

Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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Town Clerk
and
Responsible Financial Officer

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Ref: MW/7001

12th February 2025

Dear Councillor,

A MEETING OF NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CHURCH APPROACH, NEW ROMNEY TN28 8AS ON WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2025 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
19th FEBRUARY 2025
AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES:

To receive and note apologies of councillors unable to attend.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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."

6. RE-CONVENING OF MEETING:

To formally re-convene the meeting of the Committee.

7. MINUTES (Encs*):

To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 29th January 2025 (attached hereto).

- 8. PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT (Encs*)**
To receive and note the Planning Clerk's report.
- 9. 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.
- 10. SCHEDULE OF LICENCING APPLICATIONS**
To receive and note schedule of Licencing Applications.
- 11. FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS DECISIONS/MATTERS (Encs*)**
 - (i) To received and note Hythe and Folkestone District Council's Reports, Decisions and Matters.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL NEW PLANNING PORTAL**
To discuss Folkestone and Hythe District Council's new Planning Portal and to take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.

MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 29th January 2025
Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT:**Councillors:**

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

In the Chair:

Councillor K Terry

In Attendance:

Planning Clerk - Mrs G Hall

Members of public - x 1

501/2024-25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and noted, as follows:

Cllr Rev Cn McLachlan due to personal reasons.

Cllr J Houston due to personal reasons.

502/2024-25 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

503/2024-25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

504/2024-25 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

505/2024-25 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

506/2024-25 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

Not applicable.

507/2024-25 **MINUTES****Minutes of the Meeting Held on 18th December 2024**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 18th December 2024,**

a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Having duly considered the afore-mentioned minutes, it was

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PROPOSED BY: Councillor O'Hare

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 18th December 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Councillor P Carey & Councillor L Phillips abstained from voting as they hadn't been present for the meeting.

508/2024-25 **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Planning application: 24/1382/FH – The Red Cross Shop

Councillor Thomas – The district councillor at Folkestone and Hythe District council liaised with a senior officer within the Planning Department at FHDC and he confirmed that The Conservation Officer's report/comments are for office use only, to inform the Planning Officer of the relevant conservation criteria to be applied to an application.

The good news is that the Red Cross Shop planning application has now been approved with conditions by FHDC under planning application: [24/1521/FH](#) - see delegated decisions

New Consolidation Order in Folkestone and Hythe

Email from KCC:

Good morning,

We would like to inform you of a Made Order to consolidate all traffic movements in Folkestone & Hythe.

To find out more please visit: [Various Roads in the District of Folkestone & Hythe - Traffic Movement Consolidation Order](#)

If you wish to challenge the validity of the order, you may apply to the High Court by 3 March 2025.

Kind regards,

KCC's Traffic Management Team

TRO@kent.gov.uk

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers
SECONDED BY: Councillor O'Hare

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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:

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Location and Description</u>
(i) 24/2009/FH	2 Richmond Drive, New Romney, TN28 8UT Single storey porch with pitched roof to front elevation. (Extension to deadline for comments requested: 15.01.25) Did not comment as application already decided.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:
For Application:
Against Application:
Abstained:

(ii) 24/2008/FH/TCA	Caldecot House, North House, New Romney, TN28 8DW Works to tree situated in a conservation area comprising of a Bromley Apple crown reduction of approx. 2 meters. Did not comment as application already decided.
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RECOMMENDATION

Voting:
For Application:
Against Application:
Abstained:

(iii) [24/2021/FH](#)

79 High Street, New Romney,
TN28 8AZ

Advertisement consent for a
single sided D6 digital
advertisement display.
(extension to deadline for
comments requested:15.01.25)

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RECOMMENDATION

**No Objection – please note
information from applicant is
incorrect, it is in a
conservation area and it is
situated next to business
premises that have
residential properties above.**

Voting:

For Application:

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Against Application:

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Abstained:

1

(iv) [25/0043/FH](#)

95 St Nicholas Road, Littlestone,
New Romney, TN28 8QA

Front & rear dormers.

No Objection

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

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Against Application:

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Abstained:

0

(v) [25/0095/FH](#)

17-19 Dunes Road, Greatstone,
TN28 8SS

Retrospective application for
siting of InPost Parcel Locker.

