

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held
on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 9.30 am at Russell House,
Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Bird (LB) – Chair
Mr M Bortolozzo (MB)
Mr E Boyle (EB)
Mrs L Rodgers (LR)

Town Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)
One member of the public

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Breminer and Coen – holiday.	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th March</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 5 th March were approved at Council on 16 th March.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> None.	
5.	<u>Planning Applications</u> 26/00638/AGRNOT Land West of Dunsdale Wood, French Street, Westerham TN16 Creation of new road. WTC objects to the application on the following grounds: - - The proposed track is required for heavy farm machinery, however suitable access for such machinery already exists via the established road off the A25. The existing access provides a short, direct route leading straight to both the existing barn and the site of the proposed new barn and is a safer solution than using Hosey Hill and French Street. - The proposed track would exit onto French Street, which is a very narrow single-track road unsuitable for heavy agricultural vehicles. - Any vehicles exiting the track onto French Street would have to proceed along either Hosey Common Road, which is formally	

	designated unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles or down Hosey Hill, also designated unsuitable for such large vehicles. • There are restricted sight lines turning out of Hosey Hill onto the A25. • This route would have an impact on residential properties. • Cars are parked in various places down Hosey Hill and additional farm machinery would make this dangerous for other road users. Cars have been hit by passing vehicles along the bottom of Hosey Hill. • Sadly, there have been two fatal accidents (one a few months ago) on Hosey Hill involving cyclists who regularly use this route. • Pedestrians and horses use French Street and Hosey Hill, and there is no pavement at the top of Hosey Hill. Forty horses are stabled at French Street Stables and regularly use French Street. • There would be an impact on Bat Ecology and Natural England should be consulted regarding the impact on the bats in the caves. • 26/00328/DETAIL Land North of Black Eagle Close, Westerham TN16 Details pursuant to condition 3 – Construction Management Plan of 25/00231/FUL. WTC has the following concerns regarding the Construction Management Plan: - • The 246 bus does not stop near to the site but at the other end of town • Car parking is available at Pitts Cottage and Darent car park for construction traffic • The road is not wide enough for construction traffic – see attached photo • The situation should be monitored.	
6.	<u>Planning Appeals</u> • App/G2245/C/25/3373386,3373387, 3373388, 3373389 Seasons Farm, Pootings Road, Crockham Hill TN8 6SD Appeal against enforcement notice: Without planning permission, the material change of use of the land from use for agriculture to residential use including the siting of caravans, mobile home and utility buildings (Material Change of USE) and associated operational development in the form of creation of a new access, laying of hardstanding consisting of tarmac and hardcore membrane and installation of cesspits (Operational Development). The appeals are dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld with a variation in the terms from 3 months to 12 months for compliance.	
7.	<u>Planning Decisions</u> • 25/03538/LBCALT Breaches, Vicarage Hill, Westerham TN16 Internal Alterations. Granted.	
8.	<u>Tree Work</u> • TPO Order no 01, 2026 SDC made a TPO on 10th March 2026 on a Beech tree located in the front garden of 16A Granville Road, Westerham.	

9.	<u>Planning Issues</u> 9.1 SDC Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation – No further update. 9.2 Tandridge District Council Draft Local Plan – No further update. 9.3 Land at Seasons Farm – An update was noted. 9.4 NPPF Consultation – London Green Belt Council response was noted.	
10.	<u>Reports from Councillors</u> None.	
11.	<u>Correspondence</u> 11.1 SDC Enforcement update was noted. 11.2 SDC Street naming and numbering – Heights Stables confirmation was noted. 11.3 London Gatwick's Route 4 Airspace change – mid-consultation was noted.	
12.	<u>TN16, Crockham Hill Village newsletter and website and social media</u> None.	
13.	<u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None.	
14.	<u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> None.	
15.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Thursday 2 nd April 2026	

The meeting was concluded at 10.10 am.

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman