22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021



#### REPORT TO PLANNING COMMITTEE

### 28th JUNE 2021

#### **Arrangements During COVID 19**

Sevenoaks Town Council is endeavouring where possible to continue with its day-to-day activities, including providing recommendations on planning applications. There are still public health restrictions until July 19<sup>th</sup> and "Council Meetings" via Zoom are not currently permitted.

Decisions and planning recommendations will be made via a "Working Party" of the Council with Meetings held on Zoom and live streamed on Youtube as per the last year, and signed off under delegated powers by the Chief Executive.

Details of planning applications being considered will be published in the normal manner and timescale - Comments on planning applications are welcome by email. Please submit your comments **by 12noon on 28**<sup>th</sup> **June 2021** to: planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

It is hoped in the near future that we will be able to hold virtual or /face-to-face meetings and details will be published.

Virtual meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** Working Party to be held via Zoom at **7pm** on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.** 

Town Councillors are reminded that they have a duty to state a Declaration of Interest prior to the appropriate agenda item and to consider the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s.17 when reaching a decision.

Please note that the proceedings of this meeting will be streamed live to YouTube for the public to watch via the following link: <a href="https://youtu.be/e-AnUabuR00">https://youtu.be/e-AnUabuR00</a> and may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. A copy of Sevenoaks Town Council's procedure for the recording of meetings is available online at <a href="mailto:sevenoakstown.gov.uk">sevenoakstown.gov.uk</a> or by request.

Please note that the Planning Committee forward recommendations as a statutory consultee to the local Planning Authority, and therefore the final responsibility for approving or refusing an application rests with Sevenoaks District Council.

**Town Clerk** 

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To assist in the speedy and efficient despatch of business, members wishing to obtain factual information on items included on the agenda are asked to enquire of the Town Clerk prior to the day of the meeting.

Cllr K Bonin	Cllr N Busvine OBE
Cllr S Camp (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Dr M Canet (Mayor)
Cllr A Clayton	Cllr A Eyre
Cllr V Granville-Baxter	Cllr R Hogarth
Cllr L Michaelides	Cllr T Morris Brown
Cllr Mrs R Parry	Cllr R Parry
Cllr R Piper	Cllr S Raikes (Chairman)
Cllr C Shea	Cllr E Waite

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

To enable members of the public to make representation or to put questions to the Committee on any planning matters, with the exception of individual planning applications which will be considered under a later agenda item.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and note apologies for absence.

## 2 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

To consider written requests from Members which have previously been submitted to the Town Clerk to enable participation in discussion and voting on items for which the Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. (s.31 & s.33 of the Localism Act 2011).

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included in this report.

## 4 NOTES (Pages 5-16)

To receive and agree the notes on the report to Planning Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Town Council Offices

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## 5 COVID-19: PLANNING COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

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- b) Decisions and planning recommendations will be made via a "Working Party" of the Council with Meetings held on Zoom and live-streamed on Youtube as per the last year, and signed off under delegated powers by the Chief Executive.
- c) To note that all arrangements are subject to review.

## 6 SEVENOAKS NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Pages 17-18)

a) To receive and note a report providing an update on the NDP's progress following the 6 week statutory consultee consultation on the SEA screening.

## 7 PRESENTATION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SDC OFFICER BOOKED

a) To note that an Officer from Sevenoaks District Council's Environmental Health team has been booked to present to the Planning Committee on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, as requested by the Committee on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## 8 MEDWAY FLOOD PARTNERSHIP UPDATE BRIEFING (Pages 19-20)

- a) To note the Medway Flood Partnership Update published by the Environment Agency in May 2021.
- b) To note that Sevenoaks Town Council have reached out to the Environment Agency for a presentation on flooding issues in Sevenoaks and in relation to developing land mentioned in the NDP draft.

### 9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Pages 21-27)

a) The meeting will be adjourned to enable members of the public, by prior arrangement, to speak on individual planning applications which are on the current agenda.

Members of the public wishing to speak and address the Planning Committee must register to do so with the Town Council by 12 noon on the date of the meeting, stating that they wish to speak.

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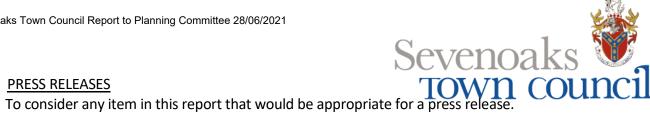
b) The meeting will be reconvened to consider planning applications received during tel: 01732 459 953 fax: 01732 742 577 the two weeks ending 21st June 2021.

