



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting
held at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven
on **Tuesday 26th August 2025 at 8:20pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors Steve Saunders (Chair)
Krissey Taylor (Vice Chair)
Lesley Boniface
Jessa Chapman
Kim Bishop
Graham Amy

ALSO ATTENDING: Ken Dry, Town Clerk
Stephen Honey, Executive Officer

P024/25 The Chair stated that this meeting will be recorded and then made publicly available on the Newhaven Town Council Website for 28 days, followed by its removal and deletion.

P025/25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Pinky McLean-Knight

P026/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA, AND WHETHER THE COUNCILLOR REGARDS THEIR INTEREST AS PREJUDICIAL UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

None declared.

P027/25 **TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 29th 2025 ARE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING.**

RESOLVED: That these minutes be signed by the Chair as a true record of the proceedings.

P028/25 **PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Town Clerk confirmed that no Petitions or Public Questions had been received.

P029/25 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

LW/25/0310

21 Eastbridge Road Newhaven

Section 73a retrospective single storey front porch extension.

Following discussion, the committee unanimously,

RESOLVED that they objected to this application for the following reasons;

- This was not a 'porch extension' but actually a 'ground floor extension',
- They were concerned that there was clearly a 'Party-wall' issue to be determined, and
- That there was also the matter of Building Regulations control to be determined too.

LW/25/0462

62 Meeching Road Newhaven

Change of use from existing 6-bed, 6-person HMO (C4) into a 9-bed, 9 person HMO (Sui Generis) with associated refuse and cycle storage provisions.

Following discussion, the committee unanimously,

RESOLVED that they, in parallel to the 4 objections raised by other residents, objected to this application for the following reasons;

- The change of use to a 6-person HMO (C4) had not been before this committee,
- Overdevelopment,
- Additional and more acute pressure for on-street parking,
- Concern surrounding Fire Regulations/Safety,
- The risk of increased likelihood of Anti-Social Behaviour and
- Lack of information/evidence in support of housing needs for local people ('Local Need First')

LW/25/0472

Robinson Road Depot Robinson Road

Relocation of operations within the site boundaries, parking and charging for 16 waste collection vehicles, single shipping container for storage of new wheelie bins, the demolition of existing structures (Welfare and office building, site maintenance unit, storage and diary unit and Marc Fish building), partial demolition and extension of vehicle maintenance unit, erection of welfare building and groundworks including repair and replacement of some existing retaining walls

Following discussion, the committee unanimously,

RESOLVED that they had no objection to this application and were encouraged by the environmental

and aesthetic improvements proposed. Higher fencing and increased screening of the depot for adjacent residences would be welcomed also.

P030/25 TO CONSIDER AND NOTE A REPORT ON RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Noted.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 21:05Hrs.

Date:

Chair

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