



DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover, on Monday, 29th July 2024 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Bird
Councillor Calder (Chair)
Councillor Collins
Councillor Cowan
Councillor Kember
Councillor Lamoon
Councillor Sawbridge
Councillor Verril

Mr G. Margery – The Dover Society

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillors Biggs, & Graham Wanstall due to personal commitments and Councillors Bradley, Shread & Gilda Wanstall due to ill health

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors present made no declarations of disclosable pecuniary and/or other interests as required by law

81. MINUTES

The Committee noted the Approved Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 24th June 2024 resolved in Minute No. 65 at the Town Council Meeting held 10th July 2024.

82. COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Committee noted the budget out-turn against the Committee's 2024/25 budget.

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83. DETERMINED PLANNING CONSENTS

The Committee noted the decisions of Dover District Council on the following planning applications:

<u>Application No:</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Town Council Decision</u>
23/01431	Protea House and Dover Marina Hotel and Spa Waterloo Crescent Dover CT17 9BP	Granted	Support

84. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONSENT

The Committee considered applications for planning consent passed to the Town Council for consultation purposes.

RESOLVED: That the following observations be passed to the Dover District Council in relation to the applications now considered:

<u>Application No:</u>	24/00649
<u>Proposal:</u>	Change of use of ground floor to residential, alterations to windows/doors, first floor railings, erection of a rear dormer to facilitate 2 flats and 1 maisonette (self-build) 196 - 197 London Road Dover CT17 0TF
<u>Comment:</u>	Support
<u>Application No:</u>	24/00669
<u>Proposal:</u>	Display of 1 internally illuminated freestanding digital advertisement screen Limekiln Street Dover CT17 9EF
<u>Comment:</u>	Object. The installation of such a large digital advertising screen is not conducive to road safety as it will distract drivers. Limekiln roundabout serves as a direct route to the Port of Dover, the busiest port in Europe. This area experiences a unique mix of traffic, including a high volume of extremely large right hand drive HGV's and international drivers unfamiliar Highways regulations in the UK. The proposed site conflicts traffic coming & going from the ferries. The roundabout is particularly busy and complex, with five approaches feeding into it. The area already has a history of accidents, often involving large freight vehicles that require more time and space to navigate turns safely. An illuminated screen in such a high-stress traffic environment will distract drivers, increasing the likelihood of accidents. Digital advertisement screens are designed to catch the eye, they can divert attention away from essential road signals and signs. This is particularly concerning for drivers who are unfamiliar with the area, including international drivers, who may already be navigating new driving rules and conditions. The added distraction of a bright, changing advertisement could lead to slower reaction times and more accidents.
<u>Application No:</u>	24/00699
<u>Proposal:</u>	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of Listed Building Consent

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23/01186 to allow a reduction in the number of quick release hooks required and reduction in size of the bases
Admiralty Pier Dover Kent
Support

Comment:

85. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No: 24/00744

Proposal: Erection of two storey side/rear and single storey rear extensions, front porch, side canopy and internal alterations (existing single storey rear extension to be demolished)

8 Napier Road Dover CT16 2HS

Comment Support

86. LICENSING

The Committee noted that there were no Licencing applications

87. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Planning meeting scheduled for 5th August 2024 be cancelled due to short time frame of one week from previous meeting. The next meeting will be held on 2nd September 2024 at 6 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.18 p.m.

Councillor A Calder
CHAIR

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