

Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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Town Clerk
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Ref: MW/7001

22nd May 2024

Dear Councillor,

A MEETING OF NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, NEW ROMNEY, TN28 8BT ON WEDNESDAY 29th MAY 2024 AT 6.45PM.

You are hereby summoned to attend the above-mentioned meeting of New Romney Town Council's Planning and Environment Committee to consider the under-mentioned business.

Signed:

Gemma Hall

Mrs Gemma Hall
Planning Clerk

Email: planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk

The afore-mentioned meeting will commence at 6.45pm.

Members of Public are welcome to join this meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: New Romney Assembly Rooms and New Romney Town Hall have restricted access for people with limited mobility; please enquire for details.

Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should NOT attend the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Who can participate in a New Romney Town Council meeting?

Members of the Public and Press may attend this Council meeting, except at such times as certain sensitive personal, legal or contractual matters may be considered in private and confidential session, when Members of the Public will be required to leave the meeting.

A maximum of THREE members of public may also participate by submitting a question at a meeting. The question must relate to a matter affecting the parish of New Romney and/or its residents. Each submission must last no longer than 3 minutes in total.

Any such question should be delivered to the Council by way of a written statement submitted by email by midday on the day of the Council meeting - to be read out during the meeting. The question submitted should be mindful of the 3 minute speaking time available. The reading of the question will allow for any mid-sentence delivery to be completed before being stopped at the three minute deadline. If any Member of Public does not have access to email, a question can be submitted by email by a representative on their behalf.

Any such questions should be emailed to: planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk by midday on the day of the Council meeting.

2. How and when do I have to let the council know that I want to participate?

You will need to give written notice (via email or post) that you would like to participate by 3pm on the Friday before the meeting, providing your name and contact details and a summary of what your question subject will be. No late notifications can be accepted.

3. What happens if more than three local residents want to participate by submitting questions to the Council?

The system will operate on the basis of “first come, first served” as identified by the Clerk. You will be notified as soon as possible after your ‘notification of wish to participate’ has been received as to whether or not you will be able to participate (by reading out your submission).

4. What will happen at the Council meeting?

Your question will be read aloud during the agenda item: Public Questions. If it is possible for the Chairman to provide a response to your question at the meeting, he/she will do so. If it is not possible to provide a response at that time, a response will be provided in writing – usually within 28 days of the meeting taking place.

Agendas and reports for meetings will be available at least 3 working days and usually 7 weekdays before the date of the meeting on the Town Council website. Any supplementary sheets will be available the day before the meeting and can be viewed at www.newromney-tc.gov.uk

THE LAWS OF LIBEL AND SLANDER

- These laws are very strict.
- If, in public, you say something about a person that is not true, even if you believe it to be true, you may be sued and have to pay compensation. Therefore, you need to be very careful about any criticism you wish to make of people in any written submission.
- Councillors are able to speak more freely and bluntly while in Council or Committee meetings than members of the public.
- You, as a member of the public, do not have the same protection.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
29th MAY 2024
AGENDA

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE:

(i) To appoint the Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for 2024-2025

(ii) To appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for 2024-2025

2. APOLOGIES:

To receive and note apologies of councillors unable to attend.

3. DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE:

To receive and note any applications granted by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, for dispensation to participate in Meetings of New Romney Town Council.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant or Personal Interests they may have in items on the agenda this evening.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

To consider formal adjournment of the meeting of the Committee for a maximum period of fifteen minutes to allow for an allocated public session.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Members of the public may put questions to the Chairman of the Committee for a period of fifteen minutes regarding matters to do with the town of New Romney and its coastal areas of Littlestone and Greatstone, including items on the agenda. Any Councillors who have declared an "Other Significant Interest" in matters to be discussed at this meeting will also have the opportunity to speak within the session set aside for public participation, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct Item 5(3)(b), which reads as follows:

"Where you have an Other Significant Interest in any business of the Authority, you may... make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose."

7. RE-CONVENING OF MEETING:

To formally re-convene the meeting of the Committee.

8. MINUTES (Encs*):

To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8th May 2024 (attached hereto).

9. PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT (Encs*)

To receive and note the Planning Clerk's report.

10. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Encs*)

To consider planning applications attached hereto and including any received subsequent to issue of this Agenda and make any recommendations as deemed appropriate.

11. SCHEDULE OF LICENCING APPLICATIONS

To receive and note schedule of Licencing Applications.

**12. FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS
DECISIONS/MATTERS (Encs*)**

(i) To received and note Hythe and Folkestone District Council's Reports, Decisions and Matters.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (Encs*)

To receive written reports and, within the remit of the Committee, take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.

(i) Sea water quality and surface water flooding update, if available.

14. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES (Encs*)

(i) To receive and note the written reports of any working parties reporting to the Planning and Environment Committee and to take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.

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MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 8th May 2024
Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: P Coe, P Carey, J Rivers, K Terry, S O'Hare, J Houston, J Davies and L Phillips

In the Chair: Councillor P Coe

In Attendance: Planning Clerk - Mrs G Hall

Members of public x 3

667/2023-24 **APOLOGIES**

None.

668/2023-24 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

669/2023-24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

670/2023-24 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

It was not necessary to adjourn the meeting as no questions had been received in writing.

671/2023-24 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

672/2023-24 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

Not applicable.

673/2023-24 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 17th April 2024

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 17th April 2024**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Having duly considered the afore-mentioned minutes, it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Houston

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 17th April 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

674/2023-24 **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

The Planning Clerk's report, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted and read as under:

- **Change of venue for all Planning & Environment Committee Meetings**

Please note that from our next meeting date 29th May 2024, all future Planning and Environment Committee Meetings will be held in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, New Romney, TN28 8BT.

- **Footpath between Mountfield Industrial Estate – Church Lane**

The original footpath that ran between Mountfield Industrial Estate and Church Lane has now been reinstated by the developer. The new plans for an engineered/lit footpath have been abandoned due to cost and road adoption issues. New Romney Town Council's Parish Caretakers have gone and trimmed away the overgrown brambles to make the footpath passable.

- **Planning Enforcement: 23/2017/FH – 3 The Churchlands, New Romney.**
3 The Churchlands, Planning application: [23/2017/FH](#). Folkestone and Hythe District Council Planning Enforcement have recently visited the property and the owners have been advised that the single storey garden annexe has not been constructed according to the approved plans, as it is not in the location shown. Planning enforcement officers have instructed the owners to resolve this matter, they can either rebuild the structure in the correct position or make an application to amend the approved plans (although there is no guarantee that permission would be granted).

