

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE – MONDAY 24th JUNE 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: Cllr Barnett, Cllr Reeves the Town Clerk and two members of public, one on zoom and one in the room.

88 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public questions

89 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were approved for:

Cllr Pond	personal Commitment
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90 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

Cllrs Peacock and Whittaker declared they were currently members of the Mid Sussex District planning committee. They reserved their right to change their expressed views based on representations, reports or professional advice.

Cllr Mockford declared she was a member of the MSDC Licencing Committee and similarly reserved her right to amend her views.

Cllr Reeves who had attended the meeting regarding DM/23/2699/OUT declared that she was a resident of Bluebell Close.

92 **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none

93 CONSULTATION TRO

The chair introduced the item. The Clerk advised that this matter had been supported by the Committee when the resident had approached the Council with the idea. The Chair advised any comments should be send directly or to the clerk if a further representation was wished.

94 LICENCING COMMITTEE

There were no comments to pass along to the Mid Sussex Licencing Committee

95 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 15th July 2024** and closed the meeting at 19.46 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/23/2699/OUT Imberhorne	Land South And West Of Imberhorne Upper School Imberhorne Lane East Grinstead West Sussex Welbeck	Hybrid planning application seeking 1) outline planning permission for a mixed use development comprising up to 550 dwellings (Use Class C3), a care village of up to 150 dwellings (Use Class 2), land for a 2 form entry primary school (including early years provision and special needs education provision), mixed use neighbourhood centre, allotments, landscaping and sustainable urban drainage; and 2) full planning permission for playing fields, new sports pavilion, and running track associated with Imberhorne Secondary School, a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) with associated car park, access from Imberhorne Lane, internal road to the SANG and associated landscaping and infrastructure. (Additional/amended information and plans received 22nd May 2024)	The Committee of 24 th June 2024 considered the application. They noted the many community elements that the developer was looking to introduce in this application. But noted the concerns that this application brings regarding the highways issues. The Town Council adopted a position on the highways in October 2022, requesting Mid Sussex follow the Surrey County Council grampion recommendation regarding the star junction upgrade. This Committee remains committed to that position. This is an allocated site for mixed use by the District Council. The Committee considered this in November 2023, changes since then encompass the foul sewer upgrade requirement from Southern water. It is noted that other consultees have made no objection to the scheme. It is noted that WSCC highways have made comments as to the changes but not as yet professed an opinion. SCC comments precised the traffic issues, but now seem to have no concerns as to the plans. The four council working group on the travel corridor continues and the report is awaited. Committee wish to see the guarantee that the star junction upgrade will be forthcoming before supporting this application. Committee are still awaiting for details of the S106 agreement and without sight of this and the guarantee of the junction upgrade. committee are not able to support the application. It was also a concern that the Historic England concerns and proposals that were previously submitted do not seem to have been met by the developer. MSDC officers are asked to consider this in depth.	

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DM/24/0831/FUL Imberhorne	Floran Farm Hophurst Hill Crawley Down Crawley RH19 4LP Via agent	Change of use of land to facilitate the siting of 4no. proposed yurts and 1no. shepherds hut for camping purposes and the retention of mobile home to be used ancillary, part retrospective.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application.	
DM/24/0983/HOU Imberhorne	67 Campbell Crescent East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1JT Mr S Bateman	Demolition of garage and storage building. Double / part single storey side and rear extension roof extension and loft conversion with pitched roof dormers, a Juliette balcony to the rear elevation and front porch. (Amended plans and description 06/06/2024)	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1033/HOU Imberhorne	57 Halsford Park Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1PP Mr B Peto	Replace windows in back room with patio/french doors.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1208/TREE Ashplats North	War Memorial Playing Fields East Court College Lane East Grinstead Mrs S Lee	T1 Sycamore - Cut back overhanging branches approx 3.5m to boundary.	The Committee of 24 th June 2024 would support approval subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer	
DM/24/1278/LBC EG South	5 And 6 Standen Cottages West Hoathly Road East Grinstead West Sussex The National Trust	Recovering of the roofs using existing materials, repairs to the timber structure, renewal of the central valley gutter and introduction of a rooflight. Renewal of and additional rainwater goods. Introduction of fire separation within the roof void and elsewhere. Renewal of secondary glazing. External redecoration.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	

