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Mrs C. Newcombe

Town Clerk

and

Responsible Financial Officer

Town Clerk's Office Town Hall New Romney Kent TN28 8BT

Tel: 01797 362348

Ref: SW/7001 9th July 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 16th JULY 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:

Sadie Walmsley

Miss Sadie Walmsley 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.

<u>Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should NOT attend</u> 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 three-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 16th JULY 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: (a) 21st May 2025 and (b) 18th June 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: (Encs*)

To receive and note a review of Licencing Application, attached hereto and make any comment as deemed appropriate.

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

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) Air quality update, if available.
- (ii) Sea water quality and surface water flooding update, if available.

13. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES:

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

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A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 21st May 2025
Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: K Terry, S O'Hare, P Coe, J Rivers and P Carey.

<u>In the Chair:</u> Councillor K Terry

In Attendance: Planning Clerk - Miss S Walmsley

Members of public - x 3

028/2025-26 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 2025/2026

Having duly considered the previously approved membership of the Planning and Environment committee for 2025-26 and having considered the requisite skills, knowledge and understanding for relevant Committee leadership, the Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2025/26. It was:

PROPOSED BY: Cllr J Rivers SECONDED BY: Cllr P Coe

It was:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that Councillor K Terry be elected as Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for the ensuring year.

Having duly considered the previously approved membership of the Planning and Environment committee for 2025-26 and having considered the requisite skills, knowledge and understanding for relevant Committee leadership, the Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2025/26. It was:

PROPOSED BY: Cllr P Carey **SECONDED BY**: Cllr K Terry

It was:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that Councillor S O'Hare be elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for the ensuring year.

029/2025-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted, as follows:

Cllr J Davies and Cllr J Houston - for personal reasons.

030/2025-26 DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

031/2025-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Councillors declared a personnel interest as they are acquainted with applicant of planning application 25/0740/FH.

P Coe declared a personnel interest as is an acquaintance of the applicant of planning application 25/0776/FH.

032/2025-26 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

034/2025-26 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

035/2025-26 RE-CONVENING OF MEETING

Not applicable.

036/2025-26 MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23rd April 2025

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting** Held on **23**rd **April 2025**,
a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

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

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

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RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 23rd April 2025 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

037/2025-26 PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT

The Planning Clerk's report, which included information about the Parish Highway Improvement Plan Working Party and Notice of TPO

placed by FDHC had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

038/2025-26 SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor S O'Hare SECONDED BY: Councillor P Coe

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:**

Location and Description Application No (i) 25/0704/FH 2 Martin View, Sussex Road, New Romney, TN28 8ED. Lawful development certificate (proposed) for single storey side extension.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application: **Against Application:** Abstained:

FHDC decided prior to the meeting.

25/0736/FH (ii)

Plot 16, Collins Road, New Romney, TN28 8FA.

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (materials) of planning permission 20/1172/FH to allow for changes to walls, doors, windows, cladding, parking and footpath cross

over.

NO OBJECTION **RECOMMENDATION**

Voting:

For Application: 5 **Against Application:** 0 Abstained: 0

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(iii) 25/0721/FH Scout Association Headquarters, Church Lane, New Romney, TN28

8ER

Conversion of garage to meeting room, installation of new glazed door system, siting of container unit and erection of new external storage

cage

RECOMMENDATION

NO OBJECTION

Voting:

For Application: 5
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

(iv) 25/0663/FH

Romney Bay House, Coast Road Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8QY

Replacement of single storey conservatory and proposed new car park with ramped access to replace existing hardstanding tennis court.

RECOMMENDATION

NO OBJECTION

Voting:

For Application: 5
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

(v) <u>25/0548/FH</u>

36-42 High Street, New Romney,

TN28 8BZ

Advertisement consent for the installation of replacement metal shop-front signage with timber fascia

and metal letters.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application: Previously Commented for **Against Application:** application. 23/04/25

Abstained:

(vi) 25/0708/FH Samphire House, Madeira Road,

Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8QX

Balcony to rear elevation.

RECOMMENDATION AGAINST APPLICATION - Due to

contravening HB1and HB8.

Voting:
For Application:
Against Application:
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Abstained:
0

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(vii) 25/0740/FH

Running Waters, Lydd Road, New Romney, Romney Marsh, TN29 9SE

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning permission

21/0358/FH to allow an additional 3rd

bedroom.

RECOMMENDATION RECOMMEND REFUSAL

Voting:

For Application: 0
Against Application: 3
Abstained: 2

(viii) <u>25/0866/FH/TCA</u> Caldecot House, North Street, New

Romney, TN28 8DW

Situated in a conservation area – felling of Bramley apple tree.

RECOMMENDATION NO OBJECTION

Voting:

For Application: 5
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

(ix) <u>25/0416/FH</u> Springwood Court, Church Road,

New Romney, TN28 8TY

Works to trees the subject of TPO No. & of 2007 T1 Sycamore reduce canopy by 2-2.5M, remove major deadwood, crown by thin by removing crossing and rubbing branches and crown lift to 3M over footpath and 5M over Highway.

RECOMMENDATION NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO BS3998

Voting:

For application: 5
Against application: 0
Abstained: 0

Additional Items received:

(i) <u>25/0776/FH</u> 7 Priory Close, New Romney, TN28

8AR

Erection of Single-story front extension and single storey front and side extension, following

demolition of garage.

NO OBJECTION

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For application: 5
Against application: 0
Abstained: 0

(ii) <u>25/0828/FH/TCA</u> Coach House, Coffee shop, Church

Close, New Romney, TN28 8AR

Works to trees situated in a Conservation Area. G1 conifer hedge- reduce conifer hedge in height by a max of 2 metres, trim back side growth by a max of 1

metre.

RECOMMENDATION NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO

BS3998

Voting:

For Application: 5
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

(iii) 25/0903/FH/TCA Home Green, Madeira

Road, Littlestone, New Romney,

TN28 8QX

Works to a tree situated in a Conservation Area comprising of reduce side limbs back by 2 metres

to the fence line.

RECOMMENDATION NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO

BS3998

Voting:

For Application: 5

Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0
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It was:

PROPOSED BY: CIIr J Rivers SECONDED BY: CIIr P Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY- that in future the Planning and Environment Committee will not consider or comment on any 'Lawful Planning Applications' but they instead will be included the Delegated Decisions Agenda Item to receive and note.

