



Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee

Held at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office

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

on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 6pm

Present:

Cllr David Wallin (Chair)
Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Clive Veck
Ms. Nabila Yakub – Town Clerk

PHE/25/47 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stephen Fenning.

PHE/25/48 Members' Interests

None.

PHE/25/49 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2025 and resolved to accept them as a true record.

PHE/25/50 Public Participation Session

None.

PHE/25/51 Chair's Correspondence

The Chair reported attending a Chairs Planning Conference organised by KALC on 20th June. Despite leaving early due to poor organization, he learned several key points. The Government is considering removing funding for Neighbourhood Planning and introducing mandatory training for all Planning Committee members. The Government is also exploring legislation to allow remote Council meetings and identifying potential new towns. A significant change is the percentage reduction of affordable housing in new developments. Cllr Veck suggested the need to review the Neighbourhood Plan and mentioned sending the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) to KCC. The Conference also recommended developing a Community Infrastructure Plan, which Cllr Veck intends to investigate further.

PHE/25/52 Thanet District Council Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

[TCA/TH/25/0688 | 1No Leylandii \(T1\) - 50% crown reduction in height to a finish height of 5.5m, 1No Eucalyptus \(T2\) - Fell | Questeds 76 Canterbury Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8JX](#)

The Committee agreed to: Support

[TPO/TH/25/0686 | M/TPO/1\(1950\)G1 - 1No Sycamore \(T1\) - Crown reduction by 1.5m-2m of overall height and of overhanging branches, crown raise lowest growth to a height of 5m from ground level. | 22 Harold Avenue Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8QU](#)

The Committee agreed to: Support

TCA/TH/25/0676 | T1 1no: Hawthorn - fell | 2 St Augustines Park Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8EN

The Committee agreed to: Support

TPO/TH/25/0707 | TH/TPO/13(1991) - T1 - Sycamore - Reduce North facing lateral branches by a maximum of 3m from the tips | 1 College Gardens Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8EY

The Committee agreed to: Support

F/TH/25/0658 | Variation of conditions 1 To 8 of planning permission F/TH/19/1157 for the "Part-retrospective application for the erection of 2no. three and four storey buildings containing 14no. 2-bed apartments, with basement storage and cycle parking, and surface parking with landscaping" to allow for retention of balcony as built to roof level of block 3, alterations to render colour, replacement of wooden balustrading with glazed balustrading, installation of 6no. EV charging points, and alterations to parking layout | 45 - 49 Sea Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8QN

The Committee agreed to: Support

TPO/TH/25/0741 | M/TPO/3(1952) - T019- Sycamore -Fell, T021- Poplar - Fell, T023- Poplar: Reduce crown by 2m, 4m over road and shape accordingly to reduce stress on structural defect. T027- Poplar - Fell, T028- Poplar - Fell | St Saviours School Elm Grove Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8LB

The Committee agreed to: Support

Planning Applications decided were reviewed and noted.

PHE/25/53 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30th July 2025

Signed: _____

Date: _____