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DM/24/1300/HOU Town North	9 St Agnes Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3RP Mr T Earl	Proposed first floor side extension, internal and external changes at ground and first floor levels.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1305/HOU Baldwins	19 Buckhurst Way East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2AQ Mr Burberry	Proposed ground floor wrap around extension, first floor side extension.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1306/LDC Baldwins	19 Buckhurst Way East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2AQ Mr Burberry	Proposed new outbuilding at back of garden.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1322/LDC Imberhorne	97 Garden Wood Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1SB Mr & Mrs S Cooper	Proposed single storey rear extension.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1331/FUL Town South	Natwest 15 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1AJ RBS	All fascia signage to be removed. All marketing to be removed. ATM to be removed and install new blank panel to match existing door front. Night safe face plate to be removed and bricked to match existing. Letter box to be sealed internally.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1337/LDC Imberhorne	49 Newick Way East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1RN Mr Grey	Proposed garage conversion to form a study and kitchen.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	

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DM/24/1340/FUL Ashplats North	Sussex Police Authority Police Station East Court College Lane ZMQL	Proposed change of use of existing redundant Police Station to create 33 residential apartments. Demolition of existing south & west blocks to new build, re-use of existing east block including associated landscaping, parking, bin & cycle stores.	<p>The committee of 24th June 2024 noted in the first instance that the Town Council is the neighbouring landowner. They note that the application was for 33 dwellings, The Committee recommended refusal: whilst it is an allocated site in the Mid Sussex site allocation DPD, there are concerns as to the increased number of dwellings and the extra parking and travel movements. The design is noted to blend into the original façade of the dwelling.</p> <p>It is noted that this area abuts the conservation area and listed building. The site does need development but could be better in design to meet with the conservation area. It is noted with sadness that the developers' viability study attempts to mitigate any affordable housing contribution and this site makes no allocation for this. DP31 is not satisfied at this time. DP29 is not satisfied as there is no overflow parking in the area if this development fails to deliver appropriate provision. A parking management condition is strongly requested for this application between the developer and the Town Council.</p> <p>Contribution to drive maintenance and ensuring that the inhabitants and their visitors have space to park without encroaching on the East Court estate were also raised regarding protection of the East Court estate.</p>	

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DM/24/1351/LDC Herontye & Ashplats South	22 Stockwell Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4AU Mr & Mrs Maynard	Proposed rear loft dormer extension.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1361/TREE Herontye & Ashplats South	15 The Rise East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4DS Mr O Bryant	Willow trees (T1 and T2) - Reduce back by 2-3 metres. Cherry Trees (G1) - Remove.	The Committee of 24 th June 2024 would support approval subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer	
DM/24/1368/HOU Imberhorne	131 Imberhorne Lane East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1RP Les Humphrey Associates	Internal alterations and conversion of garage to improve residential accommodation.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1376/HOU Imberhorne	30 Fairlawn Crescent East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1NU Mrs S Coppard	Proposed single storey rear extension and rendered external walls	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	
DM/24/1396/TREE Town South	Flat 1 Daledene Lewes Road East Grinstead Y Hyder	T1 Walnut Tree- reduce lateral branches by up to 2 m, leaving branches aprox 2m	The committee of 24 th June 2024 were a little concerned that this was a lot of the tree to be removed but would be assured that the Tree Officer at MSDC would consider the application thoroughly.	
DM/24/1397/TREE Imberhorne	4 The Moorings East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 2TD M Harveyt	T1 Sycamore fell.	The Committee of June 2024 would support approval subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer	

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FM/24/1404/VOC Town North	Development Site At Former Tower Car Sales Tower Close East Grinstead West Sussex Weald Properties	Variation of Conditions 6 and 15 relating to DM/22/0921.	The committee of 24 th June had no particular comment but no objection on the application	