

Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Folkestone
Date	Tuesday, 11 July 2023
Present	Councillors Mike Blakemore, Polly Blakemore, Tony Cooper, Gary Fuller, Liz Grant (In place of Clive Goddard), Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Nicola Keen, Jackie Meade, Rebecca Shoob, Jeremy Speakman, Paul Thomas and Belinda Walker
Apologies for Absence	Councillor Clive Goddard
Officers Present:	David Campbell (Development Management Team Leader), Claire Dethier (Strategic Sites Lead Specialist), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services Trainee), Sue Lewis (Case Officer (Committee)), Llywelyn Lloyd (Chief Planning Officer) and Alex Stafford (Principal Planning Officer)
Others Present:	

14. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Nicola Keen declared a voluntary announcement in respect of applications 23/0536/FH and 23/0565/FH – Leas Lift in that she is ward member and is also known to the applicant and has in the past provided a ward grant.

Councillor Jackie Meade declared a voluntary announcement in respect of applications 23/0536/FH and 23/0565/FH – Leas Lift in that she is the KCC representative for the ward and is also known to the applicant and has in the past provided a ward grant.

15. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 and 28 June 2023 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chair.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2023 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chair.

17. **23/0536/FH - The Leas Lift, Lower Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 1PR**

Restoration works to the Leas Lift (including lift cars and track), alterations to the upper and lower lift stations, the construction of an extension to the lower lift station to provide a café and associated landscaping and infrastructure works.

The Principal Planning Officer advised Members that the applicant details should read "The Folkestone Leas Lift Company CIO" and not as CIC as stated in the report.

Mr Wealand spoke on the application on behalf of the applicant.

Proposed by Councillor Paul Thomas
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollinsbee 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)

18. **23/0565/FH - The Leas Lift, Lower Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 1PR**

Listed building consent for restoration works to the Leas Lift (including lift cars and track), alterations to the upper and lower lift stations, the construction of an extension to the lower lift station to provide a café and associated landscaping and infrastructure works.

Mr Wealand spoke on the application on behalf of the applicant.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
Seconded by Councillor Nicola Keen and

Resolved: That listed building consent 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)

19. **22/0118/FH - Racquet Court, Burgoyne Barracks, West Road, Folkestone**

Listed building consent for removal of irreparable mortaring and damaged fabric. Mortaring and re-pointing across building. Replacement of damaged brickwork and cleaning of brickwork to be retained in situ. Treatment of existing/exposed metalwork for corrosion. Installation of structural concrete and timber elements to conservation standard. Crack stitch repair across building. The demolition of the northern modern extension.

Roger Joyce, local resident spoke against the application.
Cllr Valentine-Neale spoke on behalf of Sandgate Parish Council.
Edward Hawkins, agent spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Gary Fuller
Seconded by Councillor Nicola Keen and

Resolved: That listed building consent be refused on the grounds that the demolition of the northern wing would result in harm to the character and appearance of the listed building and its wider historical setting and to give delegated authority to the Chief Planning Officer to provide the appropriate wording.

(Voting: For 5; Against 7; Abstentions 0)
Upon being put the vote was LOST

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
Seconded by Councillor Polly Blakemore and

Resolved: That listed building consent 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 7; Against 5; Abstentions 0)

20. **21/2035/FH - Fairfield Court Farm, Brack Lane, Brookland, TN29 9RX**

Demolition of existing buildings, removal of soil business and areas of hardstanding and construction of 3 dwellings, together with gardens, parking and use of existing accesses to Brack Lane, reconfigured larger garden area and associated strategic landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

The Development Management Team Leader provided updates that included corrections to the existing and proposed floor spaces and that the extended garden for the existing dwelling was also acceptable. He also informed that two additional letters from existing objectors had been received but the issues raised were already covered within the Committee report.

George Staple, local resident spoke against the application.
David Wimble, spoke as a member of the public in support of the application.
Scott Balcombe, applicant spoke on the application.

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Proposed by Councillor Paul Thomas
Seconded by Councillor Belinda Walker and

Resolved:

- 1. For officers to discuss reducing the scale/size and appearance of the proposed three dwellings with the applicant.**
- 2. To bring a report back to committee following those discussions.**

(Voting: For 7; Against 5; Abstentions 0)