor Mandy Darling.

21. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 December 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

22. Disclosure of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

23. Stoodley Knowle School, Torquay P/2024/0693

The Committee considered an application for the demolition, alteration and extension of existing buildings and construction of new buildings to provide 90 residential dwellings (houses and apartments), including part retrospective permission for plots 6-12 (Meadow Houses), with associated access, car parking, landscaping, infrastructure and associated works.

Prior to the meeting, Members of the Planning Committee undertook a site visit and written representations were available on the Council's website.

At the meeting the Planning Officer advised, that since the report had been published further representations had been received in support of the application, the representations set out matters in relation to public access of the Meadow, external finishings used in the 'historic quarter' and Meadow Houses and condition requiring a Travel Plan. In addition, South West Water had also confirmed the proposals for connectivity to the public sewer system were acceptable.

During the meeting Dr Rodney Horder addressed the Committee on behalf of the Torquay Neighbourhood Forum in support of the application. Mr Will Dale addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Resolved:

Approved, subject to:

1. Planning conditions as outlined within the report, with the final drafting of conditions delegated to the Divisional Director of Planning, Housing, Transport and Climate Emergency and/or Divisional Director of Place Strategy; and
2. The completion of a S106 Legal Agreement to secure an Affordable Housing obligation of £500,000, and to include the provisions outlined within the report on terms acceptable to Officers, delegated to the Divisional Director of Planning, Housing, Transport and Climate Emergency and/or Divisional Director of Place Strategy.

With the resolution of any new material considerations that may come to light following Planning Committee to be delegated to Divisional Director of Planning, Housing, Transport and Climate Emergency and/or Divisional Director of Place Strategy, including the addition of any necessary further planning conditions or obligations.

24. Stoodley Knowle School, Torquay, P/2024/0694

The Committee considered an application for Listed Building Consent works that form part of the demolition, alteration and extension of existing buildings and construction of new buildings to provide 90 residential dwellings (houses and apartments), including part retrospective permission for plots 6-12 (Meadow Houses), with associated access, car parking, landscaping, infrastructure and associated works.

Prior to the meeting, Members of the Planning Committee undertook a site visit and written representations were available on the Council's website. At the meeting Dr Rodney Horder addressed the Committee on behalf of the Torquay Neighbourhood Forum in support of the application. Mr Will Dale addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Approved, subject to:

1. Planning conditions as outlined within the submitted report, with the final drafting of conditions delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency and/or Divisional Director for Place Strategy.

With the resolution of any new material considerations that may come to light following Planning Committee to be delegated to the Divisional Director of Planning, Housing, Transport and Climate Emergency and/or Divisional Director of Place Strategy, including the addition of any necessary further planning conditions or obligations.

25. Coach Station, Lymington Road, Torquay, P/2025/0653

The Committee considered an application for variation of condition in relation to P/2021/0765 (Demolition of existing coach station building, cafe and toilets and creation of 5 new commercial light industrial units (Use Classes E(g) and E(c). Erection of public toilet, 3 new coach bays and associated public realm (as amended)): Condition 17 - (Hours of delivery). Variation sought: To allow deliveries between hours of 07:00 and 22:00 Monday to Saturday, and deliveries not permitted on Sundays and Bank Holidays; amendment to Condition P1 (remediation of anomalies).

Prior to the meeting, written representations were available on the Council's website. At the meeting Dr Rodney Horder addressed the Committee on behalf of the Torquay Neighbourhood Forum in support of the application. Mr Dylan Vaughan- Hewings addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Resolved:

Approved, subject to:

1. The conditions outlined in the submitted report, with the final drafting of conditions delegated to the Divisional Director of Place Strategy; and
2. The resolution of any new material considerations that may come to light following Planning Committee to be delegated to the Divisional Director of Place Strategy, including the addition of any necessary further planning conditions or obligations.

Chair