039/2025-26 SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS

There were no licence applications for consideration.

040/2025-26 FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS

A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending of 27thApril 2025, 4th May 2025 and 11th May2025 were duly received and noted.

041/2025-26 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Tuesday 20th May 2025 was duly received and noted.

042/2025-26 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

NONE

043/2025-26 THE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

It was:

PROPOSED: Cllr K Terry SECONDED: Cllr J Rivers

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Parish Highway improvement Plan Working Party members are Cllr P Thomas, Cllr J Rivers and Cllr P Coe and that the working party is not to be disbanded but continue for 2025-26 due to the knowledge the working party possess and the time that can be offered to support the PHIP. It was noted that going forward the Planning and Environment Committee be informed of any formal meetings.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting Concluded at 7:20PM.

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney on 18th June 2025 Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT:

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

In the Chair: Councillor K Terry

In Attendance: Miss S Walmsley

Members of public x 3

084/2025-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies

085/2025-26 DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

086/2025-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr K Terry declared a Pecuniary interest in application 25/1080/FH, Cllr K Terry is a Contractor for the applicant and works from the building in the application.

Cllr P Coe declared a personal interest in application 25/1039/FH, Cllr Coe is personal friend of the people who live in the property.

087/2025-26 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

088/2025-26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

089/2025-26 RE-CONVENING OF MEETING

Not applicable.

090/2025-26 MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 21st May 2025

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 21st May 2025, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

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

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers **SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe**

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that (ii) the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2025 be 35

amended to correctly record NRTC comments for application 25/0740/FH, that NRTC recommend refusal due to the points made by the environment agency, which is in fact a material amendment and not a variation with the increase of a bedroom.

And (ii) The Planning Clerk be instructed to contact Cllr P Thomas and ask for the application to be called in to the FHDC Planning Committee.

091/2025-26 PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT

The Planning Clerk's report, which included information about New Romney Town Councils register of current councillor / staff authorities pertaining to Planning and Environment had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

092/2025-26 SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Davies **SECONDED BY:** Councillor O'Hare

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 Location and Description Springwood Court, Church Road, New Romney, TN28 8 TY. works to trees the subject of TPO No. 7 of 2007 T1 sycamore, reduce canopy by 2-2.5m, remove major deadwood, crown thin y removing crossing and rubbing branches and crown lift to 3m over

footpath and 5m over highway.

RECOMMENDATION Voting:

For Application: Against Application: Abstained: NRTC PREVIOUSLY COMMENTED FOR APPLICATION 21/05/2025.

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(ii) 25/0855/FH

Martinfield Manor, Lydd Road, New

Romney, TN28 8HB

Change of use from a mixed use of guest house and private residential dwelling house to a single dwelling

(Use Class C).

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:
Against Application:

Abstained:

NRTC applied Delegated Authority

Commented: In Favour / No

Objection.

(iii) 25/0866/FH/TCA

Caldecot House, North Street, New

Romney TN28 8DW.

Situated in conservation area -Felling

of a Bramley Apple tree.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

Voting:

For Application:
Against Application:

Abstained:

NTRC PREVOUSLY COMMENTED

FOR APPLICATION 21/05/25

(iv) <u>25/0979/FH</u>

The Priory, Ashford Road, New

Romney, TN28 8BZ

Works to trees the subject of TPO No. 03 of 2017 Pine fell to Ground

level.

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RECOMMENDATION

No objection – However concern

raised that the identified tree is

not a pine.

Voting:

For Application: 6

Against Application: 0

Abstained:

(v) <u>25/1039/FH</u>

5 Blenheim Road, Littlestone, New

Romney, TN28 8PR

Single storey rear extension.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application: 6 **Against Application:** 0

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Abstained: 0

(vi) 24/1516/FH

AP-6695

No objection

Land adjoining 10 Links Way, New Romney, TN28 8PS

Appeal against refusal of 24/1516/FH erection of 1no. dwelling

Planning inspectorate number – APP/L2250/W/25/3364333

This appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations. The procedure to be followed is set out in part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure)(England)Hearing. The procedure to be followed is set out in The Town and Country Planning (Hearings Procedure)(England) Rules 2000, as amended.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. Theses will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at

https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov. uk

The Planning Inspectorate will no longer accept interested party comments by email only through the link above.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol.

All representations must be received by 10/07/2025. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. The Planning inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. All representations must quote the appeal reference. Please note that any

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representations you submit to the Planning Inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and this local authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The appeal documents are available for inspection online at: https://folkestonehythedc.my.site.com/PR3/s/detail/a1ebH000000drhBQAQ?c_r=Arcus_BE_Public_Register

You can get a copy of one of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" booklet free of charge at https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-or-enforcement-appeal.

When made, the decision will be published online at https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

Llywelyn Lloyd Chief Planning Officer

NRTC Previously commented 02/04/2025

Recommended refusal -

Contravenes policies HB1, HB3

and HB10 due to lack of

specification and dimensions.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend refusal - NRTC views

remain the same as previous submitted comments, Application contravenes polices HB1, HB3 and HB10 due to lack of Specification

and dimensions.

Voting:

For application: 0
Against Application: 6
Abstained: 0

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Additional Plans Received:

(i) <u>25/1004/FH</u> 3 Meehan Road, Greatstone, New

Romney, TN28 8SQ

Erection of garage

RECOMMENDATION No objection

Voting:

For Application: 6
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

@ 7:01PM Councillor K Terry left the meeting, having declared a DPI in respect of this application.

(ii) <u>25/1080/FH</u> Unit 12, Mountfield Road, TN28 8LH

Change of use from classroom to 3 offices and the insertion of new windows and a roof light to the North

and East elevations.

RECOMMENDATION No objection

Voting:

For Application 5

Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

@ 7:02PM Councillor K Terry rejoined the meeting.

(iii) <u>25/1057/FH</u> St Clair, Park Road, New Romney,

TN28 8NJ

Replacement dwelling

RECOMMENDATION No objection

Voting:

For Application: 6
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

(iv) <u>25/0755/FH</u> Lindau Retirement Home, 104

Littlestone Road, Littlestone, TN28

HM8

Side and rear single storey rear extension to provide additional

residential

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care rooms and increase the size of

the communal lounge.

RECOMMENDATION No objection – Cllrs pleased to see

investment in the community

facility.