No Objection

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

6

Against Application:

1

Abstained:

0

510/2024-25 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

There were no licence applications for consideration.

511/2024-25 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**

A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods of 1st December 2024, 19th December 2024 & 5th January 2025 were duly received and noted.

512/2024-25 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Wednesday 22nd December 2024 & The latest Water Quality Sampling Information which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

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513/2024-25 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

The Parish Highway Improvement Plan working party report, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted as below:

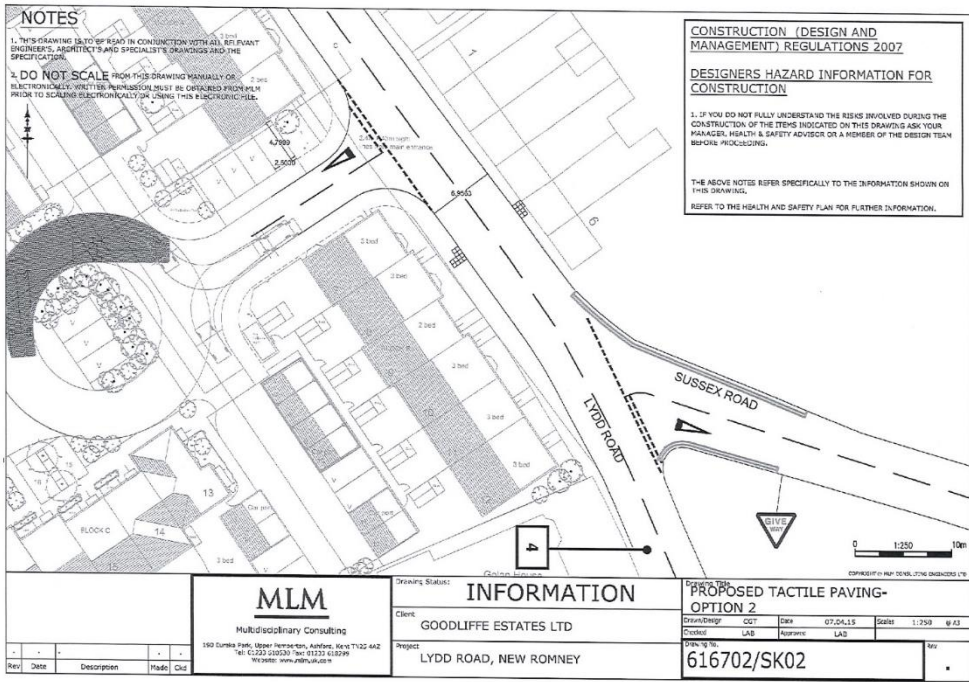
Changes to New Romney High Street Parking

After sending a chasing email to query when the final line work will be installed, I was advised that all works will be completed in the next week – GH 15.01.2025

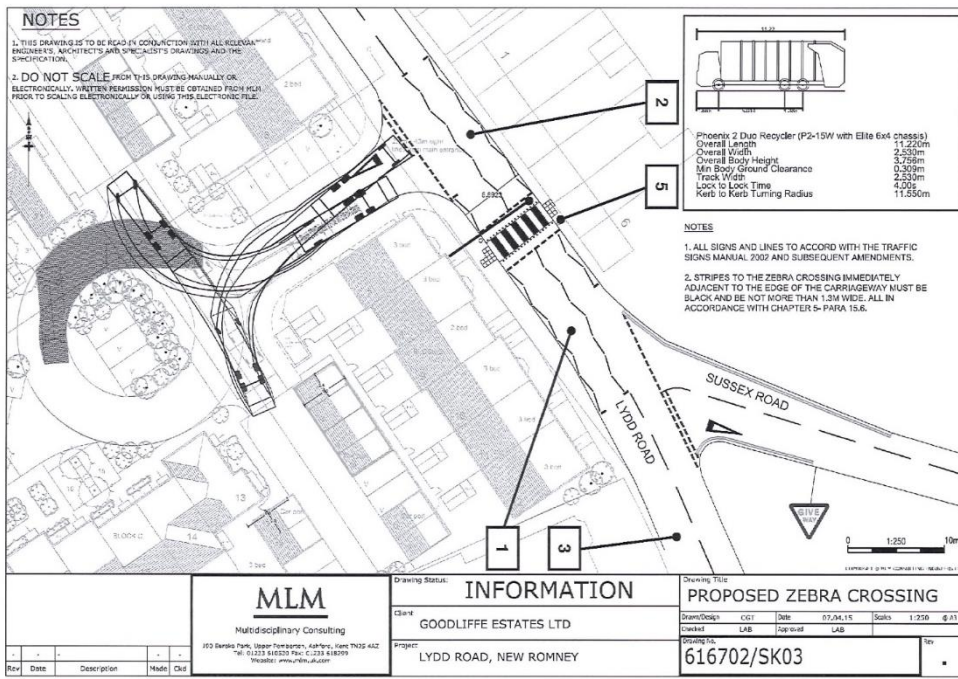
Email sent to chase what is happening as the lines have still not been completed – GH 29.01.2025