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Notes on the report to PLANNING COMMITTEE Working Party\* Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

### **Present:**

## **Committee Members**

Cllr Bonin	Present	Cllr Michaelides	Present
Cllr Busvine OBE	Present	Cllr Morris Brown	Apologies
Cllr Camp – Vice Chairman	Apologies	Cllr Mrs Parry	Present
Cllr Dr Canet, Mayor	Present	Cllr Parry	Present
Cllr Clayton	Present	Cllr Piper	Present
Cllr Eyre	Present	Cllr Raikes - Chairman	Present
Cllr Granville-Baxter	Apologies	Cllr Shea	Present
Cllr Hogarth	Present	Cllr Waite	Present

#### Also in attendance:

Town Clerk
Planning Committee Clerk
2 Members of the Public

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

## 106 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations had been received.

## 107 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

None.

### 108 <u>DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING</u>

None.

## 109 NOTES

Councillors received the notes on the report to Planning Committee Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. **It was RESOLVED** that the notes be approved.

### 110 COVID-19: PLANNING COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

- a) Councillors noted that decisions and planning recommendations are to be made via a "Working Party" of the Council with Meetings held on Zoom and live-streamed on Youtube as per the last year, and signed off under delegated powers by the Chief Executive.
- b) It was noted that all arrangement were subject to review.

### 111 HUGOFOX PLANNING APPLICATION TRACKER TRIAL

- a) The Councillors discussed the success of the Planning Application Tracker trial, currently available only to the Planning Committee members on the Town Council website.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** that the Council make the Application Tracker live to the public, and continue to use the service for one year, at the cost of £10 per month and an offset of £140 (exclusive of VAT). The Committee to report any issues with the service to the Planning Committee Clerk and, should the option be feasible, to revisit the item after 10 months to review continuing the service after the initial one year.

# 112 NOTIFICATION OF WORKS BY SOUTH EAST WATER TO IMPROVE SEVENOAKS WATER SUPPLY NETWORK

- a) The Committee noted that the second stage of works by South East Water to install a new three kilometre long water main in Sevenoaks began on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and that these final sections of the new pipeline are to be installed in Knole Park, along the A225 (Tonbridge Road) and in Hollybush Close.
- b) The Committee received notice that the safety precautions for work on the A225 are to include a lane closure with a mixture of two and three-way traffic lights from 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- c) The Committee received notice that works in Knole Park are expected to finish at the end of September 2021, with some activity at weekends to maintain this deadline.
- d) The Committee noted that updates and additional information can be found on this project at corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/Sevenoaks.

### 113 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak for three minutes on the following application, by prior arrangement.

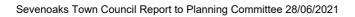
[Plan no. 1] Rear of 49 and 51 Wickenden Road (Against) [Plan no. 1] Rear of 49 and 51 Wickenden Road (For)

(b) The Committee considered planning applications received during the two weeks ending 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021. **It was RESOLVED** that the comments listed on the attached schedule be forwarded to Sevenoaks District Council.

## 114 PRESS RELEASES

It was **RESOLVED** that a Press Release be issued announcing the launch of the Hugofox Planning Application Tracker on the Sevenoaks Town Council website, with mention to the Planning Committee continuing to function as a Working Party under Delegation of Authority under S.101 of the Local Government Act 1972, during the pandemic.

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Signed	Chairman	Dated	



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Applications considered on 14-6-21

1	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01126/FUL	Sean Mitchell 28-06-2021	Cllr Clayton	Peter Hadley 01689 8363
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Kentmere Homes Limited		Rear of	49 and 51 Wickenden Road	Eastern
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				07/06/21

## 21/01126/FUL - Amended plan

Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings of two storey design with associated parking, amenity space, bicycle and bin storage.

#### Main changes:

Amended address to reflect that the development is proposed to the rear of two dwellings, instead of one.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended refusal on the grounds that:

-the new plan is higher and of greater bulk than the plan for 'semi- bungalows' refused by SDC as intrusive

-impact on neighbours in Wickenden Road, due to height, bulk and enclosure, would be more intrusive than the earlier plan refused by the Planning Inspector at appeal

#### Informative:

The Town Council also wished to draw the Planning Officers attention to the evidence of protected wildlife presented by immediate neighbours.

2	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01218/CONVAR	Alexis Stanyer 19-06-2021	Cllr Michaelides	Matthew Bennett 01227 3
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr C Ha	ammond		31 Granville Road	Town
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				28/05/21

#### 21/01218/CONVAR - Amended plan

Variation of condition 12 (soft and hard landscaping) of 17/03797/FUL to erect a 7 unit apartment block, with associated landscaping, external amenity space and parking facilities (comprising one private parking space per unit plus two visitor spaces) to the rear of the existing property at 31 Granville Road.