Voting:

For Application: 6
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

093/2025-26 SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS

There were no licence applications for consideration.

094/2025-26 FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS

A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending of 18th May 2025, 1st June 2025 and 8th June 2025 were duly received and noted.

095/2025-26 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Wednesday 18th June 2025 & The latest Water Quality Sampling Information which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 Adoption Statement was duly received and noted.

096/2025-26 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

None

097/2025-26 REQUEST FOR COMMENT FROM PERSIMMON HOMES REFERNCE TRO APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT 23/0769/FH – VICTORIA ROAD WEST.

NRTC Comments - Victoria Road West, Littlestone Traffic Regulation Order Plan - Persimmon Homes, May 2025

- The supporting documents predate the pandemic.
 - Transport Technical Note (04/04/2019)
 - Proposed Access Strategy drawing (23/10/2017)
 - Parking Beat Survey (11/09/2018)
- Parking observed on Tuesday 17th June in Victoria Road West from the Park Road Junction. This data is similar in nature to the Parking Beat Survey of 2018.
 - 8.10am 10 cars parked on road, 3 cars parked on pavement, verge or crossover
 - 4.05pm 11 cars parked on road, 1 car parked on pavement, verge or crossover
 - 8.20pm 11 cars parked on road (including a drop side truck), 3 cars parked on pavement, verge or crossover
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 - The majority of vehicles parked on the road and verges were to the development end of Victoria Road West (The last 2 sections shown on the Persimmon Homes design)
 - NRTC surmise the majority of the building work will occur between 8am and 4pm. At that time an average of 10 cars parking on the road have been noted. NRTC believe that the proposed TRO, placing double yellow lines over the distance specified, is overkill.
 - The last 28.16m (closest to the new development boundary) should be allowed to have double yellow lines on one side.
 The cars that would be misplaced should be able to park in developed parking bays using the current verges.

Chicane design:

- Recent traffic survey data showed that over a 7 day period there were 744 vehicles travelling East and 741 vehicles travelling West. The average speed was 17.6 mph (E) and 18mph (W) with 98.9% (E) and 98.7% (W) complying with the 30mph speed limit. In addition, 99.6% (E) and 98.7% (W) were under the enforcement threshold of 35mph and 74.1% (E) and 71.9% (W) were compliant with a proposed 20mph limit for this road. This data suggests that traffic calming measures are not required in Victoria Road West. There is evidence that a chicane design will increase speed rather than decrease speed as vehicles try to "get through" the chicane as quickly as possible. In addition, without parked cars, the average speed will increase from that shown in the data.
- The traffic survey data would appear to show that the amount of traffic referred to in the Technical Note for 80 dwellings (more than the current number of dwellings) of 42-45 two way trips per day is most likely underestimated as from the survey data the average number of daily trips would be 106 (E) and 105 (W). The underestimation in the Technical Note means there is more traffic travelling up and down Victoria Road West. This will naturally increase when the new houses are occupied and the road becomes a through road to the new development rather than the existing no through road.
- The proposed plan produces a chicane type effect with double yellow lines and on-road parking alternating as vehicles move towards the end of Victoria Road West towards the new development area. This proposed layout starts from the Park Road Junction. It is felt that the proposed design will cause difficulties with safe traffic flow for both residents and emergency and larger vehicles due to the length of the chicane and also the lack of priority signing. In addition, for anyone travelling along the chicane, if cars are parked on the roadside with no double yellow lines, there is no safe place for vehicles to pass each other. Even with priority signing the length of the

design is too long for this to be safe and effective. There is no possibility of 2-way traffic for the entire proposed distance. Visibility from one end of the chicane to the other would not be possible.

 Just adding in passing areas will not overly improve the problem as this will further restrict parking for current residents and it is felt a positive solution has not yet been found to address these parking issues.

Parking considerations for current residents:

- It is reported by the Chair of Littlestone Residents Association that there is insufficient parking at the back of the flats and surrounding properties. There are not parking courts at the back of the flats – there are garages – one per flat, which are not big enough to hold modern cars. There is not room for residents with more than one vehicle per property and there is also not room for cars to park and manoeuvre (U-turn) at the back of the flats. In the technical report (2.1.1) it mentions that residents may not park at the rear of their properties due to walking distances and security reasons. (2.1.2) states that KCC advised that rear and remote parking should be avoided as part of the proposed development – therefore this should also apply to current residents impacted because of the development.
- During holiday seasons, it is reported by the Chair of Littlestone Residents Association that holiday makers park along Victoria Road West in the area where the TRO is proposed – this does not seem to have been considered. This increased parking also occurs with the weekly market and events on The Greens. All neighbouring roads, including Victoria Road West, are filled to capacity.
- In the Technical Note it states (2.3.5) "we are of the view that when construction traffic starts to use the road to access the site, followed by the development traffic, the existing residents are likely to use the parking courts to the rear of their properties as per their intended use. We feel that many residents are currently parking on-street out of convenience and as there is very little passing traffic virtually none at the north-western end of the road. It is also important to note that public roads are for the passage of vehicles, not the parking of them, with residents not having a right to park on-street. We do however believe that some on-street parking can be beneficial from a 'natural' traffic calming perspective." It is felt that the developer should be trying to consider the needs of the current residents as well as residents of the development, when trying to find a positive outcome. This in turn will lead to a more successful project both for the developer and the community. The tone of this note is condescending and shows a lack of understanding of the residents position.

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 2.4.3 of the Technical Note states "A copy of the proposals were provided to the Transportation Manager at FHDC on 28th March 2019 via email for their opinion on the proposals, specifically whether the authority would be happy to enforce them. The Transportation Manager responded the following day stating that they would have 'no problem enforcing this once the traffic regulation order and road markings are in place'. The applicant is willing to provide the necessary funding for the traffic regulation order (TRO) that will be required in order to provide the parking restrictions." This comment was made 6 years ago and very much has changed since this conversation occurred. There is very limited enforcement in and around New Romney, even in the main High Street. The reality is that enforcement is very unlikely to happen.

