

**South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council**  
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**Planning and Highways Committee 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Minutes**

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:01pm

**01/23 Apologies for absence and approval**

Eric Parkinson and Andy Hodges Approved

**02/23 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest**

SC is a member of Ashford Borough Council Planning Committee

**04/23 To agree minutes of the last Planning and Highways Committee meeting and sign. (attached)**

**Resolved: - Agreed unanimously to defer to the next meeting.**

**5/23 To consider responses to Planning applications: -**

**Case Reference:** PA/2022/3028  
**Location:** Mercedes Benz Of Ashford, Monument Way, Sevington, TN24 0HB  
**Proposal:** Proposed installation of a 7.5 x 2.9m wheel centre pod on the existing car park.  
**View Files:** Attached  
**Comments deadline** before 06/02/2023

**Resolved: - Agreed unanimously no objection to this application**

**Any other planning applications received up to the date of this meeting.**

[PA/2022/3002](#)

Site Address

91 Cudworth Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0BE

Proposal

Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed vehicle crossover

Date Valid

11/01/2023

**Resolved: - Agreed unanimously no objection to this application**

[NOT/2023/0046](#)

Application Type

Initial Notice

Site Address

39 Cudworth Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0BG

Proposal

Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension including non-exempt front porch and internal alterations.

Your ref: BC/2023/0025

**Resolved: - Agreed unanimously no objection to this application**

Application Type

Initial Notice

Site Address

Unit 12, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD

Proposal

Erection of a raised storage floor, staircase, fireproofing and associated electrics.

Your ref: LSR/22/029587

**Resolved: - Agreed unanimously no objection to this application**

[NOT/2022/5424](#)

Application Type

Demolition Notice

Site Address

Ashford Truck Stop, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Ashford, Kent TN24 0GB

Proposal

Demolition of warehouse

Status

Validated

**Resolved: - Agreed unanimously to not the progress to this application**

**a) An update from Cllr Rogers regarding Newtown Railway Works development.**

Cllr Rogers gave an informative and detailed presentation on the progress of the plans for this development, the commercial successes to date in selling 2/3 of the apartments and the siting of the college and the Possible options for Community Space. AR explained the excellent benefit of the possible ground source heat pumps and the feasibility study being conducted to see if this initiative is possible. Members considered the plan and the impact on neighbouring residents and the benefits for them.

**6/23 To review the Strategic Land Mapping review by Ashford Borough Council**

**Members considered the Strategic Land Mapping review its view and its longevity, the useful environmental and planning information and objectives.**

AR led Members through preparation and the mechanism for the creating of the Strategic Land Mapping review and Members were committed to undertake their own thorough review the document.

**Resolved: Unanimous agreement to write to Ashford Borough Council and commend the officers and member services for their work. To use the SLM as a resource for the Environment Strategy at Council and work for the Bio Diversity and Planting working group as well as the Planning and Highways Committee in the first instance.**

**Action: -1) All Members to review document.**

**2) CCM to ensure document is circulated to the Planting and Biodiversity Working Group and Council Members**

**7/23 To consider undertaking a review of the Council objective for a Fixed Speed Indicator in SWAN and the requirements of Speedwatch to support speed management in the area**

**Resolved: Proposed AR Seconded DM to review the Council Objective in light of the changes to the road infrastructure on Newtown Road and consider a mobile device with the Ashford safety unit. 2) to recommend to council they advertise that the local Speedwatch Coordinator is now in action again following the pandemic and the need for 10 regular Speedwatch volunteers in the area to successful re launch Speedwatch for SWAN.**

**8/23 To note the response from KCC regarding the Highways Improvement Pack - Cllr Hodges**

Members reviewed new correspondence from KCC

**Resolved: - Proposed AR Seconded DM**

**To delegate AH to assist the CCM to review the response by the committee to date and consider response from residents.**

**Action CCM and AH to meet to review Highways Improvement decisions**

**9/23 To receive an update on the meeting with Public Rights Of Way Officer at KCC regarding the motorcycle inhibitors**

Members reviewed correspondence to date and feedback from meeting with the Public Rights Of Way Officer at KCC.

**Resolved: It was noted that permission had now been given to remove 1 of the motorcycle inhibitors.**

**Action CCM, PB and AH to arrange removal and return.**

**10/23 To agree the preparation of a report for review all the information regarding resident issues with UKCPM on Newtown.**

**Resolved: - Proposed PB and Seconded SC to make a Freedom of Information Access Request to UKCPM to clarify the number of tickets residents received over 2022. 2) To clarify the legality of the contract and its enforceability. 3) To gather data from Newtown Residents on the issues they are having with UKCPM. 4) to lobby Ashford Borough Council to clarify the parking restrictions on Newtown and the contract with UKCPM.**

**Action: - CCM to complete FOIA and all Members**

**11/22 To agree the date of the next meeting as 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and items to be included on the agenda.**

Date agreed as 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023,

SC - Response to the Brompton Bikes Application at Ashford Borough Planning Committee

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 7:58pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_