

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2024 at 7.00PM

Committee: Cllr S Ody (Chair & Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr C Pond (Vice Chair)*
Cllr F Visser* (Town Mayor)
Councillors: M Belsey, Gibbs, Mockford, Peacock*, Scott* and Whittaker
*= absent
** = present on zoom (this does not qualify as present for decision making)

Also Present: Town Clerk, and one member of the public

364 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A question was asked whether there was a proposal to close traffic on London Road. The Chair replied that there is a working party that will be looking in to the feasibility of shared surfaces which may include this, but this is very early days. should any proposals come forth they will be subject to public consultation.

365 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were noted from:

Cllr A Peacock	Personal Commitment
Cllr C Pond	Personal Commitment
Cllr. T Scott	Work Commitment

366 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

367 **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Whittaker declared he was a member of the Mid Sussex District Council Planning Committee, he reserved his right to change his views subject to professional advice, officer report or further representations from the public.

Cllr Gibbs declared he was an employee of the Queen Victoria Trust regarding however this was not being considered this evening by the committee.

368 **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Ashplats Wood SANG is considering the need for improvements to the SANG route, They have a quote for a 1.5m wide, 104.5m long stretch of boardwalk to span the worst stretch of the Ghyll Steps. Next it is proposed to look at what additional stretches would benefit from upgrading (probably through a more traditional timber-edged, bound gravel

surfacing solution), with a particular focus on the areas being brought to our attention by East Court Parkrun. They are consulting with the steering group members (which include the Chair of this Committee and the Clerk). The costs would be met from the existing SANG funds. It was asked what the materials would be, and it will be a mix like the 1km walk currently is.

We understand that residents around the old police station (although not the East Grinstead Town Council) have received a letter asking for their views as to a conversion of the old police station to flats. The Clerk has approached the developer to ask that they contact the Council in order to learn more.

369 DELEGATED DECISION

The Chair advised that the member of the public who contacted the council was very keen to receive this letter, due to the impending roadworks. Although it was not believed that the works could be approved in his timescales, it was however agreed as a delegated decision, just in case.

We understand this will now go through the process at County. The Clerk had spoken with the County Councillor before consulting with the chair and VC as he had held extensive conversations with the residents in the area and was supportive of the TRO.

The Committee noted the decision.

370 MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS (INCLUDING PROTECTED TREES)

RESOLVED: That Mid Sussex District Council be informed that the observations of the Town Council, on the applications set out in the appendix to these Minutes, are as indicated in column 4 thereof.

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on **Monday 22nd April 2024** and closed the meeting at 7.43 pm.

Signed

Chair

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Plan No. (1)	Location & Applicant (2)	Proposal (3)	Town Council's Observations (4)	M.S.D.C. Decisions
DM/23/3256/HOU Baldwins	Cedar Lodge Hackenden Lane East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2DL Mr Lederer	Proposed demolition of existing shed and erection of detached garage. (Revised plans received 08.03.2023)	Committee of 3 rd April would support approval, however would like a condition that should the works result in mud deposits to Alders View Drive, this should be regularly cleaned, to be a good neighbour.	
DM/24/0273/HOU Town South	Claylands West Lane East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4HH c/o agent	Conversion, and extension, of existing double garage and single storey studio buildings into a living accommodation. The creation of a utility room/storage link building between the proposed accommodation and the existing house.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0423/FUL Ashplats North	Queen Victoria Hospital Holtye Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3DZ	Removal of existing parking bays and construction of new hard-landscaping. Installation of new UKPN sub-station, generator & bulk fuel tank. Erection of new acoustic fence enclosures.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0505/FUL Town South	14 Railway Approach And Land R/o 108 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1BP Esma Properties	Extension to number 14 Railway Approach East Grinstead RH19 1BP and the land to the rear of 108 London Road to provide an extended commercial unit to the ground floor and the provision of 4 residential dwellings	Committee of 3 rd April would support approval, noting that the improvement to Railway Approach is included in the Councils' neighbourhood plan. Committee felt this was a good utilisation of the space.	
DM/24/0531/FUL Town North	Jewson Ltd 153 - 157 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex Stark Building Materials	Provision of steel racking within builders yard.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	