Disabled Bay – Lydd Road.

A query was raised with FHDC regarding the installation of a disabled parking bay on Lydd Road outside the West View Cottages. The disabled parking bay is situated near to where a proposed pedestrian crossing is to be installed by the developers in the land opposite. The dropped kerbs have already been installed on either side of Lydd Road by the developer where the crossing is to be installed – see images below taken from the planning application for the development site. FHDC have advised the bay can be moved once the crossing is installed.



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HIP Meeting with KCC – 14th January 2025

The planning clerk took part in a zoom call with Kent County Council's Highway Improvement Plan team and went through New Romney Town Council's Highway Improvement Plan. A copy of the updated plan has been forward to all councillors, and this has also been uploaded onto New Romney Town Council's website under the Parish Highway Improvement Plan section.

Road Safety & Active Travel News Letter from KCC

The latest Road Safety & Active Travel Newsletter received from KCC has been uploaded to New Romney Town Council's website under the Parish Highway Improvement Plan section.

514/2024-25 **TRANSPORT FOR THE SOUTH EAST'S DRAFT TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

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

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that Councillor Terry complete the Consultation Questionnaire on behalf of The Planning and Environment Committee.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting
Concluded **at 7.21PM**

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk

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PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT

New Romney High Street – Shop Signage

Following a councillor query regarding illuminated Shop Front Signage I contacted Folkestone and Hythe District Council to ask whether permission is needed to illuminate or change Shop Fronts. Folkestone and Hythe District Council's Planning department confirmed that Advertisement Consent would need to be applied for from FHDC Planning by the shop owner if the building is situated in a Conservation Area or it is a listed building.

If there are any specific shops/buildings who have illuminated signage please email the details to the Planning Clerk who can check with Folkestone and Hythe District Council's Planning Department if they have the correct permissions/consent.

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS
FOR CONSIDERATION

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Location and Description</u>
(i) <u>25/0115/FH</u>	Unit 1, Heritage Court, Mountfield Road, Mountfield Industrial Estate, TN28 8FA Proposed Extension
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>Voting:</u> For Application: Against Application: Abstained:	
(ii) <u>25/0173/FH/CON</u>	Land West of Ashford Road, New Romney Approval of details pursuant to conditions 5 (CMP), 7 (contamination), 12 (reptile mitigation), 14 (badger mitigation) of planning permission <u>23/1591/FH</u> .
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>Voting:</u> For Application: Against Application: Abstained:	
(iii) <u>25/0174/FH</u>	Unit 13, Cinque Ports Road, Mountfield Industrial Estate, New Romney, TN28 8LJ Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 5 (parking & access) of planning permission 21/2532/FH to allow replacement plans & revised parking & access.
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>Voting:</u> For Application: Against Application: Abstained:	

(iv) [25/0150/FH](#)

Charelan, Warran Road, Littlestone,
TN28 8PN

Lawful Development Certificate (proposed)
for conversion of conversion of first floor
and ground floor flats into one residential
dwelling.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(v) [25/0169/FH](#)

Willows, Spitalfield Lane, New Romney,
TN28 8HQ

Conversion of garage to annex.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

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DELEGATED DECISIONS OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

