

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 9th April 2025 at 6pm

Present:

Cllr Clive Veck (Chair)
Cllr David Wallin
Cllr Thomas King
Ms. Nabila Yakub – Interim Town Clerk
Cllr Derek Crow-Brown - KCC
1 Member of Public

PHE/25/24 Apologies for Absence

None.

PHE/25/25 Members' Interests

None.

PHE/25/26 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2025 and resolved to accept them as a true record.

PHE/25/27 Public Participation Session

A resident from Minster Road raised two primary concerns during the public participation session. First, the resident described significant television signal interference caused by a newly installed telecommunications mast near her home, which had rendered her regular viewing impossible. Secondly, the resident highlighted dangerous traffic conditions at the Minster Road and Canterbury Road intersection. She detailed a history of accidents, emphasizing the risks to pedestrians, especially school children, due to drivers consistently ignoring traffic signals. The Committee acknowledged the seriousness of her concerns while recognizing their limited ability to intervene.

PHE/25/28 Chair's Correspondence

The Committee reviewed a confidential email from a resident, who was escalating a complaint regarding the telecommunications mast to Stage 2 of the Thanet District Council complaints procedure. Given the sensitive nature of the communication, the Committee proposed an informal, confidential meeting with the resident at a future date.

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PHE/25/29 Highway Improvement Plan

Cllr Veck presented a draft Highway Improvement Plan, which incorporated comments from PC England and other Committee members. The plan focused on addressing traffic safety concerns across various locations in Westgate. Cllr Veck emphasized that while the proposals were comprehensive, they were likely to receive limited funding from Kent County Council (KCC) due to budget constraints. The Committee discussed prioritising the improvements, with particular attention to dangerous junctions and pedestrian safety. Specific proposals included implementing 20-mile-per-hour zones around Station Road and Roxburgh Road and addressing traffic issues at critical intersections. Committee members were asked to review the draft, provide comments and help prioritize the proposed improvements before submission to KCC.

PHE/25/30 Thanet District Council Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

FH/TH/25/0094 | Erection of brick chimney stack to the North roof slope | 50 Cuthbert Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8PA

The Committee agreed to: Support

TCA/TH/25/0326 | T1 - Birch Tree - remove branch via crown lifting, along with crown thinning of 20% - 25% and crown reduction of 3-4 metres. | 42 St Augustines Park Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8EN

The Committee agreed to: Support

TCA/TH/25/0358 | 1No Ash (T3) - Reduce height and radial spread by 2m pruning back to previous points | Countess Mountbatten Court Canterbury Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8NQ

The Committee agreed to: Support

FH/TH/25/0059 | Replacement of existing 3no. single glazed wooden sash windows with UPVC double glazed windows to the front elevation | Flat 2 14 Adrian Square Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8SU

The Committee agreed to: Object on the basis that we believe Adrian Square is in a conservation area and wood should be replaced with wood.

PHE/25/31 Date of Next Meeting

To be decided.

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Date:	1/5/25	

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