



**Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment
Committee**

and the Transport Sub-Committee Meeting

Held at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office

78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RF

on Wednesday 11th December 2024, at 6:00 pm

Present:

Cllr Clive Veck (Chair)

Cllr David Wallin

Cllr Thomas King

Cllr David Donaldson (Non-Committee Member)

Ms. Nabila Yakub – Interim Town Clerk

PHE/24/28 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Stephen Fenning due to health reasons.

PHE/24/29 Declarations of Interest

Cllr King declared a non-pecuniary interest in his connection to the Local Transport Union Committee.

PHE/24/30 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th November 2024 were received and approved as an accurate record.

PHE/24/31 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

PHE/24/32 Bus Service 35 Update

The Chair provided an update on the ongoing concerns regarding KCC's reduction of Bus Service 35, following the reply received by the Clerk from KCC.

After much discussion the Chair expressed the opinion that further action, such as legal challenges, would not be worthwhile, as the decision appeared to be within Stagecoach's rights as a commercial operator.

It was **RESOLVED** to seek further clarification from Kent County Council through KCC Councillors and to return to the issue in one or two months, once more information has been received.

Action: Cllr Wallin to request further information from KCC councillors Derek Crow-Brown and/or Linda Wright.

PHE/24/32 Highway Improvement Plan

The Chair presented a revised draft of the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP), incorporating feedback received from the Community Engagement Officer based on resident feedback.

Notable additions included proposals for 20 mph speed limits in certain areas, including Sea Road, Station Road and St Mildreds Road, as well as pedestrian crossings and dropped kerbs. The Chair invited committee members to provide further comments and suggestions for the HIP before submission to KCC.

Action: Members to provide additional feedback and comments on the draft highways improvement plan.

PHE/24/33 Consultation Letter

The committee reviewed correspondence from Waldon Telecom Ltd regarding a proposed shared 19m mobile telecommunications mast to be installed at Minster Road- Canterbury Road Junction CT8 8BP.

Some concerns were raised about the proximity to schools and areas with high footfall of young people, with it being noted that the proposed location is on the busy road junction rather than adjacent to homes or schools. It was also noted that local businesses and residents have struggled with poor mobile coverage, especially those on the EE network.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and observe the letter without objection; Cllr King voted against.

Decision: The committee agreed not to object to the consultation letter from Waldon.

PHE/24/34 Thanet District Council Planning Applications

The committee considered the following applications:

TCA/TH/24/1400 | 1No Ash (T1) - Crown reduce up to 3m, 1No Mountain Ash (T2) - Crown reduce by 2m, 1No Bay (T3) - Crown reduce by 3m | 92 St Mildreds Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8RJ [TCA/TH/24/1400 | 1No Ash \(T1\) - Crown reduce up to 3m, 1No Mountain Ash](#)

[\(T2\) - Crown reduce by 2m, 1No Bay \(T3\) - Crown reduce by 3m | 92 St Mildreds Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8RJ](#)

Support

[TPO/TH/24/1352 | TH/TPO/5\(1985\) G4 - T1 - 1No Sycamore - re-pollard to maintain pollard cycle.](#)[|3 Tidewell Mews Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8PX](#) [TPO/TH/24/1352 | TH/TPO/5\(1985\) G4 - T1 - 1No Sycamore - re-pollard to maintain pollard cycle. | 3 Tidewell Mews Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8PX](#)

Support

[F/TH/24/1111 | Erection of 3no. single storey holiday let units \(use class C3\) | Land Opposite 17 To 19 Station Road Westgate On Sea Kent](#) | [F/TH/24/1111 | Erection of 3no. single storey holiday let units \(use class C3\) | Land Opposite 17 To 19 Station Road Westgate On Sea Kent](#)

Object on grounds it would create a precedent for residential use, whereas the ground level is strictly for commercial use.

PHE/24/35 Planning Applications Decided

The committee noted decisions by Thanet District Council on the following applications:

1. **F/TH/24/0804** - Modular building for barbers, Station Road. **Decision: Approved.**
2. **FH/TH/24/1222** - Rear extension and balcony, Domneva Road. **Decision: Approved.**

PHE/24/36 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 15th January 2025, at 6 pm.

Signed: 

Date: 15/1/2025