A way forward:

- Meet with New Romney Town Council Planning and Environment Committee, including the Chair of the Littlestone Residents Association, to address the parking concerns and the construction traffic approach raised in these comments and identify a more suitable solution to this issue.
- Rather than surmising that residents from the flats and surrounding properties can park behind their buildings (which do not have appropriate, usable parking), survey and report on the actual current parking situation and find a workable solution to this. The PBS survey does not go far enough to give an accurate picture of current parking options. The Chair of the Littlestone Residents Association reports that residents have a clause in their deeds that says they cannot park in front of the garages to the rear of their property due to blocking access for others. They cannot park in front of their garages as they are too small for modern vehicles.
- Developing the current verges into parking bays should be considered as an option to allow 2-way traffic to safely travel and emergency vehicle access to be achieved.
- Construction traffic should park withing the boundaries of the development only.

It Was

PROPOSED BY: Cllr K Terry SECONDED BY: Cllr J Rivers

RESOLVED UNAMOUSLY- that (a) the Planning Clerk and Chairman be instructed to submit the above comments for Persimmon Homes TRO Application from New Romney Town Council to Ardent Consulting Engineers and take necessary action where appropriate.

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- (b) the Committee instruct the Clerk to inform the Chair of Littlestone Residents Association when the TRO is issued for Consultation. *
- (c) the Committee instruct the Clerk to request a meeting between the Planning and Environment Committee, the Chair of Littlestone Residents Association and Ardent / Persimmon Homes.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting Concluded at 8:36PM.

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk.

^{*} if and when a notification is received.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16th JULY 2025 PLANNING CLERKS REPORT

For Councillors Information:

An email has been received from the Planning Department at FHDC, to advise that the Planning Committee will be considering application 23/1810/FH on the 15/07/2025 at 7pm, Councillors are invited to attend.

Brick Kiln Fields, Cockreed Lane, New Romney, TN28 8TE.

Outline planning application (with all matters Reserved) for 2 Chalet style 2-bedroom properties including car parking and widening of access road.

NRTC has twice previously recommended refusal for the above application 06/12/2023 and 18/12/2024.

The meeting will be streamed live to the internet and can be viewed at: https://folkestone-hythe.public-i.tv/core/portal/home.

For Councillors Information:

An email has been received from FHDC on behalf of licensing; there is an invitation to comment should Councillors like to.

Gambling Act 2005 - Update to the Statement of Principles

The Gambling Act 2005 requires the council, in its role as the local licensing authority, to prepare a Statement of Principles related to the exercise of its licensing functions.

This must be reviewed every three years. The current statement ends this year and has been reviewed and updated to cover the next three-year period to 2028.

The scope and content of the document is largely determined by the Gambling Act 2005 and guidance from the Gambling Commission. Its objectives are:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

The draft version of the 2025-2028 <u>Statement of Principles</u> is currently out for consultation. If you would like to comment, please email <u>licensing@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk</u> before 4pm on Monday 11 August 2025.

Alternatively, write to Licensing, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY. Printed versions of the draft statement can be made available on request by calling 01303 853000.

Gambling activities (except the National Lottery) are regulated by the Gambling Act 2005. The council is the local licensing authority for the purposes of the Act.

Its main functions are:

- The granting of premises licences where gambling activities take place (including betting shops, bingo premises, betting tracks, adult gaming centres and family entertainment centres)
- Issuing permits for gaming machines and receiving notifications of use of gaming machines in premises licensed under Licensing Act 2003
- Local enforcement of the Gambling Act 2005

Online betting and associated websites are regulated directly by the Gambling Commission and, therefore, fall outside of the statement of principle's scope.

The Planning Clerk.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16th JULY 2025 SHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No

Location and Description

(i) 25/1004/FH 3 Meehan Road, Greatstone, New

Romney, TN28 8SQ

Erection of garage

RECOMNENDATION

Voting:

For Application: NRTC Previously commented. Against application: **NO OBJECTION**

Abstained:

(ii) 25/1039/FH 5 Blenheim Road, Littlestone, New

Romney, TN28 8PR

Single Story Extension

RECOMMENDATION

Against Application:

Voting: **NRTC Previously Commented.**

For Application: NO OBJECTION

Abstained:

25/1069/FH/NMA 1 Brissenden Close, New Romney, (iii)

TN28 8JD

Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 25/0384/FH to allow for increase in the width of the building

of 0.500 metres.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

FHDC DO NOT CONSULT LOCAL **COUNCIL FOR NMA** For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(iv) <u>25/1133/FH</u>

55 St Nicholas Road, New Romney, TN28 8PU

Works to trees the subject of TPO No. 10 of 1999 T1 Scots Pine tree to ground level.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:
Against Application:
Abstained:

(v) <u>25/0755/FH</u>

Lindau Retirement Home , 104 Littlestone Road, Littlestone TN28 8DN

Side and rear extension to provide additional residential care rooms and increase the size of the communal lounge.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:
Against Application:
Abstained:

NRTC previously commented. NO OBJECTION

(vi) 25/0946/FH

Ashley House, Ashford Road, New Romney, TN28 8TD

Proposed single storey side and rear extension and associated external works.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:
Against Application:
Abstained:

(vii) <u>25/1216/FH/TCA</u>

Sandhills, Coast Road Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8QZ

Works to trees situated in a Conservation Area, comprising of 9 conifers', reduce back all branches by approx. 3-4 metres.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For application: Against application: Abstained:

(viii) <u>25/1195/FH</u>

Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone, TN28 8QZ

Erection of detached Dwelling.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application: **Against Application:**

Abstained:

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16th JULY 2025 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCING APPLICATIONS**

Premise licence application for the week ending 04/07/2025

Review Premise Licence - application reference: PR202507-120012 Address: Littlestone Store, 41 Littlestone Road, TN28 8LN Review applied for by Kent Police, review relates to the following licensing objectives, The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and The Protection of Children from Harm.

