Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee Meeting

Held at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office

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

on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 6pm

Present:
Cllr David Wallin (Vice-Chair)
Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Tom King
Ms Nabila Yakub – Town Clerk

16 Members of Public

PHE/26/74 Welcome from the Chair
The Vice-Chair welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

PHE/26/75 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Veck and Cllr Carr.

PHE/26/76 Members' Interests
None.

PHE/26/77 Minutes
The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2026 and resolved to accept them as a true record.

PHE/26/78 Public Participation Session
Residents raised concerns about a proposed 80-home development on the Westgate/Birchington border, including traffic, parking, consultation and green-wedge protections. The Council said no planning application had yet been submitted, and that it was working with Birchington Parish Council. Residents were advised to submit formal objections during the statutory consultation.

PHE/26/79 Chair's Correspondence
None.

PHE/26/80 Westgate-on-Sea Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022 – 2040
Discussion of Chapters 10–14 was postponed at the Chair's request until the next meeting, at the earliest.

PHE/26/81 New Thanet Local Plan
The Committee noted the notification of Thanet District Council's scoping consultation, running from 24 August to 9 October 2026.

PHE/26/82 Thanet District Council Planning Applications
The Committee considered the following applications:
FH/TH/26/0651 I Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions, together with demolition of existing detached garage, erection of new timber shed to side of property & canopy roof structure to form open-sided gazebo to rear of new shed, installation of proposed circular gable window to front elevation and rooflights to side and rear roof slopes I **63 Sea Road, Westgate On Sea, Kent, CT8 8QG**
Thanet | Council Direct | Application | 217483
The Committee agreed to: Support

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F/TH/26/0778 I Change of use and conversion of parts of the former St Augustine's College buildings to provide 24no 1-bed, 13no 2-bed and 3no 3-bed self-contained flats, and erection of 4no 3-bed dwellings, continued use of the remainder of the buildings as wedding venue, restaurant and associated hospitality uses and retention of 2no. existing dwellings, removal of the single-storey western extension and external metal fire escape staircases, installation of air source heat pumps, together with associated access, landscaping and parking I **125 Canterbury Road, Westgate On Sea, Kent, CT8 8NL**
Thanet | Council Direct | Application | 219990
The Committee agreed to: Support, with reservations regarding parking.

L/TH/26/0779 I Application for listed building consent for the internal and external alterations associated with the conversion and refurbishment of parts of the former St Augustine's College buildings to provide 40 residential units, continued use of the remainder of the buildings as wedding venue. restaurant and associated hospitality uses and retention of 2no. existing dwellings, removal of the single-storey western extension and external metal fire escape staircases, removal and installation of internal walls and partitions; formation, alterations and infilling of internal and external openings; alterations to staircases and circulation areas; insertion of mezzanine floors; installation of kitchens, bathrooms and associated services; alteration and replacement of windows and doors; installation of secondary glazing and acoustic treatments; roof, entrance and external access alterations; installation of air source heat pumps, ventilation, extraction and associated plant; and repair and refurbishment of the brickwork, render, and slate roofs. I **125 Canterbury Road, Westgate On Sea, Kent, CT8 8NL**
Thanet | Council Direct | Application | 219991
The Committee agreed to: Support, with reservations regarding parking.

Planning Applications decided were reviewed and noted.

PHE/26/83 Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 7th October 2026.

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