

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 in the Town Council Offices, Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Market Street, Hailsham** on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 6.30 pm

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Public Forum

To deal with any questions or brief representations from members of the public relevant to the remit of the committee, in accordance with Standing Order 1. and Hailsham Town Council policy. (15 Minutes)

Councillor K. Nicholls read out a letter from a resident, Mr Turner, in relation to his concerns over speeding in the Town.

I live in Ersham Road, i have been using up my annual leave, doing odd jobs at home, whilst doing so i have noticed a lot of very heavy, usually Browns, lorries using Ersham Road, yes there are thousands of new houses being built along Ersham Road, but why do such heavy lorries need to use a residential road, they most probably use at least four to get from the by-pass to here- i have also noticed they speed, it is a 30 mph limit along Ersham road, or at least the part we live in, close the Caroline House nursing home

I have also noticed how many cars speed both up and down the road, its a 30 mph limit, but i have heard and seen some cars doing at least 50, i know we used to have the plastic mobile speed camera turn up, after 9.00 am and be gone by 4.00 pm, not much use as most of the speeding is motorist racing to go home

What we need is to stop the heavy lorries, they could for instance use the A22, then the A27 and come up from Stone Cross, the road is wider and less densely populated, we also need to stop these speeding motorists

I know you are a town Councillor, but you have many more council contact than me, i am sure that you can apply for grants from Wealden Council for speed cameras, road calming, additional signs

Don't email me back and say i need to contact whoever, please can you do something, one day someone will be killed by either a heavy vehicle or car speeding

The Committee discussed the issues of traffic in the Town and P. Holbrook expressed concern at the high level of traffic in Battle Road, in rush hour.

Members agreed it would be helpful if a "speed watch" could be set up. A. Blake Coggins advised she could help organise this, but she would need the details, dates and exact times of the speeding issues so she can pass these onto

Wealden Enforcement.

K. Giddings was asked to send the residents letter to the Enforcement Department at East Sussex County Council to request action is taken on these matters.

161 **Present**

Councillors: A. Blake Coggins (substituting for A. Ricketts) C. Bryant (Chair), D. Chapman, P. Holbrook (Vice Chair), K. Nicholls

Councillor S. Murphy (East Sussex County Council)

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

162 **Apologies For Absence**

J. Crittenden and A. Ricketts

163 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor P. Holbrook declared a personal interest in the application WD/2026/0423/O and did not vote on the application

164 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved that Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 24th February 2026 may be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposer – P Holbrook, seconder – K. Nicholls

165 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Planning and Development Committee on 24th February 2026**

P. Holbrook reported that the development at Battle Road in Hailsham will be undertaken in “phases”.

166 **Road and Traffic Issues in Hailsham**

Councillor S. Murphy discussed with the Committee the traffic problems in the Town, particularly within South Road. Members agreed the situation with the traffic is getting worse. S. Murphy advised that the MASHH Committee (Movement and Access Strategy Hailsham and Hellingly) have been investigating a one way system but concerns were raised that a one-way system would increase traffic delays.

It was noted that the work to the Ersham Road Triangle is planned to begin in the Autumn of this year and the work will be carried out at night to minimise disruption.

S. Murphy stated a meeting of the MASHH Committee will not be able to take place before June this year, due to the elections. They will look to organise a

meeting as soon as possible after the elections.

S. Murphy suggested the Town Council could ask questions in relation to traffic and speeding at an East Sussex County Council meeting – a written request can be submitted before the meeting.

Members discussed the state of the roads and it was agreed that decades of underspending on the roads had led to the pot hole issues now.

S. Murphy advised that a full business case is being considered in relation to 5 roundabouts on the A22. He further advised that he will be presenting his “Review of street works” to the County Council shortly.

Planning Applications

167 WD/2026/0420/F – 24 The Cedars, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council supports the application as it conforms to chapter 10 paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2 of the Wealden Design Guide 2008 and policy HAIL D2 of the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan

Proposer – P. Holbrook Seconder – K. Nicholls

All voted in favour

168 WD/2026/0396/F – Quinnell House, 77 Quinnell Drive, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council has no objections to the application

Proposer – P. Holbrook Seconder – D. Chapman

All voted in favour

169 WD/2026/0423/O – Land adjacent to Waldernheath, Amberstone, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council strongly objects to the proposed application as the Town Council has major concerns over the safety of the access here:

- The junction in its current format is not safe - the main road here is dangerous and there has been a recent accident on this road involving two young children
- A development here will force more traffic onto an already dangerous road/junction
- The sight splays here are not sufficient

The Town Council does not consider that a development proposal here is acceptable until the road work improvements have been completed on the junction of Featherbed Lane, Amberstone and the A271

Proposer – C. Bryant Seconder – D. Chapman

Councillors D. Chapman, A. Blake Coggins, C. Bryant and K. Nicholls all voted

against the application

Councillor P. Holbrook abstained from voting on the application

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm Global/Minutes & Agendas/Planning

Planning Applications

Application No: WD/2026/0420/F Full
Location: 24 The Cedars, Hailsham
Description: Replacement conservatory at rear

Application No: WD/2026/0396/F Full
Location: QUINNELL HOUSE, 77 QUINNELL DRIVE, HAILSHAM
Description: PROPOSED NEW METAL FIRE ESCAPE STAIRCASE FROM 2ND FLOOR
LOFT STAFF ROOM - NORTH EAST ELEVATION

Application No: WD/2026/0423/O Outline
Location: Land adjacent to Waldernheath, Amberstone, Hailsham
Description: Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except access) for the
erection of 9no. dwellings