Last date for representations: 30/07/2025

To view applications in more detail please use our online register following the link: Register View

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16th JULY 2025

DELEGATED DECISIONS OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

For the period ending 15th June 2025

(i) <u>25/0219/FH</u> 9B Littlestone Road, Littlestone, New

Romney TN28 8LN

DECISION Approve with conditions

NRTC - No objection

(ii) <u>25/0416/FH</u> Springwood Court, Church Road, New

Romney TN28 8TY

DECISION Approve with conditions

NRTC – No objection

(iii) <u>25/0866/FH/TCA</u> Caldecot House, House Street, New

Romney, TN28 8DW

DECISION No Objections

NRTC - No objection

For the period ending 22nd June 2025

(i) 25/0063/FH Romney Bay House, Coast Road,

Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8QY

DECISION Withdrawn by Applicant

NRTC – No objection

(ii) <u>25/0708/FH</u> Samphire House, Maderia Road, New

Romney, TN28 8QX

DECISION Approve with conditions

NRTC - Recommend Refusal

(iii) <u>25/0721/FH</u> Scout Association Headquarters, Church

Lane, New Romney, TN28 8ER

DECISION Approve with conditions

NRTC – No objection

(iv) <u>25/0736/FH</u> Plot 16, Collins Road, New Romney,

TN28 8FA

DECISION Approve with conditions

NRTC- No objection

(v) <u>25/0903/FH/TCA</u> Home Green, Maderia Road, Littlestone,

New Romney, TN28 8QX

<u>DECISION</u> No objections

NRTC – No objection

For the period ending 29th June 2025

(i) <u>25/0776/FH</u> 7 Priory Close, New Romney,TN28 8HH

DECISION Approve With conditions

NRTC – No objection

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16th JULY 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast

Today	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is forecast to be a mixture of Moderate and Low
Tomorrow Air quality within the post code region TN28 forecast to be Low	

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

Air Pollution Level	Today	Tomorrow
Low	50%	>95%
Moderate	50%	<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	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.

		heart problems, who experience symptoms, should consider reducing strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.	
High	7-9	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, should reduce strenuous 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.	Anyone experiencing discomfort such as sore eyes, cough or sore throat 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.

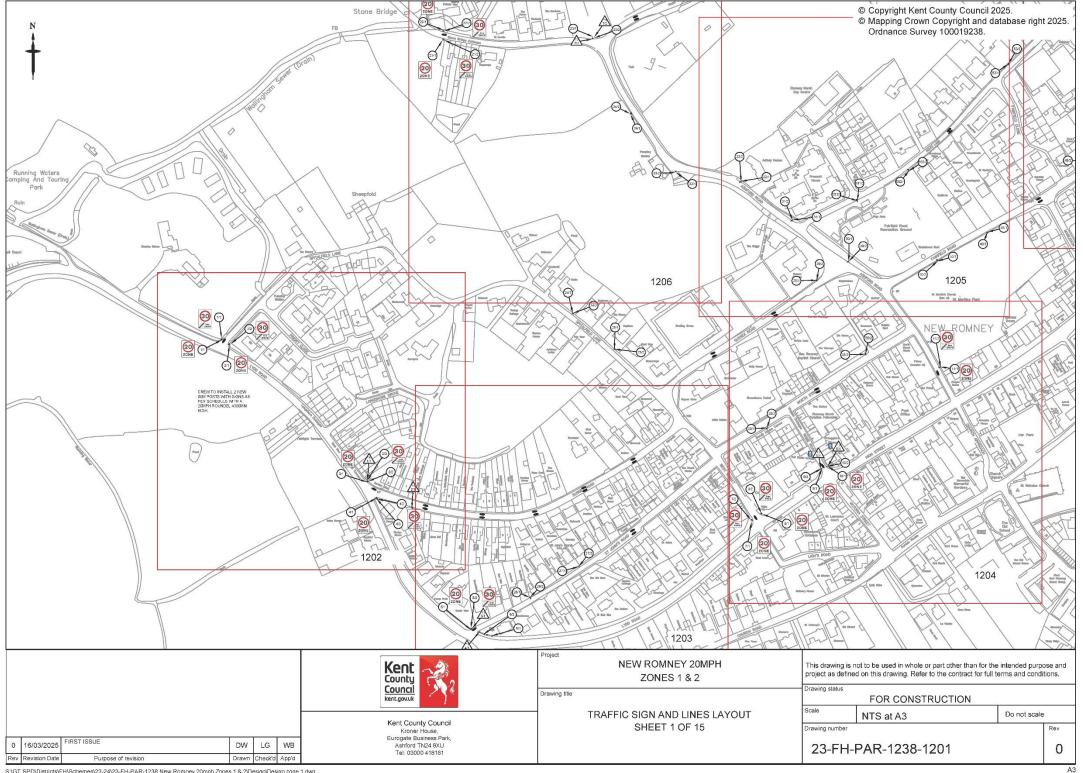
Further information about health and air quality can be found here: https://kentair.org.uk/faq

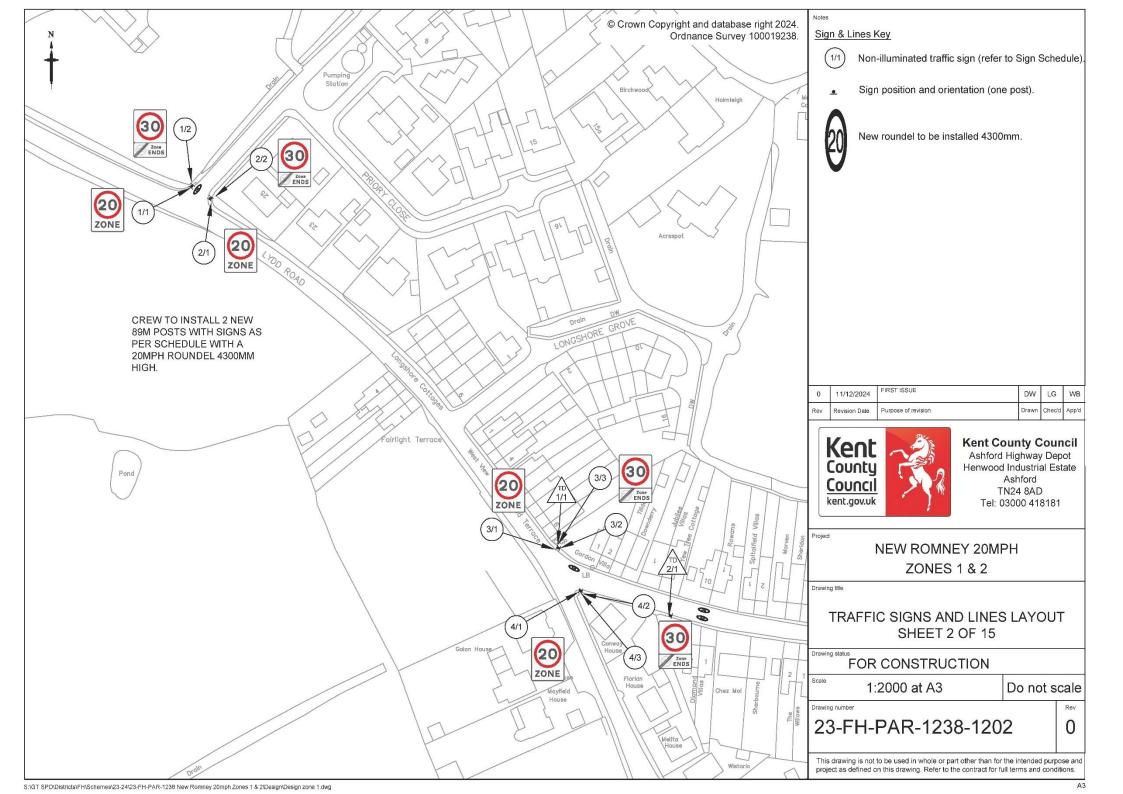
Further details about current air quality and the forecast are available - here