#### Amended changes:

An additional drawing has been supplied.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

Applications considered on 14-6-21

3	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01446/FUL	Mark Mirams 24-06-2021	Cllr Bonin	Heather Arnell 07944 513
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
C/O Age	ent		104-106 High Street	Town
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				03/06/21

Works to the rear of 104-106 High Street including the creation of a new entrance to the rear of the unit with pedestrian guarding rail and entrance canopy and new storage doors to match the new entrance door.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied with the plans and materials.

4	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01480/FUL	Sean Mitchell 24-06-2021	Cllr Dr Canet	Philippa Robinson 01732
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Kent W	ildlife Trust	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve	Bradbourne Vale Road	Northern
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
		-		03/06/21

The refurbishment and extension of the existing visitors centre; demolition of outbuilding; resurfacing and enhancements to parking and access; fencing; landscaping and other associated infrastructure.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval, subject to the following conditions: -adequate parking facilities and traffic management being provided and budgeted with the business proposal to cater for the anticipated increase in visitor numbers.

-That measures are taken to discourage parking on the narrow lane down into the site.

Informative: Sevenoaks Town Council noted their regret that a pedestrian entrance providing easy access from the station as identified in the draft NDP encouraging more sustainable travel had not been included in the planning application.

Applications considered on 14-6-21

5	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01482/HOUSE	Samantha Simmons 18-06-202	Cllr Clayton	Jonathan Williams
Applic	ant	House Name	Road	Locality
Ms K Pa	artridge		24 Holly Bush Lane	Eastern
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				27/05/21

Demolition of existing conservatory structure and construction of single storey rear extension. Conversion of loft space with rear domer and with two roof lights to front. Removal of low level metal fencing to front of property and associated planting, replacing with matching gravel.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval for the rear extension and the loft extension and dormer, provided the planning officer is satisfied there is no overlooking of rear gardens.

Informative: The Town Council expressed concern that there are no plans provided for relocation of the front railings and planting, and recommended that these should not be altered without approval of the Conservation Officer, as boundaries are a key feature of the Conservation Area.

6	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent	
	21/01536/HOUSE	Samantha Simmons 19/06/202	Cllr Eyre	N/A	
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality	
Mr & M	rs Van Heerden		43 Garth Road	Kippington	
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date	
				28/05/21	
Pergola in the front garden.					

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
21/01549/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyer 16-06-2021	Cllr Hogarth	Alberto Ochoa
cant	House Name	Road	Locality
alfar		22A St Johns Road	St Johns
1	County	Post Code	Application date
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Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed single storey wraparound extension.

## Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

Applications considered on 14-6-21

8	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01555/HOUSE	Anna Horn 18-06-2021	Cllr Parry	Carmen Austin 07866 962
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & Mı	rs Slater	Fairways	48 Oakhill Road	Kippington
Town	)	County	Post Code	Application date
				27/05/21

Demolition of existing garage and conservatory. New replacement garage with bedrooms in garage loft. Rear, single storey extension.

#### Comment

### Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

9	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01565/HOUSE	Samantha Simmons 22-06-202	Cllr Busvine	Daniel Cooper 01892 549
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mrs G V	oss /		10 Six Bells Lane	Town
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				01/06/21

Erection of small shed / wood store. Strengthening retaining wall and cladding with brick. Replacing front boundary fence with new picket fence and relocating gate. Take up concrete paths and replace with sandstone paving with associated landscaping.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval, subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied as to the materials used and that issues specified in pre-planning advice have been satisfactorily addressed.

10	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01567/HOUSE	Anna Horn 17-06-2021	Cllr Clayton	Richardson Architectural
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mrs H.	Mangold		39 Cobden Road	Eastern
Town	)	County	Post Code	Application date
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## Loft conversion with rear dormer and front velux windows.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended refusal as the dormer does not meet conservation area guidance for new dormers to be below ridge height. It therefore fails to enhance or preserve the character of the Hartslands conservation area.

Applications considered on 14-6-21

11	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01577/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyet 22-06-2021	Cllr Parry	Daniel Weston 01732 753
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & Mı	rs Luboinski	Vine House	2A Kippington Road	Kippington
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				01/06/21

One and Two storey rear and front extensions. Removal of existing roof and new roof to create second floor accommodation with dormer windows and rooflights. New front portico and chimney. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. New garage with room above with dormer window and rooflights. Revised driveway layout and new driveway gate. New shed to side of house replacing two existing sheds. Landscaping and alterations to fenestration.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

12	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent	
	21/01583/FUL	Anna Horn 17-06-2021	Cllr Waite	Desden Harman 01303 2	
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality	
Mr & M	rs O'Brien		4 Hillside Road	Eastern	
Town	)	County	Post Code	Application date	
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#### Raised rear patio area.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended refusal on the grounds of loss or privacy and overlooking, unless steps are taken by the applicants to ensure that properties on Seal Hollow Road have their privacy protected.