675/2023-24 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Houston

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that NRTC Planning and Environment Committee comments, including those comments relating to additional planning applications received after publication of the agenda for this meeting, be submitted to FHDC Planning Department:

Application No(i) [24/0554/FH](#)**RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:**(ii) [24/0557/FH/TCA](#)**RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:**(iii) [24/0578/FH/PA](#)**RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:****Location and Description**Sladden Cottage, North Street,
New Romney, TN28 8DLWorks to trees in a conservation
area comprising of T1 Sycamore
crown reduction by a max of 4m
in height and 2m lateral
spread, T2 Evergreen fell.**No Objection****8****0****0**Craythornes, Fairfield Road,
New Romney, TN28 8HUWorks to trees in a conservation
area comprising of T1 multi stem
Bay fell to ground.**Recommend Refusal – TPO
condition should remain.****1****7****0**Sewage Treatment Works,
Station Approach, Littlestone,
TN28 8LUKCC/FH/0038/2024-KCC
Consultation request for
installation of a 250 kilowatt
ground mounted solar
photovoltaic array with
associated infrastructure and
biodiversity enhancement.
For more information please
click [HERE](#).**No Objection****8****0****0**

(iv) [24/0312/FH](#)

Governors House,
Cannon Street,
New Romney, TN28 8BH

Listed Building Consent for the replacement of windows to the front elevation.

No Objection

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

8

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(v) [24/0555/FH](#)

Homeleigh, Rolfe Lane,
New Romney,
TN28 8JL

Works to trees the subject of TPO No 02 of 2006 T1 Oak crown reductions by a max of 3 metres in height & 2 metres laterally & T2 Pine remove 'hung up' branch and deadwood.

No Objection

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

8

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(vi) [24/0397/FH](#)

2 Cherry Gardens, Littlestone,
New Romney, TN28 8QR

Single storey side extension, first floor cladding and off road parking.

No Objection subject to minimum clearance maintained to neighbouring property/boundary.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

8

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(vii) [24/0575/FH](#)

Land Adj 1-2 West Lawn
Cottages, Lydd Road,
New Romney

New self-catering tourist
accommodation, on land
previously occupied by an old
garage.

RECOMMENDATION

**No Objection – Would still
recommend bike storage as
public transport links in
New Romney aren't excellent
as previously stated on
appeal.**

Voting:

For Application:

8

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(viii) [23/1789/FH](#)

73 Coast Drive, Greatstone,
New Romney, TN28 8NR

Folkestone & Hythe District Council write to
inform you that the following case has been
appealed under ref: [AP-6632](#)

Appeal against refusal of planning
application [23/1789/FH](#) - Retrospective
planning application for the conversion of an
outbuilding to provide a 1 bedroom dwelling
house.

Planning Inspectorate Number -
APP/L2250/W/24/3339000

FHDC Decision: Recommended Refusal Reasons (2)

1 - The proposed new dwelling, by virtue of
its scale, design, layout and size, would
result in a form of development that would
not sit comfortably in its plot, appearing
cramped and out of keeping with the pattern
and form of development in the
surrounding area, resulting in visual harm to
character and appearance of the area.

The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies HB1 and HB10 of the Places and Policies Local Plan 2020.

2- The proposed development would provide inadequately sized garden area for the proposed dwelling that would fail to comply with the minimum external space standards which would be detrimental to the future residential amenities of the new dwelling. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies HB3 and HB10 of the Places and Policies Local Plan.

NRTC previous comments: Recommend refusal, not enough information. Clarification is needed on drainage as identified by KCC Highways & Environment Agency.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

0

Against Application:

8

Abstained:

0

**Recommend Refusal –
Previous comments still apply
– fully support FHDC decision
and reasonings for refusal.**

676/2023-24 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

There were no licence applications for consideration.

678/2023-24 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**

(i) A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending 18th April 2024, 25th April 2024 and 28th April 2024 were duly received and noted.

679/2023-24 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Monday 29th April 2024 which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted

680/2023-24 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES****Parish Highway Improvement Plan**

Details regarding New Romney Community Speed Watch Scheme & Changes to High Street Parking a copy of which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

681/2023-24 **ROMNEY MARSH FORUM – LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE**

Having duly considered questions for the representative from Stage Coach at the next Romney Marsh Forum

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the following questions be put forward to the Stage Coach Representative at the next Romney Marsh Forum on behalf of New Romney Town Council:

Q1) As a part of New Romney Town Council's Parish Highway Improvement plan one of the proposals is to change the layout of the Parking in New Romney High Street. The proposed changes will stop parking down one side of the High Street which in turn will allow for free flow of traffic and stop/ease congestion and bottle necks. Can the bus timetable for New Romney High Street be reviewed after taking into consideration the implementation of the proposed Changes to High Street Parking and add more services?

Q2) Can we have more buses added to off-peak hours to allow passengers to travel outside of school hours as some elderly and vulnerable residents like to avoid travelling when school children are on the buses?

Q3) When will the bus route be changed to stop the bus driving down Victoria Road in Littlestone? This is a residential street and not suitable for buses to travel down as typically cars park on both sides of the road. There will also be a new development in the near future at the bottom of Victoria Road West which will increase the amount of vehicles using that road.

Q4) Is there any update as to when the turning circle for the buses outside The Jolly Fisherman Pub at the end of Dunes Lane will be changed to allow the buses to turn there and stop using Victoria Road?

Q5) Will there be a direct bus service from New Romney to both the William Harvey Hospital and The Ashford International Railway? We need more buses from the Marsh to Ashford and at earlier times for students and workers.

682/2023-24 **TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH EAST CONSULTATION**

Having reviewed the Transport for South East Consultation, a copy of which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rivers

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor Rivers, Councillor Coe and Councillor Phillips have been appointed to respond to the consultation on behalf of New Romney Town Council.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting
Concluded **at 7.34pm**

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
29th MAY 2024
PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT

- **Change of venue for all Planning & Environment Committee Meetings**

Just a reminder that our next meeting on 29th May will be in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BT at 6:45pm.

- **Romney Marsh Forum**

As discussed at the last Planning & Environment Committee meeting the following questions have been submitted to the Romney Marsh Forum for the Stagecoach Representative. I shall keep you updated once we have a response.