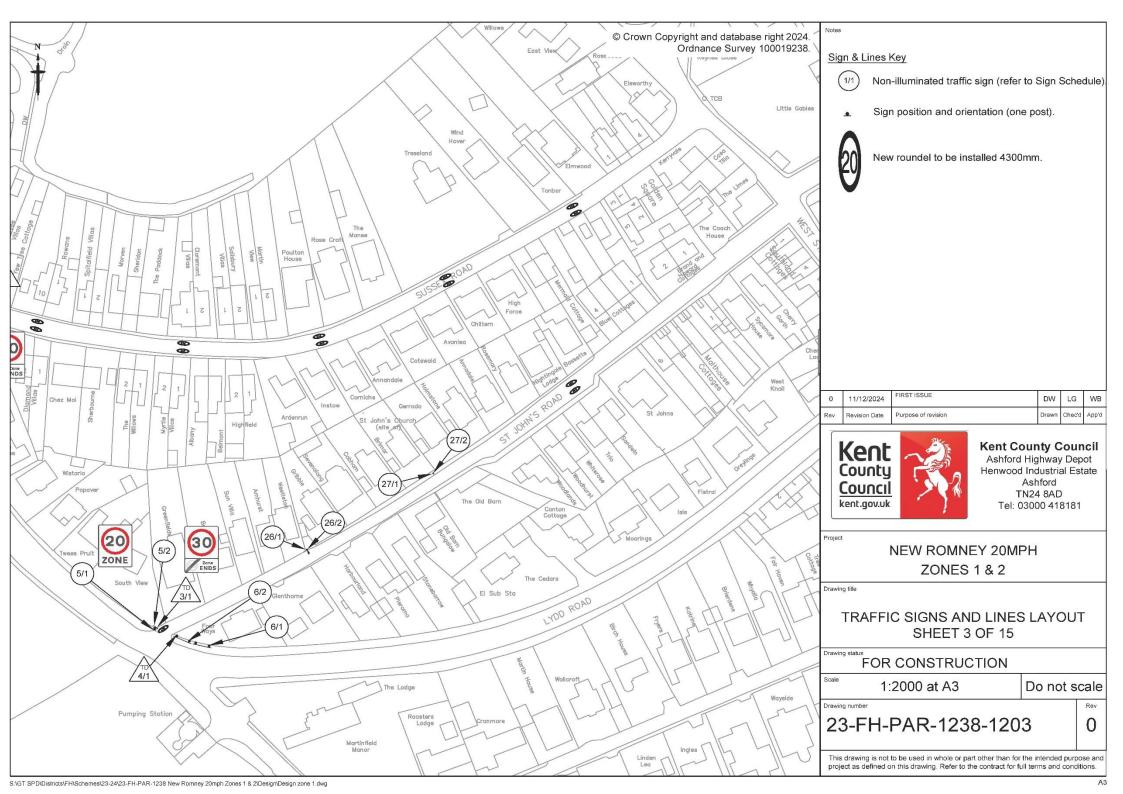
NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 16TH JULY 2025 REPORTS OF WORKIING PARTIEES

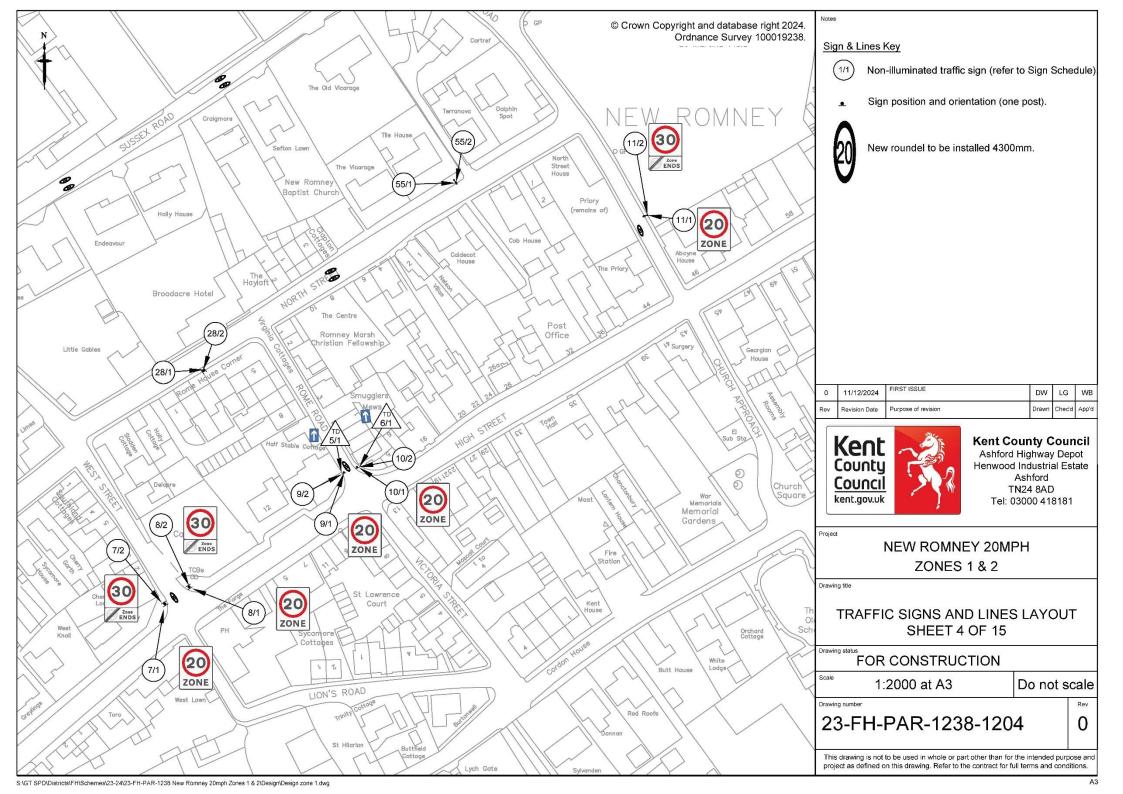
Email update received from KCC on 07.07.2025 including attached designs for Zones 1 and 2 with the cost estimate, the cost is £36,293.07. KCC can contribute £6,293.07 from the KCC HIP budget, but the town council will need to fund the remainder.