13	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01608/HOUSE	Samantha Simmons 18-06-202	Cllr Dr Canet	Tara de Linde 07973 628
Applic	ant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr J Wi	Ison		11 Betenson Avenue	Northern
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				27/05/21

Demolition of existing conservatory, shed and garage with new ground and first floor and side extensions.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

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Applications considered on 14-6-21

14	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01644/FUL	Sean Mitchell 22/06/2021	Cllr Eyre	Hugh Owens 01949 4803
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
C/O ag	ent	Hermesland	96 Oakhill Road	Kippington
Town	า	County	Post Code	Application date
				01/06/21

Demolition of garage and subdivision of land to create new residence and new garage and parking area.

#### Comment

## Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

15	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01645/FUL	Emma Gore 19-06-2021	Cllr Parry	David Bedford 01622 776
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Rubicor	n Commercial Ltd	Morewood Close Industrial Esta	Morewood Close	Kippington
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				28/05/21

Change of use of the site from B8 storage with ancillary office space to Class E(f) / E(g)(i) to provide a 58-place day nursery to the ground floor and offices at upper level. Alterations to fenestration.

### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

Informative: Sevenoaks Town Council recommended that the applicant be encouraged to use the station car park for delivery and collection.

16	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01651/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyer 19-06-2021	Cllr Waite	David Burr 01732 742200
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Ms H C	ottrell		70 Wickenden Road	Eastern
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				28/05/21

To demolish the garage and store extension and construct a two storey side extension.

## Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

Applications considered on 14-6-21

17	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01665/HOUSE	Anna Horn 25-06-2021	Cllr Eyre	Nathan Burr 01732 74220
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Miss &	Mr Garner & Wilmott		12 Grange Road	Kippington
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				04/06/21

Single storey rear extension, loft conversion including hip to gable, rear dormer and 3 no. rooflights to front elevation, front porch and replacement windows.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended refusal based on over development of the site and loss of amenity to neighbours on either side of the applicant's house.

18	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01681/FUL	Emma Gore 25-06-2021	Cllr Mrs Parry	Peter Hadley 01689 8363
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & M	rs Abson	Little Wood	Woodland Rise	Wildernesse
Town	)	County	Post Code	Application date
				04/06/21

Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and garage and replacement with new dwellinghouse, garage and associated landscaping

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

19	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01731/HOUSE	Anna Horn 25-06-2021	Cllr Camp	Glenn Ball 01732 761629
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr I. & I	Mrs H. Nash	Mount Cottage	Linden Chase	St Johns
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				04/06/21
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Construction of single storey rear extension. Door and window re-located.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

20	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01742/LBCALT	Samantha Simmons 28-06-202	Cllr Michaelides	lan Hudson 01892 67315
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & Mı	rs Goddard	The Old Vicarage	High Street	Town
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				07/06/21
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Demolition of existing summer house, erection of detached garden room, works for the enlargement of existing turning area, with associated landscaping.

#### Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied with the designs and materials.

Applications considered on 14-6-21

21	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01743/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyer 28-06-2021	Cllr Shea	Nic Smith 07530 512567
Applicant		House Name	Road	Locality
Amolo	Construction	1 Bottle Cottages	Bradbourne Vale Road	Northern
Town	า	County	Post Code	Application date
				07/06/21
Frect	ion of detached o	arage outbuilding		

## Comment

Sevenoaks Town Council recommended refusal unless:

- -the Outbuilding is conditionally ancillary to the house
- -the Planning Officer is satisfied that the design is proportional and subservient to the original house and not intrusive on the Green Belt;
- -The Planning Officer is satisfied that the extension will not result in an increase of more than 50% above the floorspace of the original dwelling
- The Conservation Officer considers that the garage both preserves and enhances the locally listed building.

Update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and SEA requirement

On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Sevenoaks District Council confirmed that the statutory consultees have now had 6 weeks to respond to the SEA screening of the NDP. The responses were as follows:

- Natural England have not responded/have not raised any issues
- The Environment Agency have indicated that they only respond to scoping opinions once it has been determined that an SEA is required
- Historic England have raised concerns about the Development Sites Policy D1 and recommended that an SEA be acquired.

Due to Historic England's recommendation, the following options, each with their own advantages and disadvantages, have been proposed by the District Council:

#### 1. The Town Council undertakes an SEA for the NDP:

#### Advantages:

- This grants STC the potential to strengthen their previous wording of Policy D1, which states that the Town Council would "support" development of particular sites, rather than allocating them. This would allow the NDP greater influence on planning decisions involving the relevant sites, and could include sites such as the Edwards Electrical site.
- This also eliminates the risk of being required by an Inspector to undertake an SEA at a later date.
- This would serve as evidence that the Town Council responded to and adequately addressed their statutory consultant's concerns.