Q1) As a part of New Romney Town Council's Parish Highway Improvement plan one of the proposals is to change the layout of the Parking in New Romney High Street. The proposed changes will stop parking down one side of the High Street which in turn will allow for free flow of traffic and stop/ease congestion and bottle necks. Can the bus timetable for New Romney High Street be reviewed after taking into consideration the implementation of the proposed Changes to High Street Parking and add more services?

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- **Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39**

Notice received from KCC:

Following the publication of the Pre-Submission Draft of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 earlier this year in accordance with Regulation 19 of the above Regulations, I am pleased to inform you that the Plan has now been submitted for independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 - Submission Statement and Availability of Documents May 2024

Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, 22. (3)(a)(iv)

Submission Statement and Availability of Submitted Documents

May 2024

The Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 was submitted to the Secretary of State on 17 May 2024 for Independent Examination by an appointed Planning Inspector.

The Examination will determine whether all the legal and policy requirements have been observed during the preparation of the Local Plan, and whether the Plan is 'sound' as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework. This will involve a review of the submitted Plan, relevant evidence and the formal representations received. The Examination may involve public hearings where representors can be invited to speak if they previously made formal representations on the Plan. It should be noted that, at this stage in the plan making process, further written comments are not invited. Details of any hearings will be published once they are confirmed. Anyone can attend hearings as an observer. A decision as to whether the hearings will be physical or virtual will be determined by the Planning Inspector.

The submission documents (including the Plan and Sustainability Appraisal), evidence base, background documents and Regulation 19 representations are available to view online via the County Council's Examination Webpage at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/economic-regeneration-and-planning-policies/planning-policies/minerals-and-waste-planning-policy/kent-minerals-and-waste-local-plan-review-2024-39>. The webpage will be updated with the latest documents, including correspondence from the Planning Inspector, throughout the period leading up to and during the Examination, including the details of any public hearings once confirmed.

The submission documents, evidence base and Regulation 19 representations are also available to view in hard copy at the main County Council office - Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday for the duration of the Examination. In addition, the County Council has computer access available via its libraries (excluding mobile libraries) where the aforementioned documents are available to be viewed in an electronic format during their normal opening hours

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
29th MAY 2024
SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS
FOR CONSIDERATION

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Location and Description</u>
(i) <u>24/0605/FH</u>	Old Strand, Church Road, New Romney, TN28 8EY Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for a single storey side extension.
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>Voting:</u> For Application: Against Application: Abstained:	
(ii) <u>24/0685/FH</u>	19 Meehan Road, Greatstone, New Romney, TN28 8SQ Demolition of existing garage, kitchen, rear porch and removal of chimney and replace with side and rear extension, including integral garage and construction of attic truss roof with two dormers front facing and two dormers rear facing. (Retrospective application to reflect changes in final drawings and build).
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>Voting:</u> For Application: Against Application: Abstained:	
(iii) <u>24/0692/FH</u>	Sainsburys, Dymchurch Road, New Romney, TN28 8GU Installation of new plant on the roof and change to the service yard.
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>Voting:</u> For Application: Against Application: Abstained:	

(iv) [24/0724/FH](#)

Cranbrook, 15 Victoria Road, Littlestone,
TN28 8NL

Single storey outbuilding to create annexes,
following removal of existing garage and
outbuildings.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(v) [24/0063/FH](#)

Plot F, Land Rear of Plot 15, Collins Road,
New Romney, TN28 8LH

3 no new industrial buildings subdivided into
8no units including parking, access and
associated works.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

Additional Planning Applications received:

(i) [24/0750/FH](#)

1 Longshore Grove, New Romney,
TN28 8FP

Garage conversion to Living Accomodation.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(ii) [24/0684/FH](#)

The Marsh Academy, Station Road,
New Romney, TN28 8BB

Creation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch
(AGP) with perimeter fencing, hardstanding
areas, storage container, flood lights and an
access footpath.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(iii) [24/0670/FH](#)

4 Haywards Close, New Romney,
TN28 8LA

Erection of front and rear dormers.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(vi) [24/0752/FH](#)

21 Coast Drive, Greatstone, New Romney,
TN28 8NX

Replacement of existing dwelling with a
three storey dwelling with lower ground floor
garage.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
29th MAY 2024

DELEGATED DECISIONS OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

For the Period Ending 5th May 2024

- (i) [23/1696/FH](#) Cinque Port Arms, 1 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BU

DECISION:

Detached single dwelling.
Refused
 NRTC – Recommend Refusal.

- (ii) [24/0254/FH](#) Craythornes, Fairfield Road, New Romney, TN28 8HU

DECISION:

Works to tree subject of TPO No. 2 of 2006
 - Oak removal of epicormic growth, removal
 of new branch growth to previous reduction
 points, crown reduction by 2 metres &
 removal of any dead/diseased wood

Approved with Conditions
 NRTC – No Objection.

- (iii) [24/0384/FH](#) 16 Littlestone Road, New Romney, TN28 8LR

DECISION:

Proposed carport.
Approved with Conditions
 NRTC – No Objection.

- (iv) [24/0578/FH](#) Sewage Treatment Works, Station Approach, Littlestone, TN28 8LU

DECISION:

KCC/FH/0038/2024- KCC Consultation request for
 installation of a 250 kilowatt ground mounted solar
 photovoltaic array with associated infrastructure and
 biodiversity enhancement.
Advice given.
 NRTC – No Objection.

For the Period Ending 12th May 2024

(i) [24/0357/FH](#)

Land Rear of Imogene, Station Approach, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8LU

DECISION:

Change of use from holiday let to residential building.

Refused

NRTC – Recommended refusal.

For the Period Ending 23rd May 2024

(i) [24/0446/FH](#)

1 Lonbay Drive, New Romney, TN28 8AB

Works to tree subject of TPO No2 of 2006 T1 Oak crown reduction back to previous cuts max 1.5 metres.

DECISION:

Approved with Conditions

NRTC – No Objection.

(ii) [24/0451/FH](#)

16 Littlestone Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8LR

Works to trees the subject to TPO No. 05 of 1975 T1 Oak crown reduction back to previous cuts max 1.5m.

DECISION:

Approved with Conditions

NRTC – No Objection.