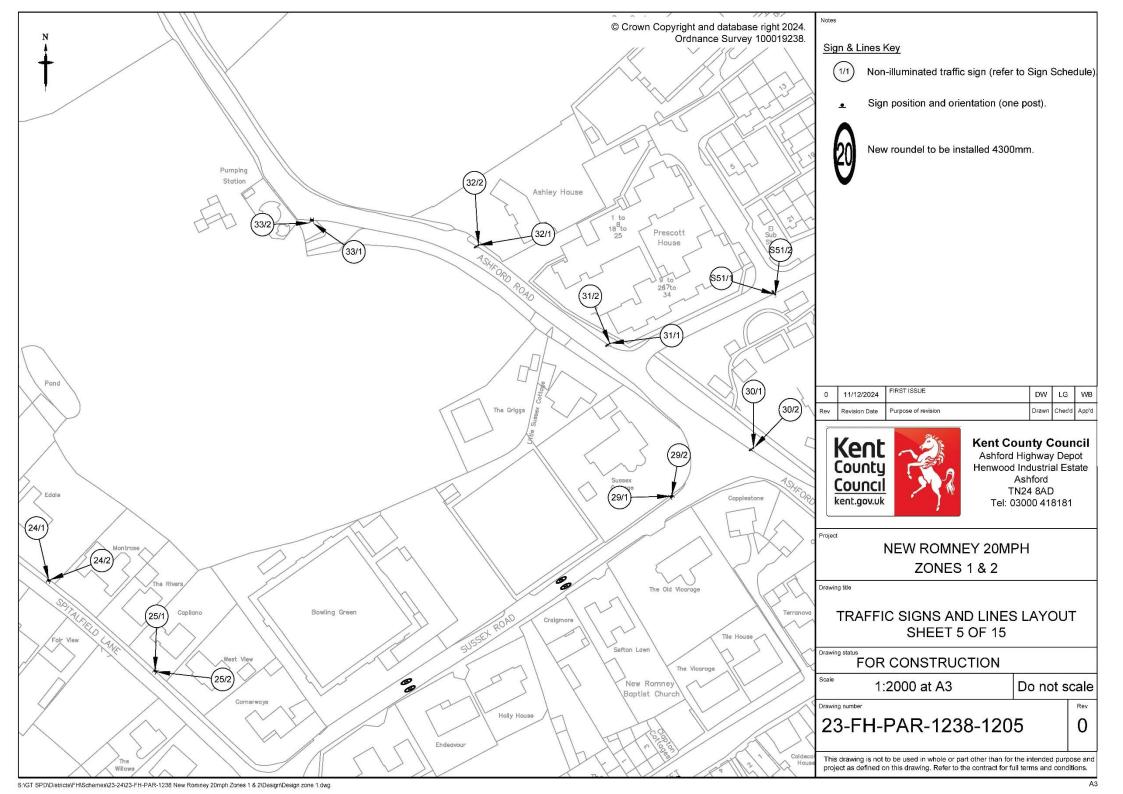
KCC awaits a response from the PHIP for instruction on how to proceed. It will be necessary to request that the F&GP committee consider budgeting allocation for this project during the next budget round if this is to proceed as there is currently no budget allocation available. The most sensible course of action would be to break it down into the segments identified on each separate plan and request a cost estimate for the first segment at this stage.

