

Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Folkestone
Date	Tuesday, 8 August 2023
Present	Councillors Mike Blakemore, Polly Blakemore, Tony Cooper, Clive Goddard, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Nicola Keen, Jackie Meade, Rebecca Shoob, Jeremy Speakman, Paul Thomas and Belinda Walker
Apologies for Absence	Councillor Gary Fuller
Officers Present:	Robert Allan (Principal Planning Officer), Rob Bailey (Development Enforcement Manager), Jake Hamilton (Committee Services Officer), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services Trainee), Sue Lewis (Committee Services Officer), Llywelyn Lloyd (Chief Planning Officer) and Alex Stafford (Principal Planning Officer)
Others Present:	

21. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Belinda Walker declared a voluntary announcement in respect of application - Flats A and B, 43 Earl's Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2HB, as her interest arose to be a resident in the same street. She remained in the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Paul Thomas declared a voluntary announcement in respect of application - High Meadow, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4QJ, as his interest arose due to being known to the agent through work in his capacity as a New Romney Town Councillor. He remained in the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

22. **Minutes**

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

23. **23/0159/FH - High Meadow, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4QJ**

Proposed replacement dwelling (involving the demolition of the existing fire damaged property) plus two additional dwellings to the rear of the site and associated external works.

The Planning Officer confirmed that proposed House 2 referenced at points 3.1 and 3.7 in the committee report should state that it would be a 4 bed dwelling and not a 3 bed dwelling.

Helen Derry, local resident spoke against the application.

Neil Matthews, representative of Saltwood Parish Council, spoke against the application.

Matthew Whitby, agent, spoke in support of the application.

The Chief Planning Officer acknowledged that the committee report incorrectly stated that 2 letters of objection were received instead of 12 and confirmed all issues raised had been considered.

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

Resolved:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report, together with a further condition to require details of the surface water drainage to be submitted and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the condition and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.

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

24. **23/0345/FH - Flats A and B, 43 Earl's Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2HB**

Sub-division and conversion of the existing ground and first floor flats to form five self-contained units, together with the erection of a single storey rear extension, the installation of windows in the ground and first floor southern elevation, the erection of a bike store in the front garden area, and other external alterations.

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

Resolved: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report.

(Voting: For 7; Against 0; Abstentions 4)

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