

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor B E Read (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs A E D Barham  
Councillor K G Basson  
Councillor Dr J M Harman  
Councillor P M Harman (substituting for Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill)  
Councillor Ms L C Howes  
Councillor B R Parry

**ALSO PRESENT:** Graham Blew – Town Clerk

**ABSENT:** Councillor J A Hayes  
Councillor K M Kelly  
Councillor A S Reach

**255/16-17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Mrs S P Butterfill, D J Mote and S J Ryan.

**256/16-17. SUBSTITUTES.**

Councillor P M Harman substituted for Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill.

**257/16-17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Councillor Dr J M Haman declared a prejudicial interest regarding application DA/16/021690/TRCON as she felt that the application related to land/property sufficiently close to her own land/property that development would have, or be perceived to have, a positive or negative consequence for her.

Councillor P M Harman declared a prejudicial interest regarding application DA/16/021690/TRCON as he felt that the application related to land/property sufficiently close to his own land/property that development would have, or be perceived to have, a positive or negative consequence for him.

Councillor B R Parry declared a prejudicial interest regarding application DA/16/021690/TRCON as he felt that the application related to land/property sufficiently close to his own land/property that development would have, or be perceived to have, a positive or negative consequence for him.

***The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.***

Councillors' P M Harman and B R Parry addressed the Committee as members of the public and advised of their concerns regarding application DA/16/01690/TRCON which included: the absence of any information or inclusion on replacing the tree and

shrubs that were being proposed to be removed; concerns within the community that the area where the tree and shrubs were proposed to be removed from was within a Conservation Area and that the planting boxes were a part of this and should not be lost. There were also concerns that there did not appear to have been any notices displayed at the site regarding this application and that local neighbouring properties had not received any notifications regarding this application.

**258/16-17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

**259/16-17. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2016.**

It was noted that the comments for application EDC/16/0093 had not included the concerns raised regarding there being no indication of disabled parking facilities within the proposal and clarification on this being requested. After checking the notes from the meeting the Town Clerk agreed to forward these comments to the Planning Authority.

**Recommended:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2016, including the above amendment, were confirmed and signed.

**260/16-17. CORRESPONDENCE/RESPONSE FROM GARETH JOHNSON MP – INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Members received the response from Gareth Johnson MP.

**Recommended:** That the item be noted.

**TOWN PLANNING:**

261/16-17. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL / EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS.**

DA/16/01669/FUL	Erection of a two storey side extension and a first floor rear extension.  2 Moore Road, Swanscombe.
OBSERVATIONS:	No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of this application.

*Having already declared a prejudicial interest Councillors' Dr J M Harman, P M Harman and BR Parry left the chamber and took no part in the discussion or decision on the following application.*

DA/16/01690/TRCON	Notification of proposal to remove tree within planting boxes within Greenhithe Conservation Area.  Land at Arethusa Place, High Street, Greenhithe.
OBSERVATIONS:	Members feel that the tree and planting boxes were an important part of the Conservation Area and were concerned that should the proposal result in them being removed that they should be replaced with suitable size and specimens of tree and shrubs and that a management programme should be put in place to ensure these new tree and shrubs were maintained and flourished.
DA/16/01696/FUL	Erection of a single storey front/side extension, provision of a dormer window in side elevation and velux windows in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space together with erection of a double car port.  55 Watermans Way, Greenhithe.
OBSERVATIONS:	No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of this application.
DA/16/01615/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey side extension.  20 Pilgrims View, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS:	No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of this application.
DA/16/01688/TPO	Application for 1.5m overall crown reduction of 1 No. (T1) Cherry, fell 1 No. (T2) Grey Alder, fell 1 No. (T4) Cherry tree, 2m crown reduction of 1 No. (T5) Ash tree, remove north facing overhang branch back to boundary line of 1 No. (T6) Field map (20 Ingress Park Avenue) subject to Tree Preservation Order No.11 1990.  3 Watermans Way & 20 Ingress Park Avenue, Greenhithe.
OBSERVATIONS:	Members seek confirmation that the Planning Authorities Tree Officer is happy with the proposal and would request that any trees felled or removed are replaced with suitable size and specimens of trees and that a management programme should be put in place to ensure the replacements are maintained and flourish.
DA/16/01717/COU	Change of use of front part of property from retail to cab office.  4 Stanhope Road, Swanscombe Kent DA10 0AL.
OBSERVATIONS:	Members object to this proposal as it is felt to be an unsuitable use in a residential area which would give rise to issues of noise, disturbance and parking and also with it being located at a junction of 2 roads it would cause safety concerns for both pedestrians and road users.  The Planning Authority are asked to consider whether a condition requiring double yellow lines being placed outside this property should be included.
DA/16/01573/FUL	Erection of a satellite dish on front elevations (retrospective application)  1 Park Cliff Road Greenhithe Kent DA9 9FY.
OBSERVATIONS:	Members have no observations but would like to ask the Planning Authority (DBC) to ensure that the Development Control Board members are made fully aware of any restrictive covenants that are in place for the dwellings in the area that this application relates to. Please ensure that all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of this application.

262/16-17. **GRANTED DECISION NOTICES SUBMITTED BY DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL/EDC FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION.**

The following granted decision notices were noted.

DA/16/00898/FUL	Erection of a part two/part single storey/part first floor rear/side extension.  3 Atlantic Close, Swanscombe.
DA/16/01518/TPO	Application for works to protected trees being removal of ivy, crown reduction, removal of yew shoots and canopy lifting to T29 (false Acacia), removal of T31 (Horse Chestnut). Removal of ivy, crown reduction and lifting of canopy to T33 (Horse Chestnut) subject to Tree Preservation Order No.11, 1990.  Ingress Lodge, London Road, Greenhithe.

263/16-17. **ESTIMATES FOR 2017 – 2018.**

Members were reminded that Officers had begun work on the estimates for 2017 – 2018 earlier in the year with members first being asked for any suggestions in July (minute 122/16-17), with an agreed deadline of 31 August 2016. Full Council had then considered the proposals submitted at its meeting on 13 October 2016 (minute 199/16-17).

The draft Annual Estimates 2017 – 2018 would need to be approved and endorsed by the full Council in January 2017 before setting the Council Tax Base for the 2017 – 2018 financial year.

**Recommended:** To note.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

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