

**EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 at 7.00PM**

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

Also Present: The Town Clerk (via zoom)

103 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public present

104 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were ACCEPTED for:

Cllr Mockford	Unwell
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And NOTED for:

Cllr J Belsey	Personal Commitment
Cllr Peacock	Personal Commitment

105 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

Cllr whittaker who declared he was a member of the Mid Sussex District Council District Planning Committee, he reserved his right to amend his views based on further information from officers, the public or other representations.

Cllr Pond advised that he was a resident of Hurst Farm Road regarding item 6

107 **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A new National Planning Policy Framework has been issued for consultation, with a closing date of 24<sup>th</sup> September, this has been circulated to councillors and a response is requested by 2<sup>nd</sup> September to allow a draft to come to this committee.

Cllr Whittaker advised the steps that the District Council were taking to prepare their response.

He also mentioned that the District Council were making steps to have their own plan approved and it will be interesting to see how the new plan stands up to the amended NPPF. The allocated housing numbers were also referred to, the biggest concern is the unmet need of the neighbouring districts.

108 COMMUNITY HIGHWAY SCHEME - HURST FARM ROAD

Committee referred to the speed of traffic along Hurst Farm Road, lack of crossing points and increased volume of traffic are all matters that raise concern, therefore any traffic calming would be welcomed. Committee would look forward to ideas to come forward showing how this can be furthered.

RESOLVED: Committee support a scheme being worked up by the County Council to improve the road quality for all users of Hurst Farm Road.

109 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 **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024** and closed the meeting at 19.37.

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/24/0676/FUL Ashplats North	Orchard Farm Cottages Holtze Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3PP  A Sheikh	Reinstating of approved landscaping and proposal of hardscaping with associated fencing layout reconfiguration. Description amended 22.07.2024 to include retrospective change of use of adjoining paddock to hardstanding area serving cottages. Amended plans received to clarify landscaping works as constructed and proposed changes.	The Committee had no specific comment on this application but no objections	
DM/24/0886/FUL Herontye & Ashplats South	3 Morton Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4AF  Mr & Mrs Drillsma	Demolition of an existing garage and replacement with a two storey proposal with a garage on the ground floor and a home office / additional amenity space on the first floor accessed via a new spiral staircase.	Committee of 5 <sup>th</sup> August noted that this has been considered by the committee before. The committee did not feel there had been significant changes from 14 <sup>th</sup> May Committee. They continue to support approval, providing the year round safety of access has been considered by the officers.	
DM/24/1457/HOU Ashplats North	50 Blackwell Farm Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3JN  R Coomber	Demolition of existing lean-to at rear of property and erection of single storey rear extension.	The Committee of 5 <sup>th</sup> August had no specific comment on this application but no objections	
DM/24/1535/FUL Imberhorne	St Faith Dental Clinic 2 Halsford Park Road East Grinstead West Sussex  Mr R Simmonds	First floor extension and associated works	The Committee of 5 <sup>th</sup> August would support this application.	

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DM/24/1593/HOU Herontye & Ashplats South	46 Morton Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4AG  C/o agent	Proposed single storey rear conservatory.	The Committee had no specific comment on this application but no objections	
DM/24/1600/HOU EG South	The Cottage Coombe Hill Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4LZ  Mrs J Simmonds	Proposed two storey side and rear extension to rear of existing detached garage	Committee of 5 <sup>th</sup> August would support approval. The Committee are concerned as to the outbuilding being possible to be separated from the main building which they would not wish to see.	
DM/24/1682/HOU Town South	Clays West Lane East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4HH  Mr & Mrs Lyons	(Retrospective) extension to loggia, outbuilding internal alterations, shed and car port	Committee of 5 <sup>th</sup> August noted this was a retrospective application and was now complete. The committee concurred with the tree officer comments as to any damage which may have occurred, and if this is the case would ask for retribution by the applicant regarding any damaged trees. Otherwise, as the work is complete they would support approval of the application.	
DM/24/1732/TREE Ashplats North	1 Beacon Rise East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3FR  Mr D Taylor	T1 Oak - overall crown reduction to maximum of 3 meters. Crown thinning of 10 percent. Crown lifting to 2.5 meters above ground.	The Committee of 5 <sup>th</sup> August have no objection subject to no adverse report from the Mid Sussex DC tree officer.	

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DM/24/1776/HOU Ashplats North	24 Blackwell Farm Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3JN  R O'Connell	Front porch extension.	The Committee had no specific comment on this application but no objections	
DM/24/1810/TREE Baldwins	Land At Dorset Avenue East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1PZ  Mr M Du Preez	Proposed works: re-pollard at approx. 5m above ground level leaving minor furnishing growth	The Committee of 5 <sup>th</sup> August have no objection subject to no adverse report from the Mid Sussex DC tree officer.	