

**LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

12 October 2023

LCC comments for submission to Lichfield District Council

App No.	Details	Site	LCC Recommendation
23/01010/COU	Creation of a temporary overflow car park to provide 60 spaces, installation of 2m high wooden fence and alterations to boundary wall	Land Adjacent Lichfield District Council, Frog Lane	No objections
23/01056/LBC	Creation of a temporary overflow car park to provide 60 spaces, installation of 2m high wooden fence and alterations to boundary wall	Land Adjacent Lichfield District Council, Frog Lane	No objections
SCC/23/0122/OC	Retrospective application to increase the total volume of compostable material delivered to Greener Composting	Greener Composting, Watling Street	No objections
SCC (No number)	Proposed new primary school	St Johns	No objections
LDC 2050 Draft Strategy			See comments attached
23/01060/FUH	Single storey rear extension with first floor side extension and conversion of garage (resubmission of 21/01208/FUH)	15 Carmichael Close	No objections
23/01100/FUL	Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of permission 22/01059/FUH to increase the depth of the rear extension from 3.0m to 4.0m	9 Willowsmere Drive	No objections
23/01030/FUL	Alterations to existing agricultural building	Agricultural Building, Land Off Eastern Avenue	No objections
23/01068/FUL	Partial demolition and alteration of existing dwelling and erection of a new detached dwelling and associated works	49 Gaia Lane	No objections
23/00749/FUH	Erection of two storey front extension including integrated garage	17 Lynfield Road	No objections
23/01045/FUH	Erection of single storey side extension	23 Walnut Walk	No objections
23/01090/FUH	Erection of single storey extension to front, new front door and sidelights to porch	21 Harrington Walk	No objections
23/01057/OUT	Demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of up to 5 Dwellings (Outline with All Matters Reserved)	5 Stafford Road	The proposals are too crowded for the site. We propose limiting to three properties, each of two storeys maximum
23/01076/FUL	Replacement of existing flat roof	Alexandra House, Queen Street	No objections
23/01036/FUH	Single and two storey extension to rear of existing house	139 Birmingham Road	No objections
23/00890/COU	Conversion of mixed use property to a single residential dwelling	169 Upper St John Street	No objections

**LICHFIELD CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

12 October 2023

LCC comments for submission to Lichfield District Council

App No.	Details	Site	LCC Recommendation
23/01051/FUH	Proposed garage conversion, front extension and porch	26 Masefield Close	No objections
SCC/23/0124/P NOPD	Demolition of Lower House, Garages and Former Staff House	Hawthorn House	No objections but suggest that more appropriate species of trees are planted in place of the removed willow trees
23/01032/FUL	Replacement shopfront, modifications to existing rear courtyard, including new bin store and new roof lanterns to flat roof	12-14 The Crown, Tamworth Street	No objections
23/00947/ADV	Installation of 5 flagpoles and 3 free standing stack board signs	Pegasus Lichfield Bonds (Former Quonians Yard), Quonians Lane	No objections
23/01031/LBC	Replacement of existing flat roof and internal alterations	34-36, Market Street	No objections subject to LDC Planning Officer's agreement to the internal alterations

Applications for submission of comments to Lichfield District Council 12 October 2023

Draft Lichfield District 2050 Strategy

Comments from Lichfield City Council

We welcome the concept of this aspirational document. Lichfield district is a great place to live but needs to be more sustainable, with leisure facilities for young and old, housing more affordable, more employment within the district and investment in the environmental infrastructure. We make the following comments in relation to each section of the draft strategy:-

CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES

- The local and community support line should also aim to support collective and innovative company structures such as CICs and cooperatives which are more likely to reinvest in our communities.
- References to affordable housing should be tightened - e.g., refer to social as well as affordable housing. Set a target around reducing the occurrence of too many young people who are brought up in Lichfield having to leave Lichfield because housing is too expensive and then return later in life.
- The document refers to “encouraging” developers to hit affordable housing targets; this needs to be tighter and indicate in more detail LDC's position here.
- Add reference to reliable and affordable bus services being crucial to the connectivity of our district (between Burntwood/Lichfield/villages and within Lichfield).
- Infrastructure first - i.e., GPs/schools ahead of residential development. We totally agree especially re GP facilities and the need for secondary school expansion. But how will LDC deliver/control that? Needs more emphasis in developing and putting enabling tactics and actions in place to achieve these infrastructure objectives.
- Pleased to read about the 2028 milestone to have supported the delivery of infrastructure such as GP surgeries, schools and roads BUT we need these now as the increased population and continued new housing developments are putting a strain on our ability to access doctors and get around in what has become gridlocked Lichfield.
- There is a need for a medical diagnostic centre in Burntwood and Lichfield, poor health outcomes in the district reflect also poor diagnostic and referral records across all population groups.
- We support a Lichfield to Burton train line aspiration with links into Derby.
- We would like to see proposals about tackling, for instance, violence against women and girls including in the night-time economy in Lichfield.

PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

- The “key sectors” must include light manufacturing and not just tourism.
- LDC should be aiming to encourage businesses to spend within the District wherever possible and should be finding ways to encourage this (as set out in the Cleveland/Preston Community Wealth Building model).
- Better quality housing for all – affordable homes included.
- Improved and joined up reliable public transport is a must throughout the district and to employment areas, health facilities, hospitals, schools and leisure centre etc. This is vital for the vibrancy of the district, healthier communities and reduction of dependence on cars – needs tackling NOW with a precise plan as this has the power to revive our district across all

strategic priorities – needs to be at least 6am- 11pm covering hospitality hours and hospital appointment hours.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

- Is an LDC small grants scheme necessary? There are already a multitude of these available District wide (and more widely). A better aim would be connecting grant making organisations to the communities in our areas.
- The "family focussed" point needs strengthening to say what actions LDC will take.
- Deliver leisure centre by 2038? This needs to be earlier to meet some of the activity goals in the strategy and in view of the closure of Friary Grange Leisure Centre.
- Leisure facilities/events to be more varied for whole community, e.g., festivals to be more diverse and to also appeal young generation (music/films?).
- We would like to see more regarding LDC's vision for addressing groups that currently don't do much exercise, e.g., teenage girls. There is some interesting local government research and policy regarding innovative new usage of local parks to encourage teenage girls to be more active. At the moment there is only one passing reference to the "participation gap" between boys and girls (p15). We would like to see more on this.
- Promote use of open spaces and Multi Use Game Areas for all and ensure everyone feels safe there.
- Ensure new and existing housing estates are not isolated enclaves but feel part of the wider community – enhances feeling of safety especially when walking at night.
- Well-lit and safe walkways linked to public transport services – connectivity and active travel/ physical exercise will result.

GREENER COMMUNITIES

- Solar panels could be installed on residential and commercial buildings, including LDC buildings and other EE and net zero interventions.
- Aspiration that the district be better served by environmentally friendly public transport by 2050.
- On greener communities, is the goal to be the greenest district in the "country" (p16) or "county" (p17)? That needs to be made clear.
- There is a challenge balancing the goal for green spaces with the need to build new housing estates (and/or new urban settlements). Does the document need to acknowledge that challenge?
- We would like to see street trees and green areas that are well managed.
- Recycling facilities needed on a local/ ward basis especially in areas typically not recycling appropriately and for those unable to drive to a depot – electrical and fabric seem to be the main items not correctly disposed of.
- Needs more emphasis on green corridors and way fares and the joining up of similar.
- The reopening of Lichfield and Hatherton canal is welcome, but there should be more of a focusing on its connection to the canal wider network and the economic, social and health benefits that can be gained from this network.