

Wroughton Parish Council's Planning & Highways committee have reviewed over 65 planning applications in the Wroughton parish and immediate surrounding areas in the last year. The committee submit comments on a wide variation of planning applications; from small scale extensions to entire parcels of development land.

There have been several developments since the last annual meeting.

Wichelstowe – There has been much development in Wichelstowe in the previous year, houses are being built at a good rate which has been helped by the demand. The site from a sales perspective has been performing well. The committee has regular opportunities to visit the site with the JVT to receive updates and consult on issues.

Hindu Temple (Old Co-Op) – There has been limited activity surrounding the approved change of use at the old Co-Op site to a place of worship. We understand that the Hindu Temple are concentrating on their primary site in Old Town and WPC had no further information to suggest if and when the Temple would be instated.

Hills site North Wroughton – WPC still await further detail on the application for the Hills site at North Wroughton. We understand there is some technical detail which must be resolved.

Swindon's Local Plan – The SBC Local Plan SHEELA 'Call for Sites' concluded in March 2023 and the next phase of the draft plan (Regulation 18) was scheduled to commence in Autumn 2023. The public consultation on the pre-submission (Regulation 19) is scheduled to commence Summer 2024. The plan will not be adopted until late 2025/early 2026.

The Planning committee encourages residents to engage with the plan which will shape the how the Borough, including the parish of Wroughton, will develop over the next 10 years.

I also like to thank the committee for all the help throughout year, in particular the outgoing Vice-Chair Hannah Dosanjh who has recently stepped down from the parish council. Hannah had a proactive attitude dealing with Planning & Highway matters in the parish.