

## Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Folkestone

Date: Tuesday, 24 September 2019

Present: Councillors Danny Brook, John Collier, Gary Fuller, Clive Goddard (Chairman), Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Jim Martin, Philip Martin (Vice-Chair), Connor McConville, Jackie Meade, Ian Meyers, Georgina Treloar and David Wimble

Apologies for Absence

Officers Present: Claire Dethier (Development Management Team Leader), Sue Lewis (Committee Services Officer) and Llywelyn Lloyd (Chief Planning Officer)

Others Present:

### 25. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Jackie Meade declared a voluntary announcement in that she is a member of the Planning Committee for Folkestone Town Council. She remained in the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

### 26. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2019 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 27. **Y18/1617/FH - Three Hills Sports Park, Cheriton Road, Folkestone**

DCL/19/14 Installation of athletic running track and field events sports facility, pavilion and associated parking together with the relocation of dog walking facility.

Margaret Irving, local resident spoke against the application  
Danielle Inglestone, local resident spoke in support of the application  
Cllr Richard Wallace, Folkestone Town Council spoke on the application  
Guy Holloway, agent spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor John Collier  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee and

**Resolved:**

1. **That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.**
2. **That delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to hold discussions with the applicant and agent in respect of securing the following:**
  - **Additional cycle spaces**
  - **Additional tree planting**
  - **lighting in respect of the pathway leading to the Morehall site.**

(Voting: For 12; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

28. **Y18/0984/FH - Running Waters, Lydd Road, New Romney, Romney Marsh**

Report DCL/19/15 Change of use from an existing touring and camping caravan park to use for ten mobile chalets and twenty tourers (part of the site previously approved under application Y09/0456/SH).

Jim Smith, agent spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor David Wimble  
Seconded by Councillor Philip Martin and

**Resolved:**

**That planning permission be approved for the reasons set out below:**

1. **Policy BE1 – Standards expected for new development in terms of layout, design, materials etc**

**Development is of high quality design.**

**Policies TM4/TM5 – Static caravans and chalet sites/criteria for provision of new or upgraded caravan and camping site**

**The site already has caravans, it is not a greenfield site. Policy TM4 holds less weight due to emerging Local Plan policy. Policies CO1/CO5 – Countryside to be protected for its own sake/protection of local landscape areas**

**The site is not seen to be more intrusive than the existing situation and with landscaping, this would further mitigate harm.**

**Policy SS3 – Place Shaping and Sustainable Settlements Strategy**

**The site is the closest to the town centre and is seen as acceptable in respect sustainability.**

**Policy CSD3 – Rural and Tourism Development of Shepway**

**As already stated above this is seen as an acceptable site which already provides tourism for the area.**

**Policies HB1/NE3/E5 – To protect or enhance the character of the countryside which should be protected for its own intrinsic value, and the character and appearance of Local Landscape Areas**

**The design is seen as high quality, the application is an acceptable addition to the existing site and the tourism is not contrary to policy E5, however, it was agreed that officers work with the applicant to ensure that no harm is brought to the countryside and that there is an acceptable access onto the site with screening and landscaping.**

**2.**

**Members noted that the development was sited within Flood Zone 3 and that the application was not accompanied by a sequential test. Members considered that although the sequential test had been failed, the benefits out-way the harm. The benefits were considered to be to the economy and the development could be made safe by raising the height of the caravans and that the application should be approved.**

**3.**

**That delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to grant planning permission subject to any conditions that he considers necessary.**

(Voting: For 7; Against 2; Abstentions 3)