

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 24th February 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)

K. Nicholls read out a letter in relation to parking and traffic issues residents are experiencing in the Town. She asked for the letter to be sent to the relevant parties at East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council:

Whilst I know that many of you in this committee will know, I'd like to bring to the meetings attention the problem created by parking and increased traffic density, due in part to the new developments not only in Hailsham but also in the neighbouring parishes of Hellingly, Herstmonceux, Ringmer and Pevensey and Westham, to the traffic flow in and around Hailsham, in particular South Hailsham where I live.

Parking at the top of Station Road and Ersham Road by the mini roundabout, not only causes traffic delays in both Station Road, Ersham Road and South Road, it creates a knock - on effect within the one-way system in Hailsham Town and High Street.

Traffic flow is a further impeded and the situation exacerbated by cars turning right into Western Road and Station Road from South Road across the flow of traffic, particularly during rush-hour. Traffic also has to stop at the zebra crossing at the top of South Road and when a bus stops at the top of Ersham Road just off the mini roundabout. Traffic buildup in these areas now occurs regularly throughout the day, not just in rush-hour.

Hailsham residents regularly experience long traffic delays in Ersham Road and South Road and grid lock around the one way system in Hailsham High Street.

Is there any way that this committee can urge WDC to instruct East Sussex Highways to undertake a survey to collect data on the current situation? If not, what can this committee do to try and improve the situation for Hailsham residents?

K. Giddings advised she would email Wealden Council, East Sussex County Council and the Highways Department in relation to these concerns.

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Present

Councillors: C. Bryant (Chair), J. Crittenden, D. Chapman, K. Nicholls, A. Ricketts

Officers in attendance: K. Giddings

151 **Apologies For Absence**

P. Holbrook

152 **Declarations of Interest**

All Councillors present declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Hailsham Town Football Club, as the Council is part funding the project at the Club

Councillor A Ricketts declared a personal interest in WD/2026/0180/F – 32 Forest View, Hailsham, as she is acquainted with the applicant

153 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved that Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 may be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

154 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Planning and Development Committee on 10th February 2026**

Councillor D. Chapman advised he had spoken to Hailsham United Football Club in respect of a neighbours concerns over the application WD/2025/0246/F – Hailsham United Junior Football Club, Orion Close. The Football Club had advised they will erect a fence around the units, along with low level hedging, to mitigate the problems the neighbours were experiencing.

Planning Applications

155 WD/2026/0206/F – 26 Conquest Drive, Hailsham

The Town Council has no objections to the application

Proposer – K. Nicholls Seconder – D. Chapman

All voted in favour

156 WD/2025/2541/FR – St Lucia, 40 Hawthylands Road, Hailsham

The Town Council objects to the application for the following reasons:

The proposed application is too cramped - the site is not suitable for a separate dwelling

The Town Council is concerned that the parking provision here is insufficient

The proposed dwelling will be overshadowed by the current property, as there is insufficient space for a separate dwelling here

The proposed application is contrary to policy HAIL D1 of the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan

Proposer – D. Chapman

Seconder – K. Nicholls

All voted against the application

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WD/2026/0180/F – 32 Forest View, Hailsham

Hailsham Town Council objects to the application as the proposed dwelling is overdevelopment of the site, and therefore contrary to policy HAIL D1 of the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan

Proposer – J. Crittenden Seconder – K. Nicholls

Councillor A. Ricketts did not vote on the application

Councillors D. Chapman, J. Crittenden, C. Bryant and K. Nicholls voted against the application

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WD/2025/2708/F – Beaconsfield Football Club, Hailsham Town FC, Western Road, Hailsham

The Town Council supports the application and praises this use of community space, as this is a vital facility for the Town

Proposer – J. Crittenden Seconder – D. Chapman

All voted in favour

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Other Planning Matters

Members discussed a request from Hailsham Chamber of Commerce and Hailsham Forward, in which they asked for assistance in contacting Wealden District Council, in relation to the planning rules for vinyl wrapping of unoccupied premises in Hailsham High Street.

K. Giddings advised she would email the Conservation Officer at Wealden Council, to ask whether it would be possible to consider agreeing a “blanket” planning permission for vinyl wrapping at the frontage of empty shops in the High Street.

It was noted Hailsham Forward do not want access to the shops and just wish to put vinyl on the outside of the premises.

The Committee agreed for K. Giddings to contact Wealden Council to seek advice on this.

Proposer – C. Bryant, Seconder – K. Nicholls

All members voted in favour of contacting the Conservation Officer at Wealden Council, with this request

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

Planning Applications

Application No: WD/2026/0206/F Full
Location: 26 Conquest Drive, Hailsham
Description: Proposed single storey rear extension to replace conservatory

Application No: WD/2025/2541/FR Full Retrospective
Location: St Lucia, 40 Hawthylands Road, Hailsham
Description: PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF DOUBLE GARAGE TO A MIXED USE AS GRANNY ANNEXE/SEPARATE DWELLING

Application No: WD/2026/0180/F Full
Location: 32 Forest View, Hailsham
Description: Proposed new dwelling within curtilage of 32 Forest View

Application No: WD/2025/2708/FR Full Retrospective
Location: Beaconsfield Football Ground, Hailsham Town FC, Western Road, Hailsham
Description: PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF FORMERLY EXISTING STAND AND TURNSTILE STRUCTURE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS INCORPORATING CHANGING, TOILET AND KITCHEN FACILITIES, WITH A NEW STAND AND TURNSTILE STRUCTURE, AND THE MINOR REPOSITIONING OF AN EXISTING STAND