## Disadvantages:

- An SEA would incur additional costs\* and delay the NDP going to referendum, estimated to be approximately 12 weeks.
  - \*(Sevenoaks Town Council may be eligible for a Technical Support Grant for this and an Expression of Interest has been submitted)
- 2. The Town Council remove the Development Sites Policy D1, which is the source of Historic England's concerns and their recommendation that an SEA is required.

## Advantages:

- This could potentially eliminate the requirement for an SEA, which would prevent the delay in the NDP going to referendum and incur no additional costs to the Town Council.
- This would serve as evidence that the Town Council responded to and adequately addressed their statutory consultant's concerns.

#### Disadvantages:

 Removing Policy D1 may not be enough to completely eliminate the requirement for an SEA, as Historic England's reasoning for Policy D1 to require an SEA could also apply to Policy D2, which features the Tarmac Site. Sevenoaks Town Council Report to Planning Committee 28/06/2021 Sevenoaks Town Council Planning Committee 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Removing both policies would not eliminate the risk of an SEA being requested by an
Inspector at a later stage in the process. This could mean that the Town Council may still end
up having to undertake an SEA, however without the advantage of strengthening the Town
Council's stance on allocating sites.



# **Medway Flood Partnership update**

May 2021

## **Background**

Reducing the risk of flooding in the Medway catchment is a complex problem that can only be solved by working in partnership. The Medway Flood Partnership was established in January 2017 and brings together local partners, national agencies, non-governmental organisations and community representatives to develop and deliver a Medway Flood Action Plan. The plan was published on 1 December 2017 and focuses on immediate collaborative actions and long term strategies to manage and reduce the risk of flooding, increase resilience and improve recovery after a flood.

For more information about the Medway Flood Partnership please see our webpage on gov.uk: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-river-medway-partnership-objectives-members-and-action-plan.">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-river-medway-partnership-objectives-members-and-action-plan.</a>

The End of Year 3 report on our work to deliver the Medway Flood Action Plan can be found on our new webpage: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-river-medway-partnership-objectives-members-and-action-plan/medway-flood-action-plan-year-3-report">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-river-medway-partnership-objectives-members-and-action-plan/medway-flood-action-plan-year-3-report</a>

## Strategy Group meeting – 19 May 2021

With the 'work from home' message still in place, the Strategy Group again met virtually for the spring 2021 meeting where we welcomed Dr Toby Willison to the Strategy Group on behalf of Southern Water, and Tim Bamford on behalf of the CLA. We received an update on recent work to continue delivering the Medway Flood Action Plan. We also began the discussion of how our plan will develop with the recent publication of the <a href="National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Strategy Action Plan</a>. This conversation will continue with the Strategy Group and theme groups over the coming months.

The Strategy Group also received a presentation from the Environment Agency's Navigation team about their upcoming programme of works to the navigation assets on the River Medway. Over recent years there has been a lot of discussion over whether the navigation assets have an impact on flood risk in the Medway catchment. We always consider the potential impact any work we do may have on flood risk. Our investigations have found that on the Medway, the navigation assets don't have a direct relationship with flood risk. Flood risk modelling carried out for Teston Sluice works found that the asset has no impact on flood risk in the catchment. The refurbishment of the assets do, however, offer many opportunities to enhance the river for people and wildlife and the navigation team will work with local communities and river users over the coming months to provide updates on the plans and progress of the works.



## **Capital Investment and Maintenance**

Our teams have adapted well to the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and capital schemes across the Partnership area have continued to progress well.

At East Peckham, funding has been confirmed which will enable the Property Flood Resilience (PFR) scheme to proceed. In April the Environment Agency awarded the contract to Watertight, the same company who installed PFR measures to 256 homes in the Middle Medway Flood Resilience Scheme.

The project team held a webinar for the eligible residents on 18 May 2021 to introduce the scheme, answer questions and invite the 115 residents to sign up for the scheme. Detailed surveys will begin in June 2021 with completion expected in winter 2021. Subject to separate business case approval, the project will also include 37 properties in Five Oak Green where Tunbridge Wells Borough Council have contributed funding through the Repair and Renew Grant.

On the Leigh expansion and Hildenborough embankment scheme, the inquiry into the Environment Agency's application to increase the maximum stored water level in the Leigh Flood Storage Area (FSA) took place between Monday 26 April and Friday 28 May to allow concerns to be heard.

The lacting is now closed and the inspector will prepare her report and recommendations for the Minister. She has indicated that this will take approximately 1 month. Once submitted, the Minister will make their decision. Currently we do not have a timeframe for this.