(iii) [24/0554/FH/TCA](#)

Sladden Cottage, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DL

Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Sycamore crown reduction by a max of 4m in height and 2m lateral spread, T2 Evergreen fell.

DECISION:

No Objections

NRTC – No Objection.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Sea Water Sampling – Littlestone/Greatstone**

Due to 'Poor' rating of our sea water in Littlestone from the Environment Agency, New Romney Town Council have now purchased our own Sea Water Sampling test kits and weekly testing will commence later this month. Reports to follow.

- Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast – Monday 20th May 2024**

Tomorrow	Air pollution levels within the post code region TN28 are forecast to be Moderate
Wednesday	Air pollution levels within the post code region TN28 are forecast to be Low

The probability of pollution levels being within the four main bandings is shown in the table below.

Air Pollution Level	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Low	<5%	>95%
Moderate	>95%	<5%
High	<5%	<5%
Very High	<1%	<1%

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
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29th MAY 2024
REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

• **Parish Highway Improvement Plan – Changes to High Street Parking.**

The following data has now been forwarded onto Folkestone and Hythe District Council from our public engagements regarding Changes to High Street Parking.

New Romney Town Council

Data from Public Engagements on Saturday 3rd February 2024 & Wednesday 1st May 2024

High Street Parking Changes:

Yes: 23

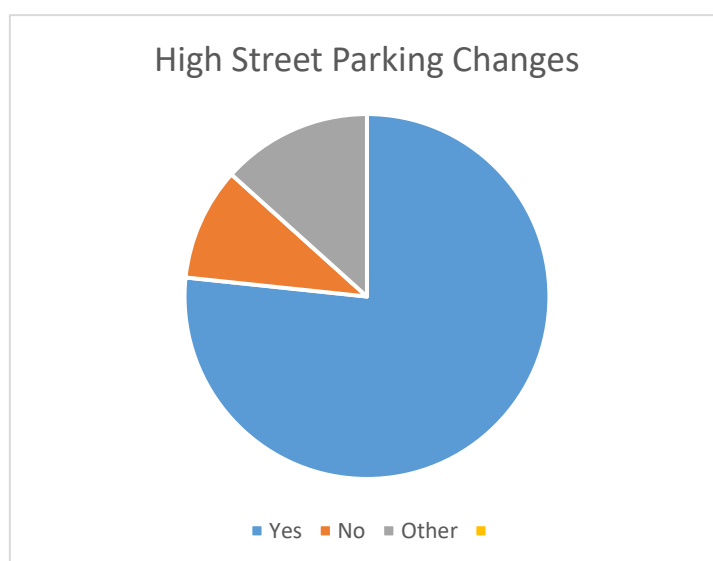
76.7% in favour of the proposed changes

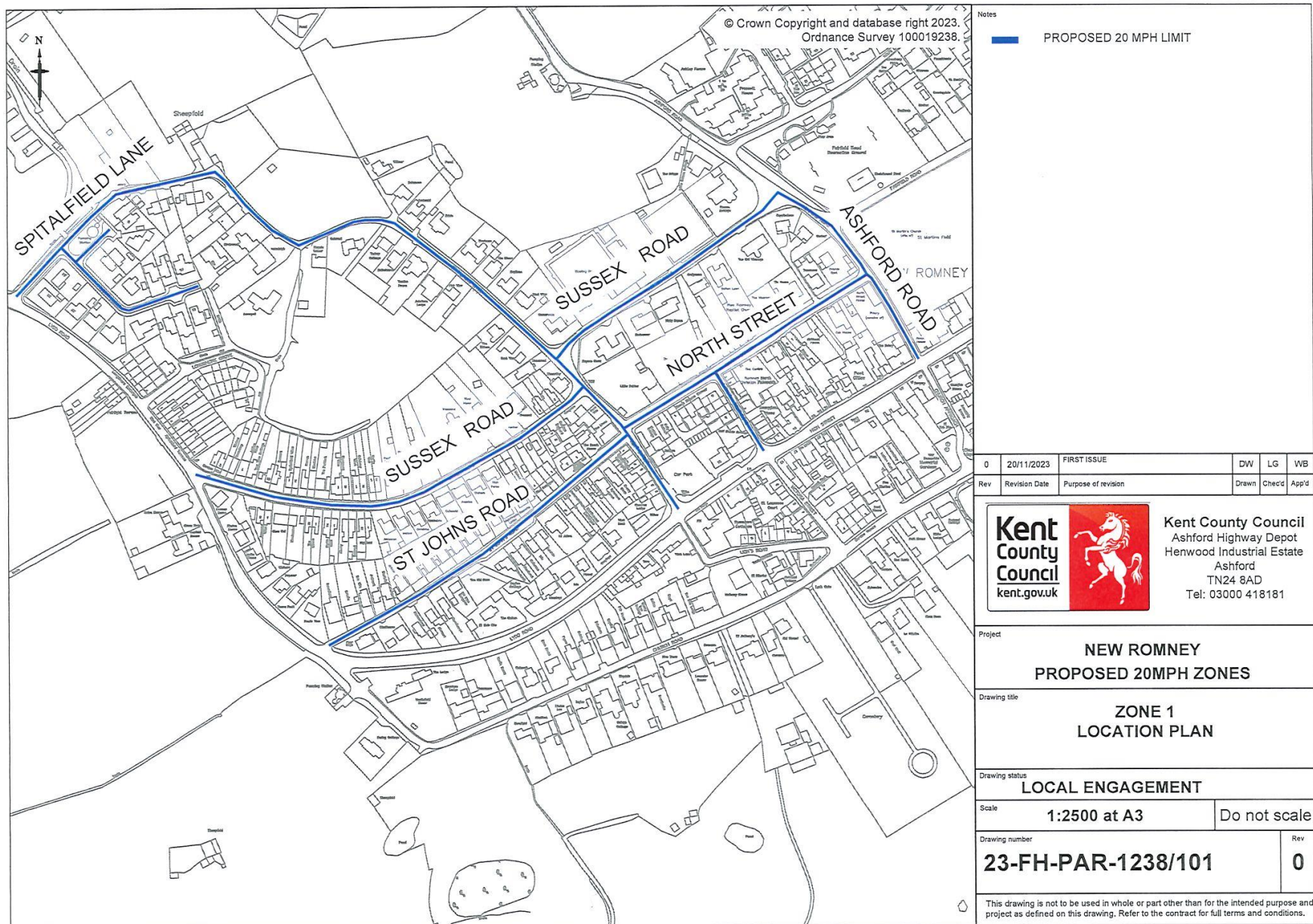
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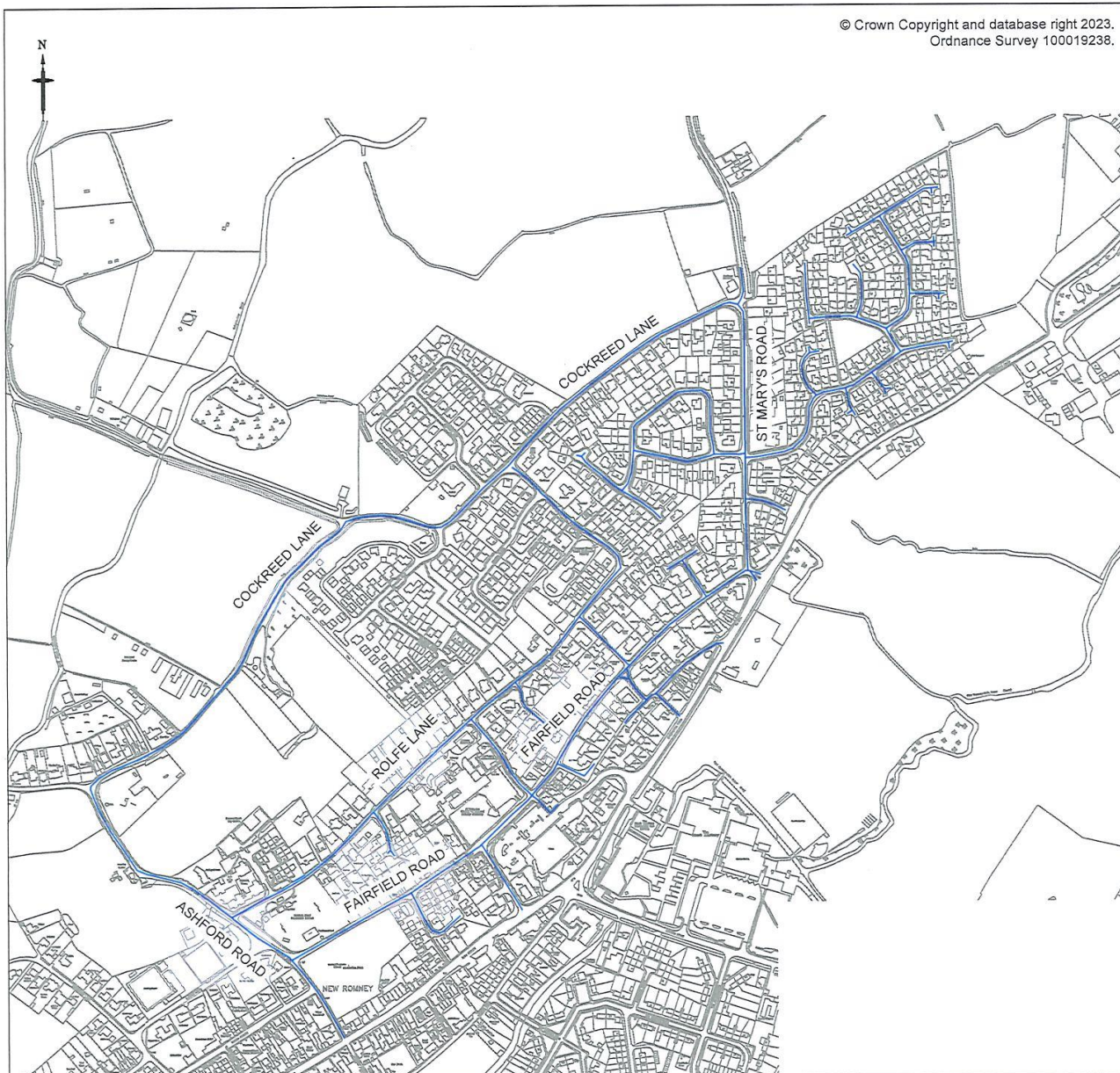
10% are not in favour of the proposed changes.

Other/Did not answer: 4

13.3% marked other/did not answer to question on the comment form.







Notes

■ PROPOSED 20MPH LIMIT

0	24/11/23	FIRST ISSUE	DW	RH	WB
Rev	Revision Date	Purpose of revision	Drawn	Chc'd	App'd



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Ashford Highway Depot
Henwood Industrial Estate
Ashford
TN24 8AD
Tel: 03000 418181

