

Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at:	Remote Meeting
Date	Tuesday, 17 November 2020
Present	Councillors John Collier, Clive Goddard (Chairman), Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Nicola Keen, Jim Martin, Philip Martin (Vice-Chair), Jackie Meade, Ian Meyers, Georgina Treloar and David Wimble
Apologies for Absence	Councillor Gary Fuller
Officers Present:	Robert Allan (Principal Planning Officer), Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Claire Dethier (Development Management Lead Specialist), Llywelyn Lloyd (Chief Planning Officer), Ross McCardle (Principal Planning Officer), Jemma West (Committee Service Specialist) and Briony Williamson (Licensing Specialist)
Others Present:	None

42. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Jim Martin made a voluntary announcement as he believes he knows the applicant's agent with regard to Planning Application 20/0657/FH (Blocks A, B and C Hurricane Way and Terlingham Forum, Hawkinge). Councillor Jim Martin remained in the meeting, taking part in discussions and voting on this item.

43. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2020 were submitted and approved. The Chairman's signature will be added to these minutes as approval.

44. **Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2020 were submitted and approved. The Chairman's signature will be added to these minutes as approval.

45. **20/0657/FH - Blocks A, B, and C Hurricane Way and Terlingham Forum, Hawkinge.**

Change of use of use and conversion of office blocks A, B and C to 23 residential units and associated works, together with public realm improvements at Terlingham Forum.

Councillor Palliser, on behalf of Hawkinge Town Council, provided a written statement which was read out to members.

Mr Ian Hardman, applicant's agent, also provided a written statement which was read out to members.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and any others that the Chief Planning Officer deems to be necessary.

(Voting: For 6; Against 1; Abstentions 3)

46. **Y19/1149/FH - 3 Sandgate High Street, Folkestone, CT20 3BD**

Change of use and conversion from a mixed use as retail showroom and residential, to a single residential unit.

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

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and any others that the Chief Planning Officer deems to be necessary.

(Voting: For 6; Against 5; Abstentions 0)

The Chairman exercised his casting vote in favour of the officer's recommendation. (Constitution Part 5 (19.2)).

47. **Revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Licensing Policy**

Report DCL/20/30 set out the next steps for publishing the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Licensing Policy. The policy was last reviewed in 2012 and whilst not time limited it was a good opportunity to refresh the policy. The new policy was sent for public consultation and approval sought with the Planning & Licensing Committee. The purpose of the report was to highlight feedback received during the consultation and give the Committee the chance to make any final amendments before it is published.

The Licensing Specialist presented the report and policy to members and drew their attention to the four consultation responses outlined in the report.

Members discussed the removal of the minimum age limit for drivers as per the Department for Transport recommendations and felt that all drivers should be assessed on their merits, not age.

Members felt this was a very clear policy and didn't feel any amendments were required.

Proposed by Councillor David Wimble

Seconded by Councillor Philip Martin

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the report and policy are received and noted.**
- 2. That the Revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Licensing Policy is adopted without further amendments.**

(Voting: For 10; Against 0; Abstentions 0)