For the period ending 30th January 2025

- (i) [24/1583/FH](#) Plot 16 Collins Road, New Romney, TN28 8AS
- Variation to condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/1120/FH to allow for changes to doors, windows and cladding.
- DECISION:** **Approved with conditions**
 NRTC – No Objection – subject to KCC ecology conditions being met.
- (ii) [24/1988/FH/TCA](#) Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney, TN28 8AS
- Work to a tree in a Conservation area comprising of T1 Sycamore to reduce the length of the north facing lateral branches by a maximum of 2.5 metres.
- DECISION:** **No Objection**
 NRTC – Did not comment as NRTC application.
- (iii) [24/1987/FH/TCA](#) St Martins Field, Ashford Road, New Romney
- Work to a tree in a Conservation area comprising T3 Common Lime to remove all epicormic growth from around the base of the tree
- DECISION:** **No Objection**
 NRTC – Did not comment as NRTC application.
- (iv) [24/2009/FH](#) 2 Richmond Drive, New Romney, TN28 8UT
- Single storey porch with pitched roof to front elevation.
- DECISION:** **Approved with conditions**
 NRTC – Did not comment as application had already been decided.
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For the period ending 2nd February 2025

- (i) [24/1989/FH](#) 68 Littlestone Road, New Romney, TN28 8LP
- DECISIONS:** Proposed extension to rear & side elevations.
Approved with conditions
NRTC – Did not comment
- (ii) [24/2008/FH/TCA](#) Caldecot House, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DW
- Works to a tree situated in a Conservation area comprising of a Bramley Apple crown reduction of approx 2 meters.
- DECISION:** **No Objection**
NRTC – did not comment as application already decided.
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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Tuesday 4th February 2025

Tomorrow	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is forecast to be mainly Low
Friday	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is 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	90%	>95%
Moderate	10%	<5%
High	<5%	<1%
Very High	<1%	<1%

Recommended Actions and Health Advice

Air Pollution Banding	Value	Accompanying health messages for at-risk individuals*	Accompanying health messages for the general population
Low	1-3	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.
Moderate	4-6	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, who experience symptoms , should consider reducing strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.
High	7-9	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, should reduce strenuous	Anyone experiencing discomfort such as sore eyes, cough or sore throat

		physical exertion, particularly outdoors, and particularly if they experience symptoms. People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often. Older people should also reduce physical exertion.	should consider reducing activity, particularly outdoors.
Very High	10	Adults and children with lung problems, adults with heart problems, and older people, should avoid strenuous physical activity. People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often.	Reduce physical exertion, particularly outdoors, especially if you experience symptoms such as cough or sore throat.

*Adults and children with heart or lung problems are at greater risk of symptoms. Follow your doctor’s usual advice about exercising and managing your condition. It is possible that very sensitive individuals may experience health effects even on Low air pollution days. Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow the guidance provided below.

Further information about health and air quality can be found here: <https://kentair.org.uk/faq>

Further details about current air quality and the forecast are available – [here](#)

Water Quality Sampling Information

Water Quality Sampling has now concluded for this year. All data collect and information has been uploaded onto New Romney Town Council’s website:

https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Water_Quality_Sampling_Information_48107.aspx

Understanding our data collected

Coastal Bathing Waters

Classification

Thresholds (percentile)

Excellent EC: ≤250 cfu/100ml ; IE: ≤100 cfu/100ml (95th percentile)

Good EC: ≤500 cfu/100ml ; IE: ≤200 cfu/100ml (95th percentile)

Sufficient EC: ≤500 cfu/100ml ; IE: ≤185 cfu/100ml (90th percentile)

Poor means that the values are worse than the sufficient

(≤ means less than or equal to)

For every designated bathing water in England, the Environment Agency monitors Escherichia coli (EC) and intestinal enterococci (IE) in the water, throughout the bathing season (15 May to 30 September).

Values can vary depending on the weather, pollution from agricultural and urban sources, storm water overflows, amongst other factors.

The readings taken over the last four bathing seasons then determine the annual classification for that water.

Escherichia coli (E.coli)

E. coli are a group of organisms found in the intestines of animals and humans and survive for a while in the environment when excreted. Many types of *E. coli* are not harmful but some such as *E. coli* 0157, can directly cause illness. The presence of the bacteria indicates that human or animal faeces may be present in bathing water and could contain other potentially harmful organisms that could cause illness.

