



# Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee

## Westgate-On-Sea Town Council

Held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6.30pm

at the Town Council Office, 78 St Mildreds Road,

Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RF

Present	Cllr Wallin (Chair); Cllr Scott (Vice Chair); Cllr D'Abbro; Cllr Donaldson and Cllr Veck	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Chloe Wheatley (Deputy Town Clerk) 3 Representatives from Openreach, 4 Residents and Cllr King	
	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Crow-Brown	
	<b>Member's Interests</b> None	
	<b>Minutes</b> It was moved by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 were signed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	
	<p><b>BT Ultrafast Fibre Rollout Project (Thanet Region)</b></p> <p>Openreach are responsible for building and maintaining the UK's largest broadband network. This includes rolling out full fibre broadband to over 25 million homes and businesses across the UK.</p> <p>Openreach gave a short presentation outlining how they will be upgrading Westgate-on-Sea to Ultrafast Fibre with the project scheduled to start at the end of June / early July 2023. They estimated installation would take 9-12 months. Openreach confirmed they were working closely with Thanet District Council to ensure minimal disruption to residents.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Deputy Clerk to share presentation on the Town Council's website and social media channels.</p>	

	<p><b>Public Participation Session</b></p> <p>This agenda item was moved from agenda item 5 to item 4.</p> <p>Cllr King requested the Town Council contact Kent County Council to confirm when the equipment which had been installed in preparation for the 5G Mast at St Saviours School will be removed as the 5G Mast would no longer be going ahead at this site.</p> <p>One resident enquired if the Town Council had yet made its response to the North Thanet Link Highway consultation. It was confirmed this would be covered in agenda item 6.</p> <p>A comment from a resident had been received prior to the meeting and was read out by the Deputy Clerk. It urged the Committee to improve its liaison with Kent County Council regarding the proposed North Thanet Link Road and highlighted their concerns regarding the proposed increase in housing and the volume of traffic this would cause.</p>	
	<p><b>North Thanet Link Highway Improvement Scheme – Public Consultation</b></p> <p>Following discussion members agreed to comment:</p> <p>Westgate-on-Sea Town Council supports Kent County Council in its bid for the Major Road Network funding but does not support any new housing developments which may be serviced by the North Thanet Link Highway improvements.</p>	
	<p><b>Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at CTIL 11700503, Ellis Construction, 44 Station Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent CT8 8QY – Consultation</b></p> <p>Following discussion members agreed to comment:</p> <p>If the proposed upgrade has the required ICNIRP Certificate, ensuring the upgrade of the mast will not exceed the safety limits set out in the ICNIRP guidelines, then the Town Council Support the application.</p>	
	<p><b>Planning Decisions by Thanet District Council</b></p> <p>a) F/TH/23/0440, Flat 3, 7 Beach Rise, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent – Replacement and alteration to rear façade glazing, together with replacement of front and side elevation of UPVC windows to aluminium without mullion bar.</p> <p><b>TDC Decision: Permission Granted</b></p> <p><b>WOSTC Comment: No Comment</b></p>	

	<p>b) F/TH/23/0463, 14 Domneva Road, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent – Replacement of existing white painted timber windows, doors, bargeboards, panelling and cornices with white UPVC replacements.</p> <p><b>TDC Decision: Permission Granted</b></p> <p><b>WOSTC Comment: No Comment</b></p>	
	<p><b>Planning Applications for Consultation</b></p> <p>a) FH/TH/23/0637, 101 Sea Road, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8QE – Erection of two storey side extension together with alterations to fenestration. (Amended Description).</p> <p><b>It was moved by Cllr Wallin and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the Town Council comments – No Comment</b></p>	
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023</p>	
	<p><b>Meeting closed</b></p> <p>7.45pm</p>	

Signed.......... Dated...17/7/23.....