



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT (Minutes) of the Planning and Development Committee relating to the inspection of planning applications and other planning related matters, held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 7.00 pm. Prior to commencement of formal business, a period of not more than 15 minutes was assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public to address the Committee or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities under direction of this Committee) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman

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Mrs M. Kircher, 4 Harebeating Crescent and from the Historical Society, addressed the Committee regarding the application for Ersham Farm. She strongly opposed the demolition of the buildings, stressing that the buildings are part of Hailshams heritage and the barn is one of the few remaining buildings of Hailsham heritage. She stated that the developers promised the owners of the site, the Vine Family, that the barn would be saved and converted.

Mr Smith of Ersham Road also addressed the Committee regarding the application for Ersham Farm, he considered the barn to be a local landmark and stated it is understood to be of Napoleonic origin. He strongly disagreed that the buildings could not be saved and quoted from the developer's report, stating that it actually points out many significant positives in regard to the structural condition of the Old Clock Barn. Mr Smith quoted from the report submitted by the developers:

"Walls have good structural alignment and the brickwork is in generally sound condition."

"All four corners of this Barn are adequately bonded; this is a good feature with regard to the retention and intended conversion of the barn building"

Mr Smith stated this meant that the considerable structural mass of the Barn has not only stood the test of time but the structural integrity has also remained good withstanding the prolonged loading and wear & tear of agricultural use without any significant movement/settlement.

"The structure has stood for a long period of time. It is reasoned that a structure of such an age has already withstood snow and wind loading extremes as bad as it is likely to experience during the remainder of its lifetime."

Mr Smith stated that all the developer's structural report concludes is that it is simply more efficient to replace the barn rather than convert it. Mr Smith also stated that some survey work has been carried out on the site and some Roman pottery has been found.

Mr Parks of 10 Marlow Drive spoke in respect of the application for 82 Upper Horsebridge Road. He advised he was opposed to the application, stating that the three new houses would be positioned directly opposite 5 houses in Marlow Drive with only a small distance between the properties in Marlow Drive and the development. He considered that although the developer stated they had lowered the height of the dwellings, there would still be overlooking to some of the properties in Marlow Drive. He stated the site is too narrow for such a development. Mr Parks also expressed concern over the loss of trees if the development was to go ahead, which would cause extra noise for the properties in Marlow Drive. He was also concerned that it is already dangerous when exiting Marlow Drive onto the main road and stated that the development with the extra vehicles would cause further danger on this stretch of road.

Present

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Councillors: Mrs B. Beckett, F. Berry, R. Grocock (substituting for Ms A. O’Rawe), P. Holbrook, G. Moore, J. Puttick (Vice Chairman), C. Tasane, A. Willis (Chairman)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

Councillor Mrs M. Burt and Ms A. O’Rawe

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor P. Holbrook declared a personal interest in application WD/2015/2041/F as he has stored cars on the site in previous years.

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Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 (15/4/94-108) were confirmed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

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None were received.

Planning Applications 15/4xx/115-128 (appended hereto)

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WD/2015/2041/F – Ersham Farm, Ersham Road, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council strongly objects to the demolition of these buildings especially in light of the fact that the developer was intending to convert these buildings in its original scheme. The buildings are a unique part of Hailshams heritage and should not be lost.

The Town Council does not accept the structural report, given the visual external state of the buildings, and reserves the right to seek its own structural assessment should the developer wish to pursue this application.

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WD/2015/2367/F Courtneys, 82 Upper Horsebridge, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council supports the application providing the parking meets the standards for the manual for roads and that the hedge at the back of the properties is retained. The Town Council would prefer for all the trees to be retained with a semi permeable base to the parking

Councillors F. Berry and C. Tasane abstained from voting on the application.

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WD/2015/2320/F – 6 Sandbanks Close, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it conforms to guidance within the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2

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WD/2015/2452/FR –15 Turnberry Drive, Hailsham

It is regrettable that the application is retrospective and the applicant did not seek prior advice before commencing the works

Councillors J. Puttick and A. Willis objected to the application. G. Moore and C. Tasane

abstained from voting on the application. 4 members voted in favour of the application.