Obviously this process will take time and the decision cannot be pre-empted. As a result the construction works to expand the FSA cannot start until the Minister has made a decision. Under our original programme, we expected to complete construction of the scheme in autumn 2023. The final completion date will depend on the outcome and timing of this decision.

In the meantime, the 3 local authorities have approved planning permission for the works, subject to permission from the Minister. This has allowed the Environment Agency to proceed with separate and essential works required to the FSA under the Reservoirs Act 1975.

These works will involve lifting the top soil of the existing 1.5km main embankment and laying reinforcing materials. This reinforced layer will be covered with a layer of soil then sown with grass to further stabilise the surface. Once these works are complete, the embankments will look very similar to how they look now. These works will ensure the Leigh FSA continues to safely reduce flood risk to Tonbridge, Hildenborough and downstream communities into the future.



## **Natural Flood Management**

The Defra and FRAMES funded pilot project to install Natural Flood Management (NFM) in the Medway catchment is almost complete.

The project team are feeding the results and lessons learnt into a national evaluation which will inform future NFM delivery through the National FCERM Strategy. More information about the NFM work delivered can be found in the End of Year 3 report (link above).



Above and right: leaky woody dams installed by the NFM pilot project

Although the pilot project is now complete, there is still a great deal more NFM work planned in the Medway catchment.

Partners including SERT, Kent County Council and the North West Kent Countryside Partnership are working up projects at Ightham, Staplehurst and Tunbridge Wells, to name just a few. SERT are also working with local authorities to investigate where and how NFM can help to address priorities such as Climate Change Adaptation and carbon off-setting.



## **Community Resilience**

With Covid-19 restrictions continuing, much of the community engagement work has continued online with flood action groups meeting virtually, and flood warden etraining packages being developed and delivered. In fact, online training has been more successful than in-person training with 165 new flood wardens trained in 2020

including 30 members of staff from 8 councils.

The National Flood Forum are continuing to support local communities to establish Flood Action Groups with groups continuing in Ightham, Headcorn, Hildenborough, East Peckham, Tunbridge Wells, and Collier Street. These groups have now come together to establish the Kent Flood Action Group Forum. The Forum will enable groups to share their experiences and good practice, and also to work with all risk management authorities to find joined up solutions to the flooding our county experiences.

This forum is a very positive step and puts the Medway Flood Partnership in a good position to support the delivery of the National FCERM Strategy Action Plan, in particular Measure 3.2.4 which is looking to develop a network of community-led flood groups and volunteers.

For further information about the Medway Flood Partnership, please contact: <u>KSLE@environmentagency.gov.uk</u>

Planning Applications received to be considered on 28 June 2021

1	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/00882/FUL	Alexis Stanyer 07-07-2021	Cllr Clayton	James Reuther 01303 814455
Case	Officer			
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Ms T G	iee		1C Wickenden Road	Eastern
Town	)	County	Post Code	Application date
				16/06/21

#### 21/00882/FUL - Amended plan

Sub division of land with demolition of existing garage and store room to form new two storey dwelling and formation of vehicle access to number 1c.

#### Main changes:

Amended drawings received 2nd and 16th June.

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QQDR2YBKGLR00

2	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01341/FUL	Anna Horn 08-07-2021	Cllr Waite	Sarah Dias 07905 821042
Cas	e Officer			
App	licant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mrs P	owell		7 Swaffield Road	Eastern
Tow	'n	County	Post Code	Application date
		-		17/06/21

## **REVALIDATED:**

Application to separate the annex from the main house and create a separate dwelling. Including amendments to the approved front and rear elevation and parking.

### Received new Application FUL Plans Application Form and CIL Form.

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QSA6Z1BKK2X00

3	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01661/FUL	Emma Gore 09-07-2021	Cllr Bonin	N/A
Case	Officer			
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr Y Zh	nou	Unit 3	205 London Road	Town
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				18/06/21

The unit was part of a dry cleaning shop, it has been converted into a sushi takeaway shop. It was a very simple layout: a toilet, a big sink and a few hand wash sinks, an air extraction fan.