Project

NEW ROMNEY
PROPOSED 20MPH ZONES

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ZONE 2
LOCATION PLAN

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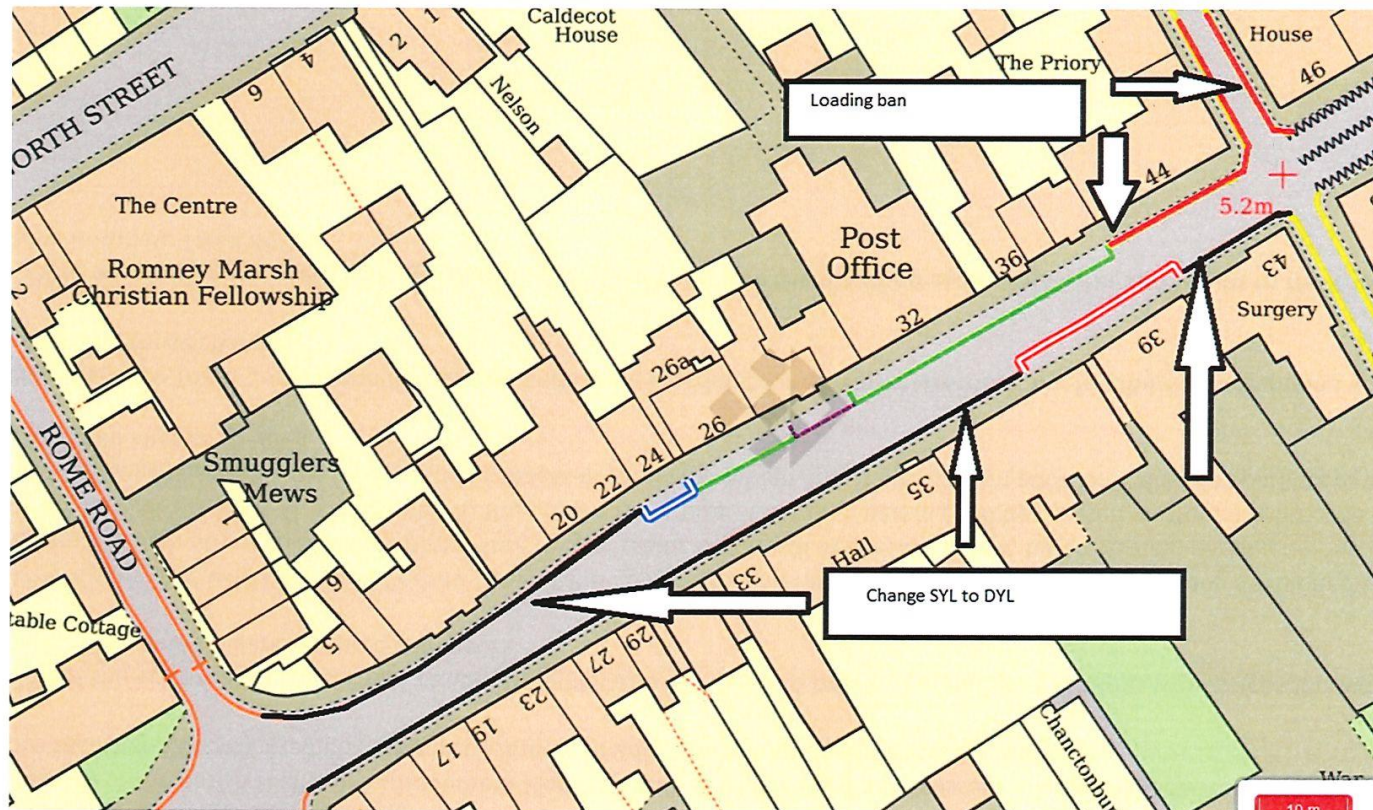
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SYL – Single Yellow Line
DYL – Double Yellow Line

Loading Ban on the junction of Ashford Road and High Street would wrap right round onto the High Street opposite Oak Hall Surgery to prevent all motorists (including Blue Badge users) from parking there.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road on the corner of the junction for Church Approach.

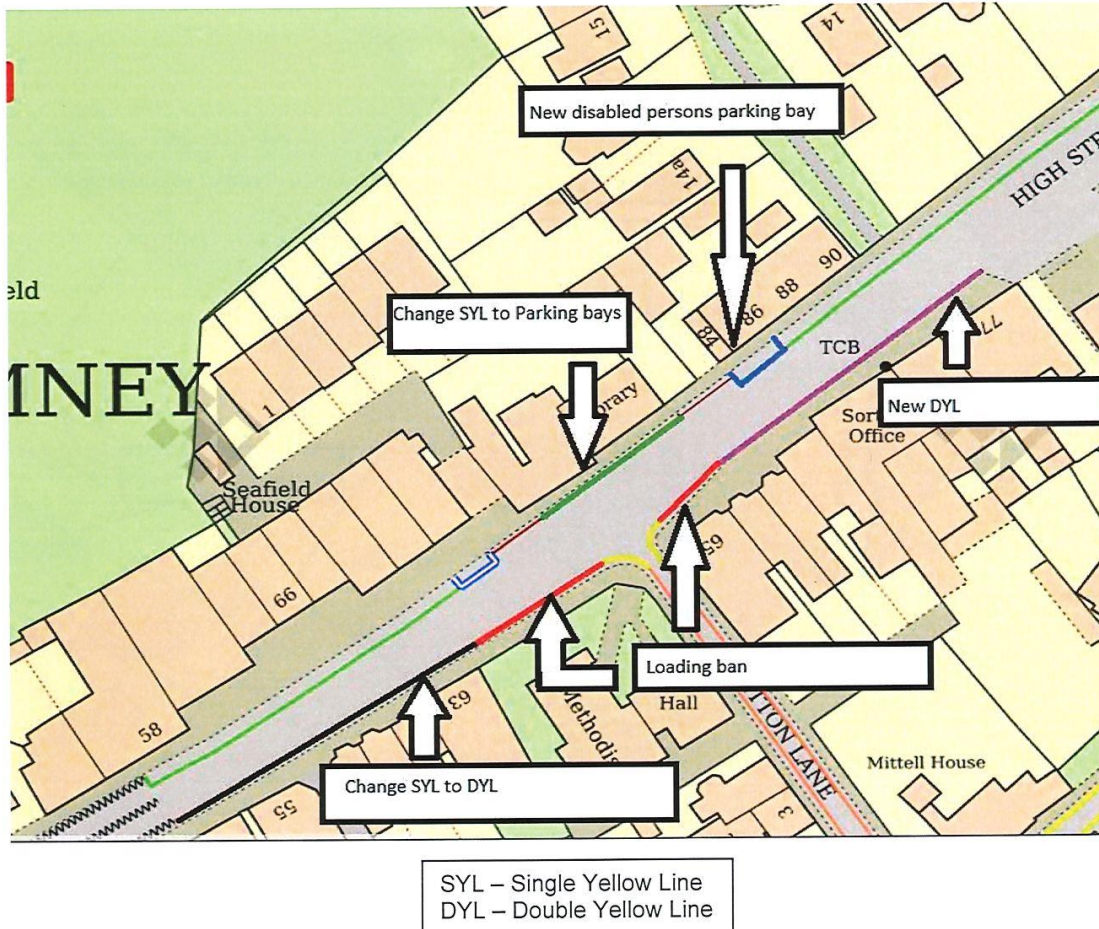
Zip zag lines will be refreshed outside Ruzzo all the way along to the crossing to prevent parking near the junction.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from 22 High Street to the corner of Rome Road.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from Costa Coffee to the corner of Victoria Street.



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Loading ban restriction to be added to the junction of Tritton Lane to prevent all motorist (including Blue Badge users) from parking there.

Single yellow line removed from outside the library and parking bays added.