- 119 WD/2015/7503/F – Junction of Grovelands Road and Cameron Close, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application
Councillor P. Holbrook objected to the application.
- 120 WD/2015/2522/LB – The Vicarage, Hailsham Parish Church, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application
- 121 WD/2015/2216/F 82 London Road, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it conforms to policy SPO13 of the Core Strategy Local Plan 2013 and confirms to the requirements of paragraphs 56, 57, 59 and 60 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012
- 122 WD/2015/2274/F – 5 Green Walk, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it conforms to guidance within the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2
- 123 WD/2015/2216/F 46 and 48 High Street, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it confirms to the requirements of paragraphs 56, 57, 59 and 60 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012
- 124 WD/2015/1813/FR – 8 Hedley Way, Hailsham
It is regrettable that the application is retrospective and the applicant did not seek prior advice before commencing the works
Councillors A. Willis, J. Puttick and G. Moore objected to the application.
- 125 WD/2015/2377/F – 16 Archery Walk, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it conforms to guidance within the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2
- 126 WD/2015/2270/F – Apex Enterprise Centre, Unit 6 Apex Way, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application
- 127 WD/2015/2414/F – 6 Stephenson Close, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it conforms to guidance within the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2
- 128 WD/2015/2439/F – 1 and 2 Woodside Terrace, Polgegate Road, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it confirms to the requirements of paragraphs 56, 57, 59 and 60 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012
- 129 WD/2015/2443/FR – 1 Harold Avenue, Hailsham
Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it conforms to guidance within the Wealden Design Guide 2008 chapter 10 paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm Global/Minutes & Agendas/Planning

Planning Applications

- Application No: WD/2015/2041/F Full
Location: Ersham Farm, Ersham Road, Hailsham
Description: Proposed demolition of the "Clock Barn" and "Dairy Stable" and erection of four new semi detached dwellings with associated garages
- Application No: WD/2015/2320/F Full
Location: 6 Sandbanks Close, Hailsham
Description: Erect conservatory at rear
- Application No: WD/2015/2452/FR Full – retrospective
Location: 15 Turnberry Drive, Hailsham
Description: Convert garage into habitable accommodation
- Application No: WD/2015/7503/T Telecommunication Determination
Location: Junction of Grovelands Road and Cameron Close, Hailsham
Description: Replacement of the existing site at 19 Grovelands Road with a new 15M monopole supporting 3 no. antennas, 1 no. 0.3 M dish, 2no. cabinets and 1no. electrical meter cabinet at ground level and ancillary development thereto
- Application No: WD/2015/2522/LB Listed building consent
Location: The Vicarage, Hailsham Parish Church, Vicarage Road, Hailsham
Description: Rebuilding, repointing and reinforcement of parts of existing boundary wall
- Application No: WD/2015/2367/F Full
Location: Coutneys, 82 Upper Horsebridge Road, Hailsham
Description: Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Erection of a terrace of 3 x 3 bedroomed dwelling houses. Provision of off street parking for 7 vehicles
- Application No: WD/2015/2227/O Outline
Location: 82 London Road, Hailsham
Description: Proposed demolition of existing property and erection of 1 no. pair of semi detached houses
- Application No: WD/2015/2274/F Full
Location: 5 Green Walk, Hailsham
Description: Single storey rear extension
- Application No: WD/2015/2216/F Full
Location: 46 and 48 High Street, Hailsham
Description: Rebuild and extend existing rear annexe (first floor)
- Application No: WD/2015/1813/FR Full retrospective
Location: 8 Hedley Way, Hailsham
Description: Retrospective application for timber decking

Application No: WD/2015/2377/F Full
Location: 16 Archery Walk, Hailsham
Description: Proposed single storey side addition and new access and hardstanding

Application No: WD/2015/2270/F Full
Location: Apex Enterprise Centre, Unit 6 Apex Way, Hailsham
Description: Installation of mezzanine floor within building for storage

Application No: WD/2015/2414/F Full
Location: 6 Stephenson Close, Hailsham
Description: Proposed rear PVCU conservatory

Application No: WD/2015/2439/F Full
Location: 1 and 2 Woodside Terrace, Polegate Road, Hailsham
Description: Proposed porch and study extensions

Application No: WD/2015/2443/F Full
Location: 1 Harold Avenue, Hailsham
Description: Proposed rear PVCU conservatory