

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Informal Planning Meeting Held in the Hamstreet Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 7.30pm Following Ashford Borough Council's Planning Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at the Civic Centre

Present: Andy Othen (Chairman of OPC), Mike Wady (Vice-Chairman), Sid Gittens, Mags Wellsted-Boorman, David Weeks and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell)

Also Present Lee Small (Chairman of Warehorne Parish Council)

Planning Application No 18/00056: *Land between A2070 and Railway north of, Warehorne Road, Hamstreet, Kent*

Outline planning application for residential development including details of pedestrian and vehicular accesses onto Warehorne Road and pedestrian and cycleway access onto Ashford Road only (all other matters reserved). Provision of informal recreation / ecological area to the north.

Ashford Borough Council's Planning Committee's decision was to defer the application until

1. A more detailed traffic survey is done between 7am and 7pm for a week not during school holidays and to relook at traffic management and traffic flows arising from the development.
2. Confirmation from Southern Water as to when the upgrading of the Sewage works will take place to service this development (and what these works will consist of).
3. Amended plans to show the northern boundary of the developable part of the site to the south in the exact location of the northern boundary of the site allocated under policy S57 of the Ashford Local Plan 2030.
4. Agreement to a change to the application description to state up to 50 dwellings.
5. Alternative parking provision for residents along Warehorne Road as a result of the loss of highway parking as a result of the traffic management measures proposed. This should include looking at alternative parking provision along Warehorne Road.

During discussion it was noted:

- a) Those speaking at the committee meeting had put in a good argument against development. Disappointment was expressed regarding Borough Councillor George Sparks comments regarding parking along Warehorne Road and his suggestion that residents use the space behind their homes to park.
Parish Clerk to ask Borough Councillor David Ledger for a copy of his notes which will be circulated to members. Andy and Mike to walk along Warehorne Road and take note of the exact number of dwellings and those that had no parking facilities at the back of their homes.
- b) Sewage Plant: it had been noted by a resident that there were 3 tankards going to the plant in Warehorne Road every day and that is was just about coping.
Parish Clerk to write to the water board asking for clarification and if there was a programme to enlarge the site and when this was likely to occur.
- c) Road signs for Tenterden was directing traffic through Hamstreet causing increased traffic flow through the village and Warehorne Road.
It was agreed that pictures/information was needed of these signs.
- d) New build in Appledore Road, Tenterden were advertising free parking at Hamstreet Train Station. It was noted that parking for the train station already spilled over into roads around it and the village could not cope with more. The trains to Ashford were only 2 carriages long and overfull.
It was agreed that more proof was required that free parking at Hamstreet Train Station was being advertised.

- e) The train service as it stood would be unable to cope with additional travellers.
The Parish Clerk is to contact Aline Hicks and ask if she was aware of a long-term strategy for improving the Marsh Link.
- f) It was agreed that Borough Councillor David Ledger and Borough Councillor Linda Harman, be thanked for their supportive comments regarding the application. Andy is to speak to the Kentish Express to express thanks to those at the committee meeting who agreed that the application be deferred for the time being.
- g) S106 funding: it was noted that the Parish Clerk had contacted Oliver Peel at ABC requesting more information and clarity and requesting the all such funding be spent in the area.
It was agreed that S106 funding would continue to be explained/highlighted via the parish council's website and face-book page and through the parish magazine to heighten awareness of its existence and how it could be used to offset the effects of development in the area. Concern would continue to be expressed that this funding may go elsewhere and not used in the immediate area. The Parish Clerk is to speak to the Victory Hall Committee and again offer to pay for a plan and costs for a new village hall so that this could be passed to ABC.
- h) Andy is to create a new face-book page inviting people to put up pictures of traffic congestion along Warehorne Road and Ashford Road. This will enable a visible record of traffic congestion in the village to be stored.

Conclusion: Those present agreed that when this application and the one opposite the Primary Academy went to ABC Planning Committee members of the public would be notified so that as many residents as possible would attend. Future speeches would be worked out together so that as many points against development could be put forward but not repeated.

Meeting concluded at 9.30pm