



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting
held at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven
on **Tuesday 31st March 2026** at **7:15pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors Krissy Taylor (Vice Chair)
Lesley Boniface
Graham Amy
Pinky McLean-Knight
Kim Bishop
Jessa Chapman

ALSO ATTENDING: Ken Dry, Town Clerk
Mr. Martin Carpenter plus x2 other representatives of
the applicant for LW/23/0304

P066/26 The Vice 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.

P067/26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Saunders.

P068/26 **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.**

Cllr. Taylor informed the meeting that she had made formal commentary/objection on the LDC Portal regarding applications LW/23/0304 and LW/26/0060.

Cllr. Boniface informed the meeting that she had made formal commentary/objection on the LDC Portal regarding application LW/23/0304.

Cllr. Amy informed the meeting that he would recuse himself regarding application LW/23/0304 in the context of pre-determination as he sits on the Lewes District Council Planning Committee.

P069/26 **TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2026 ARE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING.**

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

P070/26 PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

P071/26 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

SDNP/26/00511/FUL

Land to the North of The Crescent, Newhaven

Continued use of land as a private Gypsy/Traveller site, provision of landscaping and rearrangement of caravans
(Resubmission of application SDNP/25/02709/FUL).

Following discussion, Cllr. Boniface, **PROPOSED** that this application be objected to for the same reasons as the previous application (SDNP/25/02709/FUL), this was **SECONDED** by Cllr. Bishop, and following a unanimous vote, it was **RESOLVED** that the committee **OBJECTED** to this application for the following reasons,

- Despite previous enforcement notices, the applicant appears to have continued to remove the topsoil at this location which is located within the South Downs National Park,
- The site appears to be in 'dual ownership' and there is no evidence of consent from the landowner for this development,
- This location is totally unsuited for accommodation as it is without water/drainage and other utility infrastructure supply, and
- Vehicle and even general access to the site is highly limited, particularly for emergency services.

LW/25/0733

80 Chapel Street Newhaven

Conversion of existing chapel into 2no. dwellings and demolition of existing substandard buildings.

Following discussion, the committee **RESOLVED** that it had no objection to this application, and whilst pleased that the original features of the former church were being retained, they felt that this would still have an impact upon on-street parking.

LW/26/0060

The Old Port Offices Beach Road Newhaven

Section 73A Retrospective approval for use of existing building as a sui generis house in multiple occupation (HMO) relating to previous approval for temporary permission LW/16/0484.

Following discussion, the committee **RESOLVED** that it **OBJECTED** to this application as it was unsuitable for continued residential habitation.

SDNP/26/00858/TPO

2 Piddinghoe Mead, Newhaven

T1-Lime Tree to be crown reduced by 4 meters to maintain the tree size and to help reduce deadwood on the road below.

Following discussion, the committee **RESOLVED** that whilst it had no objection to this application it requested that these works take place outside of April-September.

TW/26/0016/TCA

6 Heighton Road Denton

T1 - Cedar - Remove tree to ground level - To prevent damage to wall and existing phone lines.

Following discussion, the committee **RESOLVED** that it had no objection to this application subject to the advice of an LDC Arboriculture Officer and that the tree be replaced with a suitable native species.

LW/23/0304

Land Between Beach Road and Transit Road

Demolition of existing former Port Office building and the erection of 126 dwellings including 15 storey building with Class E commercial uses (154m2) at ground floor level, associated ground level parking, landscaping and access arrangements. **AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED** - Reduction in height of southern building from 18-storey to 15-storey.

The Vice Chair invited the Architects representing the applicant to make a short presentation of the salient amendments to the previously proposed plans.

Following a number of questions from the committee members, Cllrs. Boniface and Taylor left the meeting temporarily at **20:22Hrs**. Cllr. Bishop took the Chair of the meeting.

Discussion took place without input or subsequent voting from Cllr. Amy, following which, the committee **RESOLVED** that it **OBJECTED** to this application, particularly the 'tower' feature itself.

20:26Hrs

Cllrs Boniface and Taylor returned to the meeting and were informed of this committee resolution by the Town Clerk.

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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 20:28Hrs.

Date:

Chair