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applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QTMCA7BKMF100

4	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01722/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyer 07-07-2021	Cllr Piper	Peter Hadley 01689 836334

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Case Officer				
Applicant	House Name	Road	Locality	
Mr & Mrs J. Abson	Willow House	Ashgrove Road	Kippington	
Town	County	Post Code	Application date	
			16/06/21	
Erection of single s	torey garden building to	be used as home gym.	*	
Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QTTQYHBKMS900				

5	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01723/MMA	Emma Gore 02-07-2021	Cllr Michaelides	Graeme Williamson 07771 5909
Case	e Officer			177
Appl	icant	House Name	Road	Locality
E & M	Kobler	West Lodge	South Park	Town
Towl	า	County	Post Code	Application date
				11/06/21
Mino	r material amendı	ment to 20/02080/FUL.	*	*

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&keyVal=QTTQYMBKMSB00&previousCaseNumber =00129KBKBU000&previousCaseUprn=100061018527&activeTab=summary&previousKeyVal=0016YHBKLI000

6	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01749/FUL	Alexis Stanyer 12-07-2021	Cllr Busvine	Dylan Simmons 07921 234882
Cas	e Officer			
Арр	licant	House Name	Road	Locality
Gove	rnors of:	Lady Boswells C Of E Primary	Plymouth Drive	Town
Tow	'n	County	Post Code	Application date
				21/06/21

## Installation of new free standing canopy alongside existing building to provide a covered area outside classrooms.

Web link

https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&keyVal=QU308JBKFGU00&previousCaseNumber= 0003MLBKBU000&previousCaseUprn=010035184700&activeTab=summary&previousKeyVal=000459BKLl000

7	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01751/FUL	Mark Mirams 05-07-2021	Cllr Busvine	Adrian Watt 01892 614881
Case	Officer			
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr S Ya	alman		99-101 High Street	Town
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				14/06/21

Change of use from A2 (financial services) classification to A3 (cafe/ restaurant). To remove 2 internal walls and to install a flue to the rear of the property for kitchen extraction.

https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QU309IBKFGY00

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Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
21/01752/LBCALT	Mark Mirams 05-07-2021	Cllr Busvine	Adrian Watt 01892 614881
Officer			
cant	House Name	Road	Locality
alman		99-101 High Street	Town
)	County	Post Code	Application date
			14/06/21
	21/01752/LBCALT Officer cant alman	21/01752/LBCALT Mark Mirams 05-07-2021  Officer  cant House Name	21/01752/LBCALT Mark Mirams 05-07-2021 Cllr Busvine  Officer  Cant House Name Road  alman 99-101 High Street

Change of use from A2 (financial services) classification to A3 (cafe/restaurant). Installation of a flue to the rear of the property for kitchen extraction.

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QU309KBKFGZ00

9	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01757/FUL	Anna Horn 02-07-2021	Cllr Bonin	Jorge Conde Valverde 01625 53
Case	Officer			
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
XPS Se	elf Invested Pensions	Barclays	80 High Street	Town
Towr	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				11/06/21

Partial conversion of commercial building (use class E(c)(i)) to provide 6no self contained flats and 1no commercial unit (use class E)

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QU30A9BKFHB00

10	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01763/LBCALT	Mike Holmes 08-07-2021	Cllr Busvine	N/A
Case	Officer			
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr G M	cDowell	Co Op Funeralcare	70 High Street	Town
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				17/06/21

Repair roof, repair sash windows and roof light and remove a stud partition wall on the ground and second floor.

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QU4IAJBK0LO00

11	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01771/HOUSE	Anna Horn 02-07-2021	Cllr Michaelides	Joanna Loizou 01732 779580
Case	Officer			
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & Mı	rs Wong		64 Granville Road	Town
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				11/06/21

Demolition of existing sun room and erection of new single storey infill side and rear extension with new roof lights and associated internal alterations. Infill entrance porch and new steps with planter on front driveway and wall cut back.

Web link

https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

—applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&keyVal=QU4UY3BKFKU00&previousCaseNumber =001N54BKBU000&previousCaseUprn=100062687797&activeTab=summary&previousKeyVal=001WPQBKLI000

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12	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01784/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyer 29-06-2021	Cllr Hogarth	Miss J Nash 01303 656001
Case	Officer			
Applic	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & Mı	rs Killington	Springbank	Clock House Lane	St Johns
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				08/06/21

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QU6PNNBKFOE00

13	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01784/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyer 05-07-2021	Cllr Hogarth	Miss J Nash
Case	Officer			
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & M	rs Killington	Springbank	Clock House Lane	St Johns
Town	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				14/06/21

## 21/01784/HOUSE - Amended plan

Demolition of existing detached garage. Two storey front and side extension and alterations to fenestration

#### Amendment:

The agent for the applicant has amended the proposed plan and elevation drawing to reflect changes to the materials as render to part of the exterior is now proposed in the place of tile hanging.

Web link

Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
21/01799/HOUSE	Anna Horn 01-07-2021	CIIr Bonin	Open Architecture 01732 779580
Officer			
cant	House Name	Road	Locality
angis		6 Knole Way	Town
	County	Post Code	Application date
			10/06/21
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## Infill ground floor rear extension, side extension and loft conversion.

