

**SHOREHAM  
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**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

6<sup>th</sup> November at Shoreham Village Hall from 7:30pm

Present: R Blamey (in the Chair)  
R Boyle, J Histed, S Hubble, B Jeffery, M S Parkes and M Sheward

Also Present: 12 members of the public

Clerk: Sarah Moon

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cockburn and Hibbins.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (copy circulated separately) were received and authorised by the Chairman.
3. There were no disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for the meeting.
4. The following applications were considered:
  - a) SE/19/05000/HYB – DSTL Fort Halstead, Crown Drive, Halstead, Sevenoaks  
Development : Hybrid application comprising, in outline, development of business space (use classes B1a/b/c0 of up to 27,659 sq m GEA; works within the X enclave relating to energetic testing operations including fencing, access, car parking; development of up to 750 residential dwellings; development of a mixed use village centre (use classes A1/A3/A4/A5/B1a/D1/D2); primary school; change of use of Fort Area and bunkers to Historic Interpretation Centre (use class D1) with workshop space and; associated landscaping, works and infrastructure. In details: demolition of existing buildings Q13 and Q14 including landscaping and public realm, and primary and secondary access to the site.  
Comments due by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

RESOLVED that Sevenoaks District Council be informed that Shoreham Parish Council objects to this development on the basis that it is too large and unsustainable for the area. Inadequate provision has been made for infrastructure and the impact on traffic flow around the area will be enormous and will have a detrimental impact on neighbouring parishes. A development of this size and density is unsuitable in its proximity to the Green Belt and AONB. No justification has been given for the increase of 300 dwellings since the original application was submitted four years ago (from 450 to 750 homes).

It was RESOLVED that due to the complexity and size of this development, the Clerk would meet with Cllrs Blamey and Jeffery next week to draft a full objection to be sent to SDC.

It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the clerks of Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount in order to understand their feelings towards this development.

Finally it was RESOLVED that a budget of £500 be allocated to using the services of a professional planning consultant, should one be available in time to assist.

5. Correspondence/Information

- a) SE/19/02903/WTCA- Eyot House, Church Street, Shoreham  
Development : Lime tree – remove one of the trunks. Remove 20% of the branches.
- b) SE/19/01755/FUL – Old Mill, Shoreham Road, Shoreham  
Development : External compost toilet plus change of use for existing allotments for outdoor recreation and erection of other structures.  
GRANTED
- c) SE/19/02458/FUL – Homewood Farm, Redmans Lane, Shoreham  
Development : Construction of a barn / stable building to facilitate the ongoing maintenance and livery associated with the grounds and land.  
REFUSED
- d) SE/19/02982/WTPO – 12 Shoreham Place, Shoreham  
Development : T1-2 Cherry Trees – reduce both trees by approx. 30% (2.5-3m).  
No comments necessary – information only.
- e) SE/19/01835/FUL – White Hill Cottage, Shoreham Road, Shoreham  
Development : Use of site for stationing of a shepherds hut, to be used to holiday letting.  
Conversion of the exiting outbuilding to be used for holiday letting.  
GRANTED

The meeting closed at 7.50

Public Question Time

Kingsdown Meadow/Romney Street

Cllr Jeffery gave an update on the latest situation at Romney Street. Fires have been lit very close to neighbouring properties and the situation has become out of control. It was necessary to call the fire brigade as homes nearby were becoming endangered.

A meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> between local residents and SDC officers to try and resolve the situation.

The Clerk confirmed that she had lodged a complaint with SDC for failing to change the licence issued to Serenity Homes. SDC had the opportunity to reduce the number of mobile homes allowed on the site, which would have meant that neighbouring properties would have retained their privacy. They have failed to do so. The complaint is currently being investigated by the Head of Housing and Health at SDC.

Cllr Roy confirmed that she had asked the developers if local residents could be involved with soft landscaping and is waiting to hear whether this will be possible.

SE/19/02078/HOUSE 7 High Street

The Clerk confirmed that she had registered Richard Boyle to speak at the DCC on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November in objection to the above application. Richard Boyle has been provided with a speech which he will read out. Cllr Roy advised that photographs should be shown at the DCC and that she had met with one of the neighbours of number 7 who would be taking some. DCC will probably undertake a site visit of number 7 in the morning of the meeting.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Shoreham Village Hall, Shoreham, (if required)**

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council

