

Planning and Licensing Committee

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| Held at: | Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Folkestone |
| Date | Tuesday, 28 June 2022 |
| Present | Councillors Miss Susan Carey (In place of Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee), John Collier, Clive Goddard (Chairman), Nicola Keen, Jim Martin, Philip Martin (Vice-Chair), Jackie Meade, Ian Meyers and David Wimble |
| Apologies for Absence | Councillor Mrs Ann Berry, Councillor Gary Fuller, Councillor Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee and Councillor Georgina Treloar |
| Officers Present: | James Clapson (Case Officer (Committee)), Sue Lewis (Case Officer (Committee)), Llywelyn Lloyd (Chief Planning Officer), Ross McCardle (Principal Planning Officer), Jemma West (Committee Service Specialist) and Briony Williamson (Licensing Specialist) |
| Others Present: | |

15. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

16. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2022 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

18. **Hackney Carriage Fares**

This report considered changes in the Hackney Carriage Fares. The maximum fare that Hackney Drivers can charge whilst they are working in the District is

set by the Council. The last fare increase was made in 2012. The Council has received representations from local taxi trade requesting an increase to the maximum taxi fares.

Proposed by Councillor David Wimble
Seconded by Councillor Ms Susan Carey and

Resolved:

- 1. To receive and note Report DCL/22/15.**
- 2. To approve the proposed increase in taxi fares and for the fares to go out for public consultation.**
- 3. If no objections are received, for the new fares come into force at end of consultation.**
- 4. If objections are received the Committee would review the objections and publish the fees with or without modifications at their discretion.**

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

19. 21/1631/FH - Land adjoining 39 Victoria Road West, Littlestone, TN28 8ND

Reserved matters application relating to the scale, layout, appearance and landscaping for 80 dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission Y18/0768/FH.

The planning officer gave a verbal update informing that the plan in respect of parking (3.7 in the report) had been updated and formed part of the presentation slides.

He informed that one additional representation had been received raising issues already covered within the report.

Mr Jepps, local resident, spoke against the application
Mr Paul Thomas, New Romney Town Council spoke on the application
Councillor Patricia Rolfe, ward member, spoke on the application
Mike Dempsey, agent, spoke in support of the application

Proposed by Councillor Clive Goddard
Seconded by Councillor Jim Martin and

Resolved:

To defer the application for the reason that the scale and layout is unacceptable and constitutes over-development of the plot in a manner harmful to highway safety and amenity, and that officers work with the applicant to come back with an amended scheme.

(Voting: For 8; Against 1; Abstentions 0)

20. 22/0213/FH - Land rear of 2 Willop Close, Dymchurch, TN29 0HU

Erection of 2 three-bedroom dwellings and associated parking.

The following statement was read out by the Chairman:

“Dear Councillors, In the last few days you will have received strongly worded correspondence from a certain individual who objects to this application.

The individual has made serious unfounded allegations in relation to officers and about the handling of this application as a whole. I would like to inform you that as far as I am aware there is no evidence of fraud and substance to the allegations he has submitted.

As the Chair of the Planning and Licensing Committee I regard the comments made as unfounded/unpleasant allegations against council officers in the course of discharging their duties.

I would ask you to disregard these allegations and base your decision on the information before you and on planning merits only”.

The planning officer informed members that a further 8 objections had been received but all the issues raised are already covered within the report.

Mr John Field, local resident, spoke against the application.

Proposed by Councillor Jim Martin
Seconded by Councillor Nicola Keen and

Resolved:

That planning permission be refused for the reason that, by reason of their bulk, scale and height, the proposed dwellings would amount to overbearing structures that give rise to overlooking, loss of privacy, and harm to the residential amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring dwellings.

(Voting: For 6; Against 3; Abstentions 0)

21. **21/0392/FH - Land adjacent to 43 Horn Street, Hythe, CT21 5SR**

Erection of two dwellings (re-submission of 20/1156/FH).

The planning officer informed that the site is a Local Landscape Area and not the AONB as stated in the report.

Mr Nigel Buss, applicant, spoke on the application via a video speech.

Proposed by Councillor Ms Susan Carey
Seconded by Councillor Jackie Meade and

Resolved:

That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out at the end of the report.

(Voting: For 5; Against 4; Abstentions 0)

22. **21/2178/FH - Units 6A, 6B, 8A, and 8B Defiant Close, Hawkinge, CT18 7SU**

Alterations and change of use of 6A, 6B, 8A and 8B Defiant Close from commercial uses (Classes A1, A2, A3 and B1) to residential (Class C3) creating 6 no. apartments.

This application was deferred to a future meeting.

23. **21/1172/FH - Seven Acre Field, St Mary in the Marsh, Romney Marsh, TN29 0BX**

Residential development of 4 dwellings.

Proposed by Councillor David Wimble
Seconded by Councillor Ian Meyers and

Resolved:

That planning permission be approved.

(Voting: For 3; Against 6; Abstentions 0)
Upon being put the vote was LOST

Proposed by Councillor Jim Martin
Seconded by Councillor Ms Susan Carey and

Resolved:

That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out at the end of the report.

(Voting: For 6; Against 2; Abstentions 1)

24. **Signed Lobbying Forms**

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Councillor Name (in CAPS) JOHN COLLIER.....

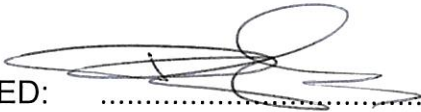
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Councillor Name (in CAPS) *W.D. - WINTICE*

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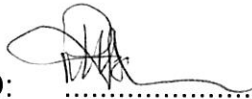
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Councillor Name (in CAPS)

PHILIP MARTIN

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Councillor Name (in CAPS) JACQUELINE MEADE

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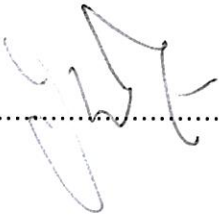
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| 21/0392/FH | BY REPRESENTATIVE/ EMAIL |
| 21/1172/FH | EMAIL/ MEETING |
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SIGNED: 

Councillor Name (in CAPS) MR B. MOYLES

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