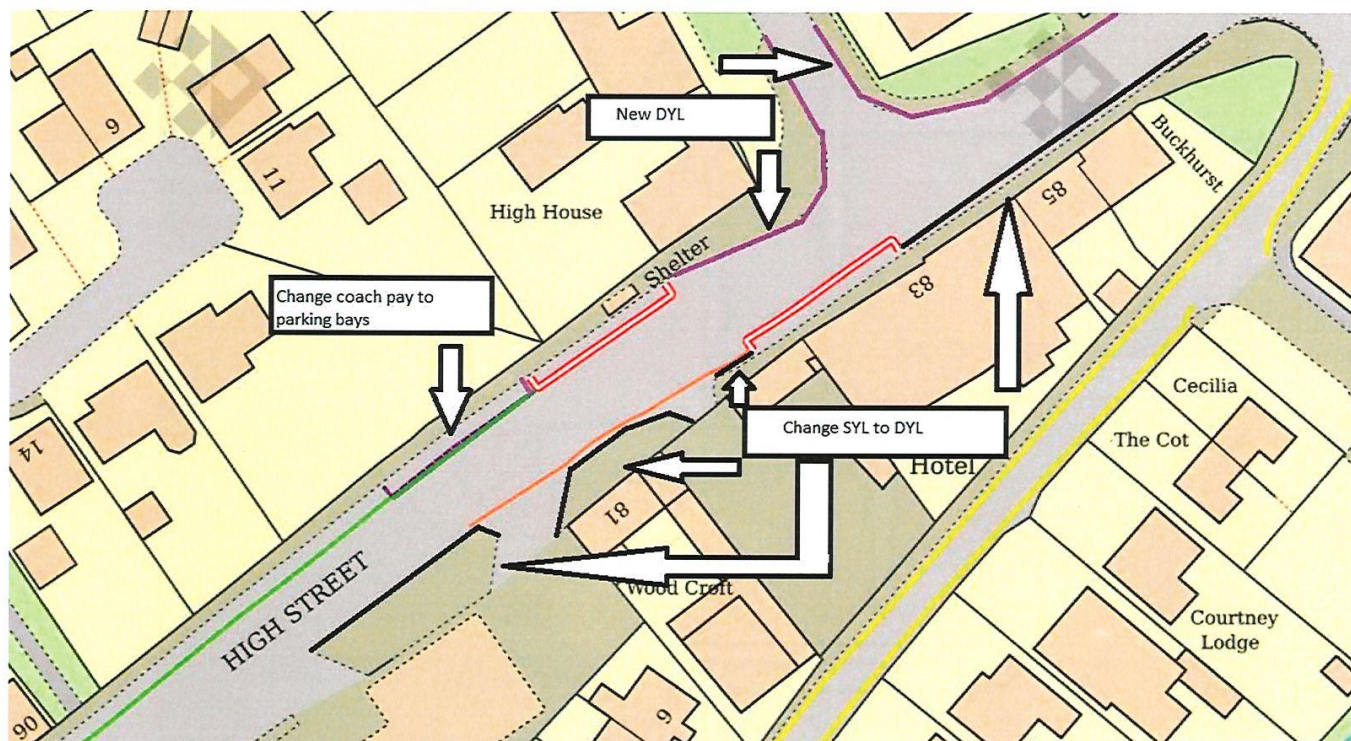
New disabled bay added after That Pet Shop outside Romney Spice.

Parking bays outside Premier shop and along to the garage to be removed and double yellow lines to be installed.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from outside the Methodist Church and along to Church Approach turning.



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Coach parking bay to be replaced with additional parking bays.

New double yellow lines to be added from the bus stop round to George Lane on both sides of the junction.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines The Ship to the Premier shop on the corner of Tritton Lane. No parking to be permitted on that side of the High Street.



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Submission Date: December 2022

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HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	County Member
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Please list below the funding opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures				I.e., County Member, Parish Precept Donation, LTP
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Name of HIP Representative		Contact Telephone Number		Email Address
Name of Clerk	Planning Clerk – Mrs Gemma Hall	Contact Telephone Number	01797 362348 01797 740161	Email Address planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk
Name of Chair		Contact Telephone Number		Email Address
KCC Project Manager Team	Community & Engagement Team (EAST)	Contact Telephone Number	03000 418181	Email Address east.highwayimprovements@kent.gov.uk

- Please note the Priority column MUST be those issues which are regarded as the most important (No 1 being your highest priority, then filtering down)
KCC is unable to guarantee that all your requests will be deliverable, but Project Managers can investigate your top 1 or 2 priorities per year.

Please Note: Highway Improvement Plans will only be accepted if they are in this prescribed template format. **PLEASE DO NOT ALTER IN ANY WAY.**
Whilst this is intended to be a living document for your Parish Council, KCC can only make resources available to review your HIP annually –
XXXX's review is on or after XXXX each year.



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Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	USRN	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager ONLY)
1.	Please see 20 MPH zones 1-6 attached.		Speeding	20 MPH zones	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>KCC and PC agreed to focus on Zones 1 & 2 as a priority.</p> <p>As above, traffic survey locations to be determined by KCC.</p> <p>18/10/2023-</p> <p>Traffic survey results are mostly in support of a 20mph limit for the majority of Zones 1-2, however the eastern side of Cockreed Lane has average speeds that are too high.</p> <p>For KCC to discuss options with PC at meeting on 01/11/2023</p> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>All average speeds from the surveys are in support of the a 20mph limit for Zones 1 & 2, except for the eastern end of Cockreed Lane which were 28mph. This is higher than we would like, and it is unlikely that we would get compliance without physical measures, however these measures are usually not popular with residents due to noise, they are expensive, and they require a system of street lighting. We are unsure at this time if the streetlighting present would be adequate enough to be classed as a safe system.</p> <p>KCC to produce an extents plan for PC to conduct further informal engagement with residents and provide KCC with responses.</p> <p>KCC to look at options regarding upgrades to school signage.</p>