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DM/24/0544//HOU Herontye & Ashplats South	19 York Avenue East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4TL Mr T Herrington	Ground floor, single storey rear extension, with pitched roof over.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0553/FUL Ashplats North	The Croft Holtye Road East Grinstead West Sussex Mr J Miles	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a self-build detached house.	Committee of 3 rd April : committee were concerned that the design was not in keeping with the surround, however it was noted that the property would be hidden from general view, on balance the committee would support approval. It is noted that the entrance from the Holtye Road is not a good entrance with visibility and the surface of the track.	
DM/24/0554/HOU Herontye & Ashplats South	October Fairfield Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4HB Mr & Mrs Bradshaw	Demolition of garage. Construction of single storey rear extension and replacement detached studio.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0557/LBC Herontye & Ashplats South	Constitutional Buildings High Street East Grinstead West Sussex C Wenstrom	Proposed installation of conservation roof light within valley roof.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0560/HOU Town South	10 Ridgeway East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4BW S Briance	Proposed first floor extension to the rear and side of house.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	

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DM/24/0601/VOC Town North	Development Site At Former Tower Car Sales Tower Close East Grinstead West Sussex Weald Properties	Variation to Conditions 6 and 15 relating to planning application DM/22/0921 - to replace cladding with render	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0602/HOU Imberhorne	10 Sheridan Place East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1SU Mr & Mrs Pullen	Proposed two storey side extension, ground floor rear extension and ground floor front porch extension	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0618/ADV Town South	Land Outside Of O2 8 Whitehall Parade London Road Clear Channel UK	Proposed Double-sided digital advertising displays within planned new Bus Shelter.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0631/HOU Town North	St Julian Cranston Road East Grinstead West Sussex Mrs A Fear	Conversion of roof with pitched dormers. Demolition of flat roof dormers and addition of roof lights and minor roof alterations. Replacement and alterations to windows and doors. Demolition of rear conservatory and replace with pitched and tiled roof extension to match existing.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0647/HOU Baldwins	11 Baldwins Field East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2HE Mrs S McLelland	First floor extension over existing garage to match previous approval 10/03051/FUL	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	

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DM/24/0648/TREE Ashplats North	Adjacent To 8 Barn Field Place East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3FD B Mahon	T1 - Large Cedar tree, prune back branches 2m. Crown lift branches 3 m. T2 - Large Cedar tree, next to footpath and parking bay. Crown lift / prune back low branches by 3m. (Amended description 14.03.24, to include 2 trees).	The Committee would support approval subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer	
DM/24/0658/FUL Town South	Alexander Opticians 97 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1EQ H Marcou	Proposed single storey storeroom to be added to the rear of the property.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0674/VOC Imberhorne	57 Crossways Avenue East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1JD Mr J Peck	Variation of Condition No's: 1 and 3 relating to planning permission DM/21/1652 to allow for changes to external finish of the first floor dormer from red brick to red-hung tile to match the existing host building.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0676/FUL Ashplats North	Orchard Farm Cottages Holtye Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3PP Mr A Talal	Reinstating of approved landscaping and proposal of hardscaping with associated fencing layout reconfiguration.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0692/LDC EG South	71 Butlers Way East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4TQ Mr & Mrs Fincham	Proposed loft Conversion	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	

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DM/24/0700/LBC EG South	National Trust Standen West Hoathly Road East Grinstead National Trust	Installation of 2no. door closers	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0704/FUL Town South	5-8A Whitehall Parade London Road East Grinstead West Sussex Mr C Martell	Change of use of the second floor from retail to 7no. self-contained one-bedroom residential units and installation of additional windows.	The committee of 3 rd April would support approval, and supported the provision of single person accommodation.	
DM/24/0742/LDC EG South	The Oakley Oakley Close East Grinstead West Sussex Mr & Mrs Lord	Convert existing integral garage to habitable accommodation to create larger bedroom and ensuite bathroom. New windows to replace existing garage door and rear access door. New landscaping at front of property to provide improved layout.	Committee of 3 rd April noted this was a legal decision to be made by the Mid Sussex DC Officers.	
DM/24/0765/HOU Imberhorne	Brookhurst Furze Lane East Grinstead West Sussex Mr & Mrs Gross	Tiered level to garden including patio, flower beds and retaining walls.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	
DM/24/0767/HOU Imberhorne	44 Blount Avenue East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1JQ Browning	Demolition of existing conservatory, and construction of a new single storey rear extension, enlargement of the existing north-east roof slope and dormer. Internal and external alterations to suit.	Committee of 3 rd April offered no comment on the application	