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&keyVal=QUC9LWBKFW900&previousCaseNumber =000Y5RBKBU000&previousCaseUprn=100061013206&activeTab=summary&previousKeyVal=001251BKLI000

15	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01806/HOUSE	Samantha Simmons 08-07-202	Cllr Eyre	Carmen Austin 07866 962268

Planning Applications received to be considered on 28 June 2021

Case Officer			
Applicant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr & Mrs De Widt		56 The Rise	Kippington
Town	County	Post Code	Application date
			17/06/21
House extension to	o side and new garage t	o front. New dormers.	
	sevenoaks.gov.uk/online- ns/applicationDetails.do?activeT	ab=summary&keyVal=QUC9MS	SBKFWN00

Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
21/01813/FUL	Emma Gore 02-07-2021	Cllr Parry	Colin Smith 07879 472627
Officer			
ant	House Name	Road	Locality
s Brindley	The Maples	Ashgrove Road	Kippington
	County	Post Code	Application date
			11/06/21
	21/01813/FUL Officer cant	21/01813/FUL Emma Gore 02-07-2021  Officer Eant House Name S Brindley The Maples	21/01813/FUL Emma Gore 02-07-2021 Cllr Parry  Officer  Eant House Name Road  s Brindley The Maples Ashgrove Road

# Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of new four bedroom dwelling together with access parking.

Web link

https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&keyVal=QUE496BKG0M00&previousCaseNumber =001IY1BKBU000&previousCaseUprn=100062547075&activeTab=summary&previousKeyVal=001RDDBKLI000

17	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01814/FUL	Emma Gore 09-07-2021	Cllr Piper	Chris Wilmshurst 01483 446800
Case	Officer			
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr J Cu Ms S G	ıllen, Mr J Cullen and racey	Land South of Larches	Ashgrove Road	Kippington
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				18/06/21

## Formation of new agricultural field vehicle access. New gate.

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QUE49VBKG0O00

18	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01826/HOUSE	Samantha Simmons 02-07-202	Cllr Morris Brown	Miss J Nash 01303 656001
Case	Officer			
Applio	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr L Me	enzel		53A Hartslands Road	Eastern
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				11/06/21

### Proposed garage conversion and associated roof alterations.

Web link

https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-

applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&keyVal=QUE4BRBKG1D00&previousCaseNumber =000JC6BKBU000&previousCaseUprn=050002015900&activeTab=summary&previousKeyVal=000LEGBKLI000

19	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01840/FUL	Anna Horn 07-07-2021	Cllr Waite	Nigel Goulding 02085 049711

Planning Applications received to be considered on 28 June 2021

Case Officer					
Applicant	House Name	Road	Locality		
Greensleeves Homes Trust	Gloucester House Nursing Home	Lansdowne Road	Eastern		
Town	County	Post Code	Application date		
			16/06/21		
Demolition of brick walls. Erection of a single-storey front extension to main kitchen.					
	oaks.gov.uk/online- blicationDetails.do?activeTab=su	ımmarv&kevVal=QUFZ03BI	KG4G00		

20	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01848/HOUSE	Samantha Simmons 08-07-202	Cllr Granville Baxter	Simon Flashman
Case	Officer			
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr M R	oberts		113B Bradbourne Vale Road	Northern
Town	)	County	Post Code	Application date
				17/06/21
		existing ground floor flat to	o create another bedroo	m and increase the size

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=constraints&keyVal=QUHTLZBKG8500

21	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01854/HOUSE	Alexis Stanyer 07-07-2021	Cllr Parry	Andrew Jenner 01892 852424
Case	Officer			
Appli	cant	House Name	Road	Locality
Mr Flee	etham	Spinneys	Hopgarden Lane	Kippington
Towr	1	County	Post Code	Application date
				16/06/21

Demolition of garage and car port. Erection og a single storey side and rear extension

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QUHTMNBKG8H00

22	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01860/FUL	Sean Mitchell 12-07-2021	Cllr Michaelides	Thomas Beard
Case	Officer			
Applicant		House Name	Road	Locality
c/o agent		Baby Gap	5 Blighs Walk	Town
Town		County	Post Code	Application date
				21/06/21

Shopfront alterations, together with external alterations to the side elevation and associated works, and installation of external plant equipment to the roof.

Web link https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QUJO8WBKGBC00

23	Plan Number	Planning officer	Town Councillor	Agent
	21/01888/HOUSE	Anna Horn 08-07-2021	Cllr Eyre	David Dennis 01732 240140

Planning Applications received to be considered on 28 June 2021

Case Officer						
Applicant	House Name	Road	Locality			
Mr & Mrs Osier	Heatherbank	17A Grassy Lane	Kippington			
Town	County	Post Code	Application date			
			17/06/21			
Proposed ground	and first floor rear extens	ion, proposed solar pan	els.			
	https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QUP8BVBKGKL00					

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