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2.	i) Spitalfield Lane ii) Sussex Road iii) Church Road		Speeding vehicles. Motorists use Spitalfield Lane, Sussex Road and Church Road as a shortcut to either avoid congestion caused by parked cars outside Spitalfield Terrace on the A259 coming into New Romney or they wish to avoid the traffic in New Romney High Street.	Traffic Calming required.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>KCC to explore options of "Unsuitable for HGV" and "Pedestrian in Roadway" signage along Spitalfield Road.</p> <p>KCC has sent 30mph Toolkit information to PC. PC to confirm that they wish for a kit to be arranged for them (this is a free resource)</p> <p>Traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and buildouts not feasible with current lighting as this is not to the required standard.</p> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>KCC to move forward with Unsuitable for HGV signage to be installed on Spitalfield Lane junction with A259, Sussex Road junction with Ashford Road, and potentially Ashford Road junction with A259 if space allows. KCC to fund</p>
3.	i) Queens Road ii) Littlestone Road/Station Road iii) Coast Road iv) The Churchlands		Speeding.	Enhanced vehicle activated signs or traffic calming measures needed.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p>
4.	Coast Drive near Spar Greatstone/Clark Road.		Pedestrian crossing requested due to speeding and increase in pedestrians/visitors to The Green's.	The Green's is already a very popular destination for local residents and tourists/holiday makers visiting the play park and beach. New development on The Green's at Littlestone of the extension of the beach huts will cause more visitors.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p>
5.	Dymchurch Road		Speeding.	Extend the 30 MPH speed limit up to Marlie Farm.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p>
6.	i) Spitalfield Lane ii) Fairfield Road		Poor visibility.	Improve highway lighting for all roads without engineered footpaths.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p>



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	iii) Cockreed Lane iv) Sussex Road v) Rolfe Lane				
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Historical Priorities Record

No	Location	USRN	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
	High Street, New Romney		Inconsiderate parking	Red lines needed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.	02/02/2023- Not feasible as this is only conducted in London.
	All roads		Double yellow line review – Many lines in our Parish are faded and need repainting and possibly extending.		02/02/2023- Any faded lines should be reported online via https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem Any extension to double yellow lines will need to be considered on a case by case basis.
	i) St Nicholas School – Fairfield Road, New Romney, TN28 8BP, Craythorne Lane & Rolfe Lane, New Romney. ii) The Marsh Academy – Station Road, New Romney, TN28 8BB See School Zone map attached.		Speeding and problem parking. Cars driving too fast near the school. Speed limit is currently 30MPH by both schools. Parent's parking on double yellow lines and blocking driveways. No crossing for St Nicholas School.	School Zones required.	02/02/2023- St Nicholas School is incorporated into Zone 2 of PC plans for 20mph zone. For a formal crossing point, both a traffic survey and pedestrian survey would need to be conducted to ascertain feasibility. KCC estimate at least £30,000 for a formal crossing (subject to fluctuation with cost of materials constantly changing) Traffic surveys to be conducted throughout Zone 1 & 2. KCC to determine locations and obtain cost of these surveys along with pedestrian survey. Vehicles parking on double yellow lines and blocking driveways are for enforcement by F&H and police. PC advise that there are current plans for double yellow lines in the area.

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					<p>KCC has sent PC information on the School Travel Plan to share with both schools.</p> <p>18/10/2023-</p> <p>Traffic and Pedestrian survey results have been analysed and unfortunately does not meet the minimum criteria for the installation of a formal crossing point.</p>
	<p>i) High Street ii) Church Lane iii) Church Road vi) The junction of Ashford Road onto The High Street. v) Station Road, Littlestone Road, Marsh Avenue, Blenheim Road, St Martins Road, The Churchlands, Marsh Crescent, Wiles Avenue, and Carey Close</p>		<p>Problem parking – causing congestion.</p> <p>i) Vehicles parking on Double Yellow lines outside Premier Stores near Tritton Lane causing a bottle neck in The High Street which causes delays and congestion due to the heavy flow of traffic. Larger vehicles struggle to get through the gap.</p> <p>ii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near Church Lane Surgery/The Old School House.</p> <p>iii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways, creating bottlenecks, and causing congestion especially near The Old School.</p> <p>iv) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near junction opposite Oak Hall Surgery causing bottlenecks and congestion.</p> <p>v) Vehicles parking on grass verges/pathways.</p>	<p>i) Relocation of 'Coach Parking' bay from opposite the garage on the Highstreet to somewhere more suitable: Mountfield Ind Est or The Marsh Academy Car Park to free up parking spaces for other vehicles including an additional disabled bay. The new car parking bays should have time limits on them.</p> <p>To stop vehicles parking outside Romney Cycles – Premier Store side of the High Street to allow free flow of traffic – double yellow lines/red lines. Stagecoach have changed their timetable for New Romney High Street buses which was due to congestion.</p> <p>v) Bollards on grass verges needed.</p>	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>PC to liaise with F&H Council regarding the "Coach Parking Bay"</p> <p>PC advised that buses and HGVs are struggling to manoeuvre past each other as there are pinch points caused by vehicles parking on both sides of High Street.</p> <p>PC requested double yellow lines from Esso garage down to Premier Shop to allow free flow of traffic, with parking available with restricted time limits opposite.</p> <p>KCC to seek advice on this and come back to PC.</p> <p>PC reported issue with delivery of gas bottles on Ashford Road whereby the driver parks on the pavement, blocking it for pedestrians, and causing vehicles on the other side to drive on the pavement to get around.</p> <p>PC requested bollards but suspect that the pavement is not wide enough.</p> <p>KCC to measure pavement and ascertain options.</p> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>PC to continue with F&H District Council in regards to the Coach Bay and subsequent installation of double yellow lines by the Esso petrol station.</p>

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					<p>PC reporting a crash issue at the junction of Ashford Road and High Street (A259). Crash data at this time shows one slight injury collision that occurred December 2022 where a vehicle overshot the STOP junction and collided with another.</p> <p>PC to report maintenance issues with lining via https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</p> <p>PC requested an advanced STOP sign to be installed just before the buildings on the nearside. KCC have visited the site and there is an advanced STOP sign already present with a distance plate.</p> <p>PC also proposed a buildout by the junction, however High Street unfortunately does not have the available width to install one here.</p> <p>Moved to historical as no further options at this junction, and Coach Bay issues being dealt with by F&H.</p>
3.	Lydd Road – A259 – Outside Spitalfield Terrace.		Problem parking. Vehicles parking outside Spitalfield Terrace on the A259 as you go into New Romney. This causes major congestion due to a bottleneck/single file traffic and as consequence waiting vehicles then cut down Spitalfield Lane.	Due to the new development happening opposite Spitalfield Terrace a pedestrian crossing is due to be installed which should prevent the cars from parking on the A259. However there will inevitably still be cars that park there and cause an obstruction and a long term solution needs finding.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>PC to liaise with Development Agreements team via DevelopmentAgreements@kent.gov.uk</p> <p>If unable to have measures agreed with the developer to alleviate this issue, for PC to raise again for Highway Improvements to discuss</p>

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