Intestinal Enterococci (IE)

Intestinal Enterococci are found in the intestines of animals and humans although some types are environmental in origin. The presence of the bacteria indicates that human or animal faeces may be present in bathing water alongside other potentially harmful organisms that could cause illness.

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REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES

Lydd Road – Pedestrian Crossing by new development

The Planning Clerk asked KCC to query when the Pedestrian Crossing will be installed at the new development on Lydd Road and was advised the following:

I have spoken with the Senior Agreements Project Manager [REDACTED] who has informed me that the zebra crossing no longer forms part of the development, and that the dropped kerb with tactile paving that has been installed is the extent of what will be installed here. He stated he believed it changed at the planning stage when another developer acquired the site

Planning Clerk responded with the following:

Thank you for the update regarding the crossing, I have to say this is very disappointing news as we were hoping for it to be installed which would then restrict the parking on Lydd Road.

The parked cars outside Westview Cottages cause major disruption to the flow of traffic coming into New Romney. This now needs to go to the top of our priority list for the Parish Highway Improvement Plan as it was one of the key areas of concern raised by members of public during our public consultation.

The main concerns/issues raised were that the parked cars on Lydd Road cause this main/busy road to go to single lane traffic and cars coming into New Romney must go round the parked vehicles into oncoming traffic right before a blind bend to pass. It causes major congestion meaning traffic queues right up past Running Waters and onto the S bend (near to the hazardous Hammonds Corner turning for Lydd). Due to the congestion caused by the parked cars this means road users cut down Spitalfield Lane – making it a dangerous rat run.

The parked cars also cause terrible trouble for the residents of Longshore Grove to exit their road onto Lydd Road. This will only get worse when the development opposite is finished and an additional up to 40+ cars will need to navigate getting in and out onto Lydd Road.

Something needs to be done asap before there is a major accident. Not to mention the state of the road surface outside the development needs looking at.

Another problem in this area is the residents of Sussex Road park right up to the junction on double yellow lines meaning it is very difficult for road users to pull out of Sussex Road into Lydd Road. We do need more parking enforcement in this area.

Can we arrange a zoom meeting asap to come up with a plan for Lydd Road and any suggestions on what we can do would be gratefully received.

We have also had the following information provided by our District Councillor, Paul Thomas regarding the development site and the road:

The history of this site was that planning application Y14/1428/SH was approved on 4th March 2016 and it was for 21 dwellings. That planning application included a proposed Zebra crossing in accordance with drawing 613950/SK04, that was designed by a consulting company working for KCC called MLM.

The developers did not progress that development in the required timescale and subsequently presented a new planning application Y19/0254/FH that was approved on 17th February 2020. This planning application was not called in by the District Councillors at that time and the planning application was approved under delegated authority by the planning officer (99% of all planning applications are decided under delegated authority).

The latest planning application is quite confusing, as it holds many of the files from the first application, including the drawing for the originally proposed Zebra crossing, as well as that of the crossing that has been installed.

KCC asked for a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit as part of the first planning application and in 2015, MLM noted in their report (which is on file dated 29/4/2019) that **"KCC had accepted that a dropped kerb crossing rather than a zebra crossing was satisfactory"**. This was backed up by a separate road safety report (which is also on file dated 29/4/2019).

The Planning Officer has no choice but to accept the design approved by KCC Highways, hence they included two conditions in the most recent planning application (Y19/0254/FH), Conditions 9 & 10 (see below), which required the installation of the dropped kerb and tactile paving in accordance with drawing 616702/SK04 (I have included a section of this drawing in the email below for clarification).

