

Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at: Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Folkestone

Date: Tuesday, 6 June 2023

Present: Councillors Mike Blakemore, Polly Blakemore,
Tony Cooper, Gary Fuller, Clive Goddard,
Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Nicola Keen, Jackie Meade,
Rebecca Shoob, Jeremy Speakman, Paul Thomas and
Belinda Walker

Apologies for Absence

Officers Present: Rob Bailey (Development Enforcement Manager), Ewan Green (Director of Place), Jake Hamilton (Case Officer (Committee)), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services Trainee), Sue Lewis (Case Officer (Committee)), Helena Payne (Development Management Team Leader) and Alex Stafford (Principal Planning Officer)

Others Present:

1. **Declarations of Interest**

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 and 18 April 2023 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chair.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2023 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chair.

4. **21/2525/FH- -Land Adjoining High Knocke Farm, 65 Seabourne Way, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0PX**

Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 132 dwellings with all matters reserved.

The Principal Planning Officer informed members that 35 additional letters of objection had been received, with most points covered within the report such as flood risk, HGV movements, Litter, Parking, Noise pollution, wildlife and archeology issues.

Cllr Douglas Young spoke against the application on behalf of Dymchurch Parish Council.

Philip Payne, RDA Architects spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Nicola Keen and

Resolved:

The outline planning permission be refused due to the significant harm to visual amenity arising from the development of this previously undeveloped, open site and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the specific wording of the reason for refusal.

RECORDED VOTE:

For: M Blakemore, P Blakemore, Cooper, Fuller, Keen, Meade, Shoob, Speakman, Thomas, Walker

Against: Nil

Abstentions: Goddard, Hollingsbee

(Voting: For 10; Against 0; Abstentions 2)

5. **22/2119/FH - 22 Turketel Road, Folkestone, CT20 2NZ**

Erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling and new vehicular and pedestrian access, private parking and rear garden. A revised pedestrian and vehicular access for the existing property.

The Development Management Team Leader advised that Paragraph 7.22 should read provision of five pleached trees along the western boundary and not as the eastern boundary as stated.

Stuart Bonnage, local resident, spoke against the application.

James Aherne, applicant, spoke in support of the application.

Proposed by Councillor Clive Goddard
Seconded by Councillor Paul Thomas and

Resolved:

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.

(Voting: For 11; Against 1; Abstentions 0)

6. **22/1719/FH - Land adjoining Church and Dwight, Caesars Way, Folkestone**

Section 73 application for the removal of condition 22 (retention of World War II Pillbox) of planning permission Y13/0024/SH (outline application matters relating to access only, for a mixed use development) to allow for the condition to be removed.

The Development and Enforcement Manager advised the committee that the application was lawfully implemented in the relevant timescale.

Mark Hourahane spoke on behalf of New Folkestone Society, against the application.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
Seconded by Councillor Clive Goddard and

Resolved: That the section 73 application 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.

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

7. **22/1767/FH/CON - Land Adjoining Church and Dwight, Caesars Way, Folkestone**

Approval of details pursuant to conditions:

14.1, 14.2, 14.3 (in part) (Contamination Desk Top Study)

of planning permission 13/0024/SH as amended by
21/1110/FH/NMA.

Mark Hourahane spoke on behalf of New Folkestone Society against the application.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
Seconded by Councillor Clive Goddard and

That the conditions submission be approved in accordance with the details and documents provided. That the informatives included at the end of the report be attached to the approval, and authorisation is given to the Chief Planning Officer to amend the wording of these/include additional informatives as he feels is appropriate.

(Voting: For 10; Against 1; Abstentions 1)

8. **23/0125/FH/CON - Land Adjoining Church and Dwight, Caesars Way, Folkestone**

Approval of details pursuant to conditions:

18 (Reptile Translocation)
23 (Tree Protection Measures),

of planning permission 13/0024/SH as amended by 21/1110/FH/NMA.

Mark Hourahane spoke on behalf of New Folkestone Society against the application.

Proposed by Councillor Paul Thomas
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee and

Resolved:

That the conditions submission be approved in accordance with the details and documents provided. That the informatives included at the end of the report be attached to the approval, and authorisation is given to the Chief Planning Officer to amend the wording of these/include additional informatives as he feels is appropriate.

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

9. **20/0384/FH -13 Grimston Gardens**

Change of use and conversion from single residential dwelling to 3 residential flats, together with replacement timber windows to all floors and elevations.

The Development Management Team Leader advised that the applicant had set out that the private communal gardens in the centre of Grimston Gardens are available for all residents to use, that this would include the new occupants of the proposed flats, and that officers had received a letter from management confirming this.

Proposed by Councillor Gary Fuller
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 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.

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