



PENRITH TOWN COUNCIL

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DATE: 13 November 2017

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the:

SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

to be held on:

Monday 20 November 2017 at 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm the Boardroom, Penrith
Town Council Offices, Unit 1, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith

Mrs V. Tunnadine

TOWN CLERK

*(Please Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies
Regulations 2014 this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting
and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or
members of the public)*

When it is proposed to consider the following business:-

AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

20 November 2017

2.00 PM – 3.00 PM

**the Boardroom, Penrith Town Council Offices, Unit 1, Church House,
19-24 Friargate, Penrith**

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies from members.

2. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

To receive any declarations of interest by elected or co-opted Members of any disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests relating to any items on the agenda for this meeting and to decide requests for dispensations. Members are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered

Note: *If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the clerk in advance of the meeting*

3. Public Participation

Members of the public who have requested in writing to speak prior to the meeting, are invited to speak on matters related to the agenda for up to three minutes.

4. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – Excluded Item

To consider whether any agenda items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

5. Planning Applications

a) Planning Applications for Consideration

To consider the following application for which information can be found on the Eden District Council Website <http://eforms.eden.gov.uk/fastweb/search.asp> by inserting the appropriate planning reference number.

Planning application number:	17/0928
Site address:	LAND AT THE JUNCTION OF A6 AND B5035 PENRITH
Description:	Outline planning permission for Use Class B1/B2/B8 development associated access, car parking landscaping and ecological enhancement measures with all matters reserved except for access.

6. Highways Issues

To consider the attached report to consider writing to Cumbria County Council to request their consideration of highways issues raised during the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

7. Next Meeting

To note that the next Planning Committee Meeting will be held on 4 December 2017 at 2.00pm – 3.00pm, the Boardroom, Penrith Town Council Offices, Unit 1, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith

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Special Planning Committee – 20 November 2017

Highways Issues

AUTHOR: R Richardson – Deputy
Town Clerk

SUPPORTING MEMBER: Cllr P Baker

ITEM NUMBER: 6

TO CONSIDER REQUESTING CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION AS PART OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider writing to Cumbria County Council (who are the Highways Authority) to ask them to consider the following specific traffic management issues raised through the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

1. Concern has been raised about the pedestrian crossing on Friargate outside Merlin Court. The pedestrian crossing is very dangerous and cars, vans and wagons often drive past at speed even when people are on the crossing, usually coming from the King Street direction. The crossing is regularly used by elderly people and parents with young children. Comments provided as part of the consultation suggested that more warning needed to be given before the bend on the approach from King Street, perhaps an elderly people crossing sign, or the crossing moved further away from the bend.
2. A number of comments were made about the small double roundabout at the bottom of Fell Lane at its junction with Benson Row. This is a very busy junction, often used by cars as part of an unofficial 'inner ring road' and an important crossing point for children going to school with many comments requesting that consideration be given to making it light controlled because of obscure sight lines.

3. The whole of the 'inner ring-road' of Friargate / Benson Row / Meeting House Lane / Portland Place / Stricklandgate needs improvement.
4. Residents commented that they felt that light control was required at the sharp one-way exit from Folly Lane onto Carleton Road and that the Langton Street junction with King Street was very awkward and impeded traffic flow if vehicles were turning into or out of the street.
5. Concern was raised that Crown Square is confusing and dangerous to both drivers and pedestrians and that Southend Road / Princes street was too narrow for two way traffic and should be one-way.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Penrith Town Council consults with Cumbria County Council as the Highways Authority and requests them to consider the issues raised and work with Penrith Town Council and other interested parties to improve the traffic flow and safety for residents of, and visitors to, Penrith.

LINK TO COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

Although the Town Council do not have a direct function relating to highways issues this report is to seek Members authority to lobby the County Council to consider adaptations and add the work to their capital programme.

LINKS TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report links to the Council Priorities of:

Health and Wellbeing – To preserve and enhance the nature of the town.

Transport – To provide pedestrian and cycling opportunities that are safe, reliable and enhance the visitor experience.

Community Engagement – To value the community's contributions and give them, when required, due consideration.

FINANCE IMPLICATIONS & RISK ASSESSMENT

There are no financial implication for Penrith Town Council.

This matter has been raised with Penrith Town Council as a matter of concern, there is a reputational risk to the Town Council if they do not follow the concerns up and there is a subsequent accident at this location.