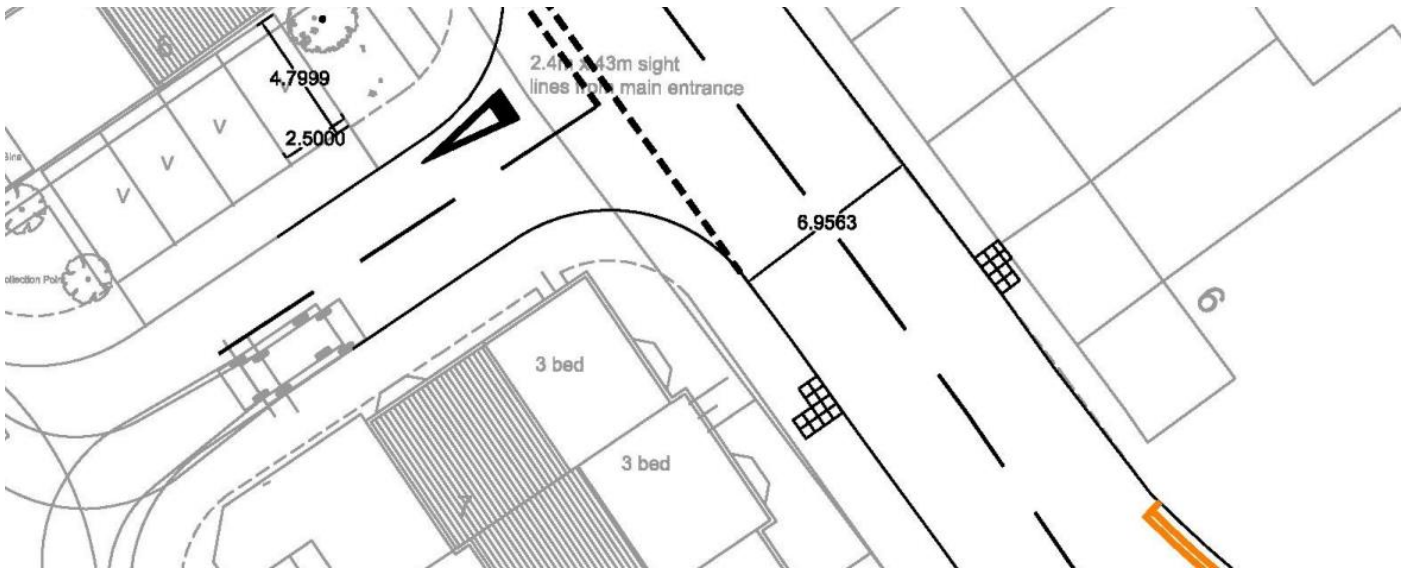
Condition 9.

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as shown on the submitted plan 616702/SK04 shall be agreed with Kent Country Council Highways and Transportation and sealed, with no dwellings occupied until the same TRO has been implemented. Reason: In the interests of highway safety and the residential amenities of the area in accordance with saved policies TR11 and SD1 of the Shepway District Local Plan Review.

Condition10.

No dwelling shall be occupied until the dropped kerbs and tactile paving as shown on the submitted plan 616702/SK02 have been implemented in full.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and the residential amenities of the area in accordance with saved policies TR11 and SD1 of the Shepway District Local Plan Review.



Section from drawing 616702/SK04

The consequences of all the above is that the developers have installed the crossing, in accordance with conditions 9 and 10.

Incidentally, the cost of a new zebra crossing (similar to that installed in Dymchurch recently) is approx £50,000.

Road Condition – Has been reported to KCC District Councillor Tony Hills to take up with Highways to look at the road surface and take some remedial action.

Changes to High Street Parking – New Romney

Great news! The double yellow lines have now been installed in the High Street, and it has made a real improvement to the traffic flow. There is a small gap that was missed outside the garage due to a van being parked there when the lines were being painted. The Planning Clerk has emailed Parking Services at Folkestone and Hythe District Council to make them aware of this and to get it completed.



Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with New Romney Town Council Highway Improvement Plan

Submission Date: December 2022

(Please remember that the HIP is for new initiatives/measures/schemes in your community – it is NOT to be used as a maintenance log, as these MUST be logged using the online reporting tool via this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>)

HIP Front Cover

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. 19/11/2024 TRO passed and invoice paid for detailed design for 20MPH zone for Phase 1.</p>



