

Minutes of the Meeting of Planning and Transport held in Rickards Hall on 21 October 2024 at 7:30 pm

Present: Cllrs. Michael Gemmell Smith, Alan Layland, Margot McArthur, Stuart McGregor, Vince Parker, Angela Read (*Vice-Chairwoman*), Michael Stockdale
In attendance: The Planning Officer, one member of the public and no members of the press.
The Meeting started at 19:30.

1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Aldridge, A Baker, B Cummings, J Streets and B Todd.

2 Declaration of Interests or Predetermination, including interests not already registered

None.

3 Public Questions and Statements

None.

4 To Receive, Adopt and Sign the Minutes of The Planning Committee Meeting Held on 30th September 2024 pages 2023-065/1-3

Resolved: the minutes of the meeting on 30th September 2024 be duly signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate of the meeting pages 2024 pages 0203/065/01-03.

4.1 24/02133/LBCALT - Skeynes Park Lingfield Road TN8 5HN

Recommendation: *Members supported this application subject to the building remaining ancillary to the existing building, but not to be used as a separate dwelling*

5 Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere

None.

6 Planning Applications to Be Considered

6.1 24/02044/FUL - 35 High Street TN8 5AD

Recommendation: *Members objected to this application and commented that it is not in keeping with the street scene and that as the site is in a conservation area it should be subject to the comments of the Conservation Officer.*

6.2 24/02198/FUL - Smith And Sons Funeral Directors 2 High Street TN8 5AG

Recommendation: *Members objected to this application and repeated their comments:*

- *Parking at that end of the town centre is already used during the day by local businesses and shoppers. If this parking is lost it will affect the regeneration of the town centre. There is no parking shown on the application and the areas suggested for parking facilities on Stangrove Road, which has extensive parking restrictions; Lingfield Road, or Tekram Close are impractical as these streets are much further away from the proposed development site and the relief road is already a very busy road.*
- *The demolition of a Victorian building for a new block of flats will damage the historic market town appearance, especially the view when entering the town from the North end.*
- *The height of this building is not in keeping with the street scene and also inappropriate for a town the size of Edenbridge. It will cause overlooking and loss of light for some neighbours and is over development in the in the conservation area.*

- 6.3** **24/02527/HOUSE - Long Tilings Cottage Hever Lane Hever TN8 7ET**
Recommendation: *Members supported this application.*
- 6.4** **24/01852/FUL - Dominos Pizza 65A High Street TN8 5AL**
Recommendation: *Members objected to this application and commented:*
There is still the absence of a Noise Assessment, and the proposal for the TV screen is too big and is not acceptable in the Conservation Area and not in keeping with the street scene.
- 6.5** **24/01853/LBCALT - Dominos Pizza 65A High Street TN8 5AL**
Recommendation: *Members objected to this application and commented:*
There is still the absence of a Noise Assessment, and the proposal for the TV screen is too big and is not acceptable in the Conservation Area and not in keeping with the street scene.
- 6.6** **24/02629/HOUSE - Brook Cottage Hartfield Road TN8 5NH**
Recommendation: *Members supported this application.*
- 7** **For Information**
- 7.1** **24/00114/STSDEV - Street Naming and Numbering Notification - Hilders Farm Place**
Noted.
- 7.2** **24/02587/DETAIL - Southon House Station Approach TN8 5LP**
Noted.
- 7.3** **24/02461/DETAIL - Wheatsheaf Inn Marsh Green Road Marsh Green TN8 5QL**
Noted.
- 8** **SDC Planning Decisions**
- 8.1** **24/01064/CONVAR - 1 Greybury Lane Marsh Green TN8 5QP**
Noted.
- 8.2** **24/02055/HOUSE - 24 Coomb Field TN8 5HZ**
Noted.
- 8.3** **24/02350/MMA - Hilders Farm Hilders Lane TN8 6LE**
Noted.
- 8.4** **24/02073/HOUSE - Little Marlpit Pit Lane Edenbridge**
Noted.
- 9** **Planning Applications Considered Outside of A Meeting**
None.
- 10** **Consultations**
None.

11 Other Planning Business

None.

12 Transportation matters

12.1 Highways Improvement Plan - updates on White Gates

Members unanimously supported the new White Gate and signage for the entry point to Edenbridge from Main Road.

Members unanimously supported the council in responding to KCC on the other two locations.

12.2 Speed Indicator Device - update

Cllr Stockdale offered to liaise with the Community Warden to collate and produce reports from the portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) data. Members discussed if the SID needed recalibration and software updates. One Member recommended and proposed that the SID is serviced and updated, and to take to full Council to take responsibility for it. Another raised that there are two SIDs, one Council owned and the other used for Speedwatch which is SDC owned. There was no objection to refer to Council. Following discussion, Members unanimously **agreed** Cllr Stockdale to work with the Community Warden, and to produce summary reports on the data, to be reported to members approximately six monthly.

12.3 Road issues

Noted.

12.3.1 Lingfield Road - SES Water Works

Noted.

12.4 Railway matters

Noted.

12.5 Aviation matters

None.

13 Press Release

None.

14 Date of Next Meeting 11th November 2024

The Meeting ended at 20:10.