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					<p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>Zones 1 & 2 in design phase.</p> <p>KCC to progress traffic surveys for zones 3-6 to assess feasibility.</p> <p>KCC to ascertain if Joseph's Way and surrounding roads as part of the new estate are publicly maintainable or not as this will effect the boundaries of the 20mph limit if feasible.</p>
2.	High Street, New Romney		Inconsiderate/Bad Parking - Causing Congestion.	Red lines needed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Not feasible as this is only conducted in London.</p> <p>Changes to High Street Parking being actioned by Folkestone and Hythe District Council</p> <p>19/11/2024 – Changes to High Street Parking design by Folkestone and Hythe District Council has been through public consultation and passed by the JTB.</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order passed and the changes are being implemented by FHDC contractors– hoping for completion prior to Christmas 2024.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>PC waiting for the parking restrictions to be completed by FHDC. As this is being actioned by FHDC with no need for KCC action, this has been moved to the historical list.</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> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>Traffic surveys to be conducted as part of the investigation into the 20mph zones. These can also be used to assess for either a Speed Indicator Device (SID) or a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). Full information sent to PC for consideration but main points are below:</p> <p>These devices are to be funded by the PC (Rough estimate</p>



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					<p>of £10,000-£15,000) These devices cannot be used in 20mph limits, so cannot be used in conjunction with the 20mph zones if feasible We need to evidence the justification for their use and have approved locations The SID needs to be moved at least every 8 weeks between a minimum of 3 sites by volunteers</p> <p>PC informed KCC of development set at the end of Victoria Road West which will put more traffic onto the surrounding area.</p> <p>KCC to discuss this with the Development Team to see if any agreements are in place and whether any traffic calming or speed reductions are agreed for the area.</p> <p>PC mentioned issues on A259 by Longshore Grove whereby a disabled bay has been installed by FHDC in the same location as a controlled crossing is set to be installed by the developer.</p> <p>KCC to inform the Development Team of the issue to liaise direct with PC.</p>
4.	Fairfield Road junction with St Mary's Road, New Romney		Problem parking	Double yellow lines require around the junction	<p>19/11/2024</p> <p>KCC is currently drawing up extents plan for this that NRTC will take to public consultation.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>Awaiting for the extents plans to be checked and approved before sending to PC for informal engagement</p>
5.	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> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>KCC to review signage and road markings on Coast Drive</p>



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					<p>and propose improvements to PC.</p> <p>KCC to discuss PC's request for a controlled crossing by the park on Coast Drive with the Planning & Advice Team</p>
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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. Changes to High Street Parking being actioned by Folkestone and Hythe District Council
	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.



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					PC advise that there are current plans for double yellow lines in the area.
					KCC has sent PC information on the School Travel Plan to share with both schools. 18/10/2023- Traffic and Pedestrian survey results have been analysed and unfortunately does not meet the minimum criteria for the installation of a formal crossing point.



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<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. 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. ii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near Church Lane Surgery/The Old School House. iii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways, creating bottlenecks, and causing congestion especially near The Old School. iv) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near junction opposite Oak Hall Surgery causing bottlenecks and congestion. 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. 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. 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>
	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>
	High Street, New Romney		Inconsiderate/Bad Parking - Causing Congestion.	Red lines needed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Not feasible as this is only conducted in London.</p> <p>Changes to High Street Parking being actioned by Folkestone and Hythe District Council</p> <p>19/11/2024 – Changes to High Street Parking design by Folkestone and Hythe District Council has been through</p>



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					<p>public consultation and passed by the JTB.</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order passed and the changes are being implemented by FHDC contractors– hoping for completion prior to Christmas 2024.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>PC waiting for the parking restrictions to be completed by FHDC. As this is being actioned by FHDC with no need for KCC action, this has been moved to the historical list.</p>
	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> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>KCC not in support of a speed reduction here as believes that 40mph is the most appropriate for the environment.</p> <p>KCC explained that by reducing the speed limit below what the environment would suggest to the average driver as the most appropriate, we risk having the opposite effect and see higher average speeds, an increased amount of inappropriate and dangerous overtaking, and therefore an increased risk of injury collisions occurring.</p> <p>The built up environment here is typical of a 40mph limit with it being built up on one side with houses set back.</p> <p>Average speeds for this section of the road are approximately 33mph which suggests good compliance currently, and there are no collisions in the last 3 years related to speed.</p>
	i) Spitalfield Lane 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> <p>14/01/2025-</p>



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					There is currently street lighting in place in these areas, and an improvement to this lighting will be an incredibly costly scheme. No evidence to support this at this time.
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