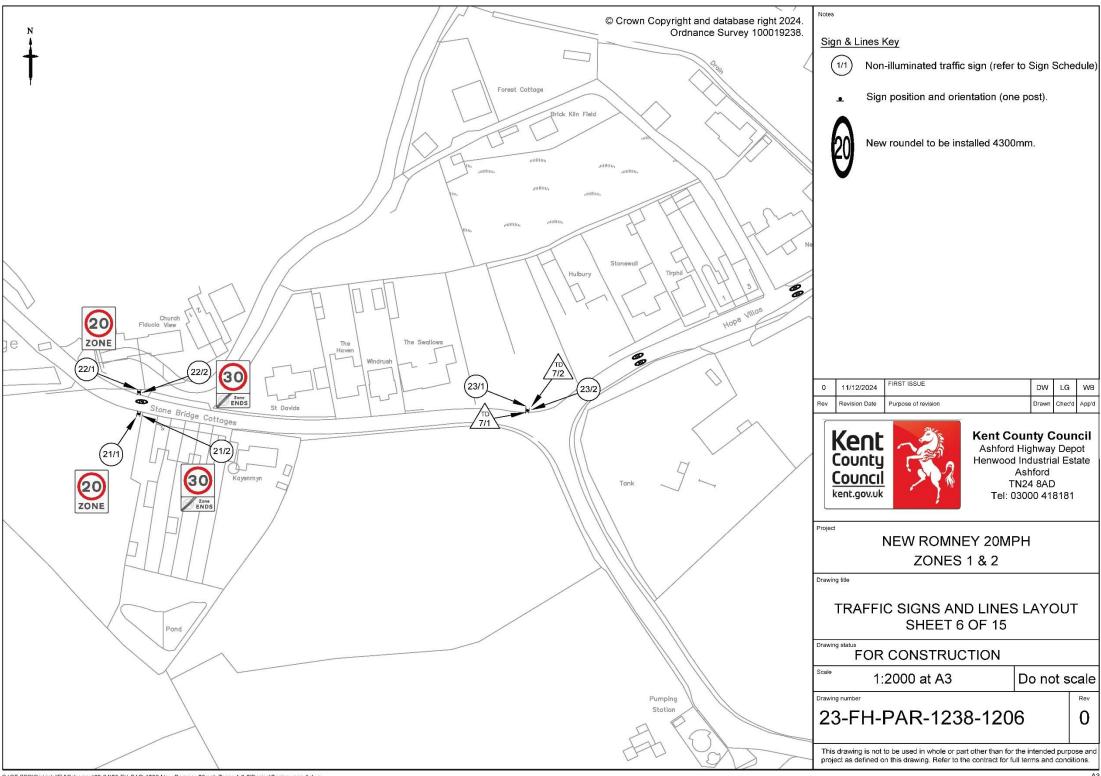


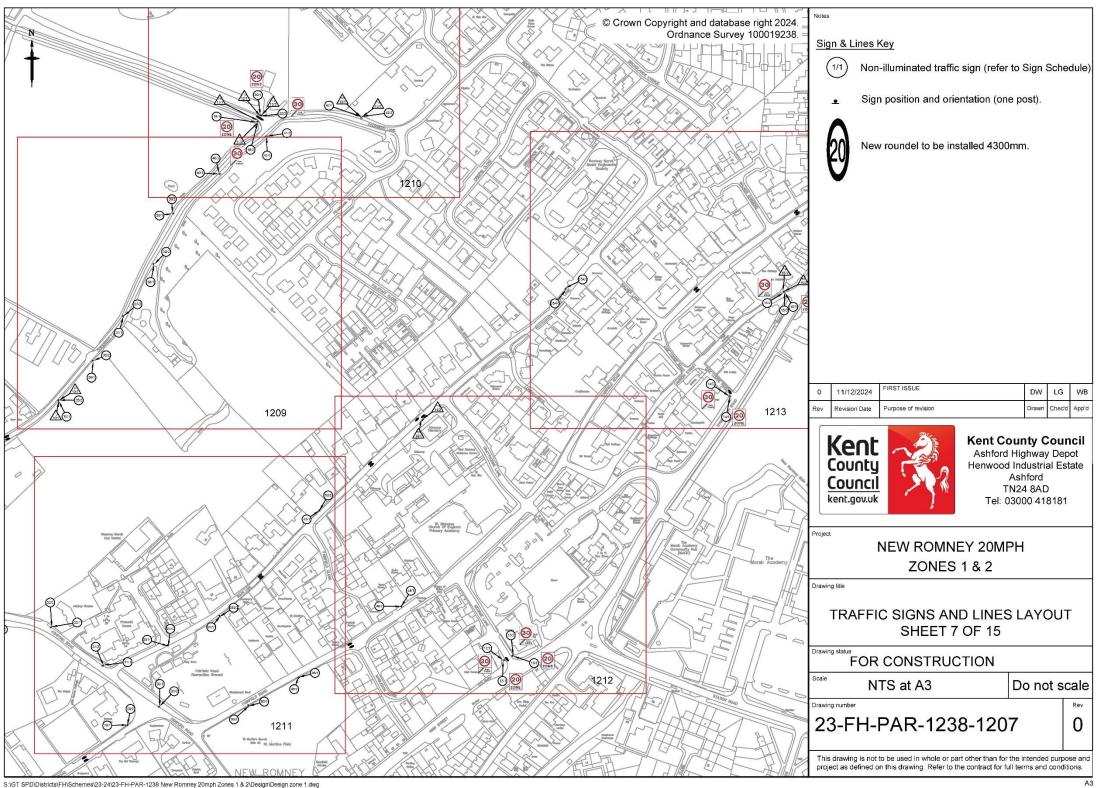


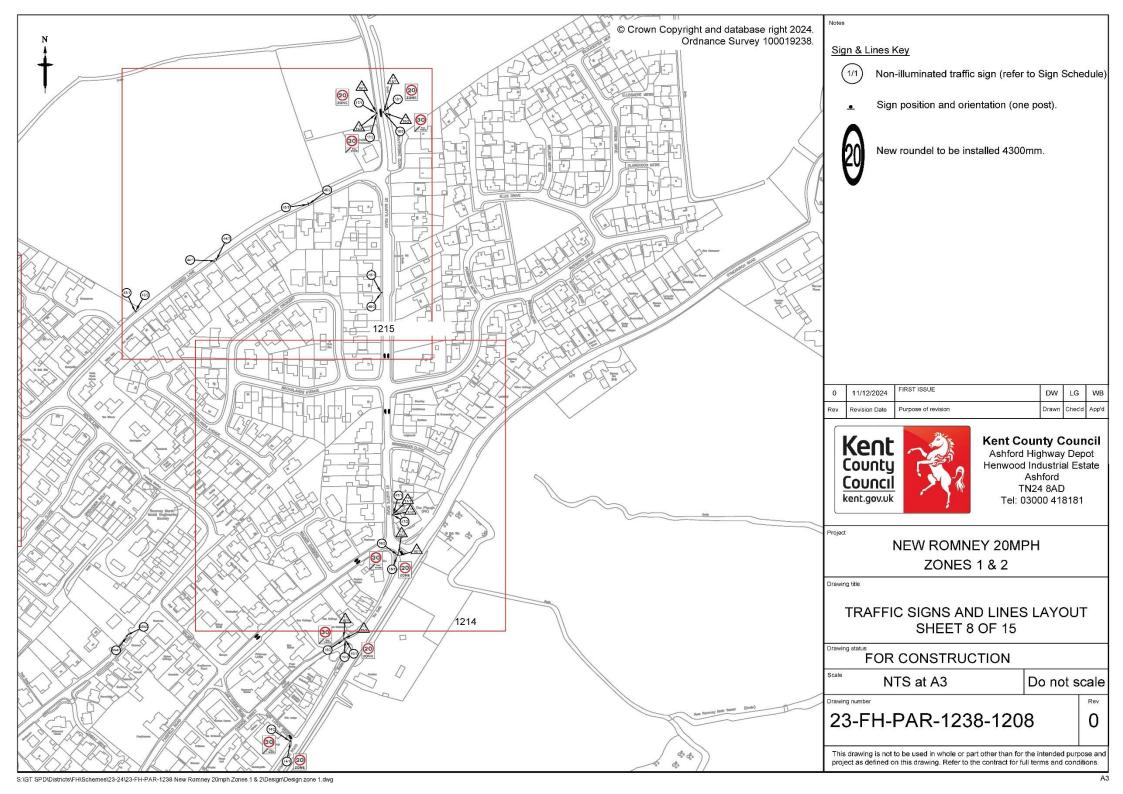


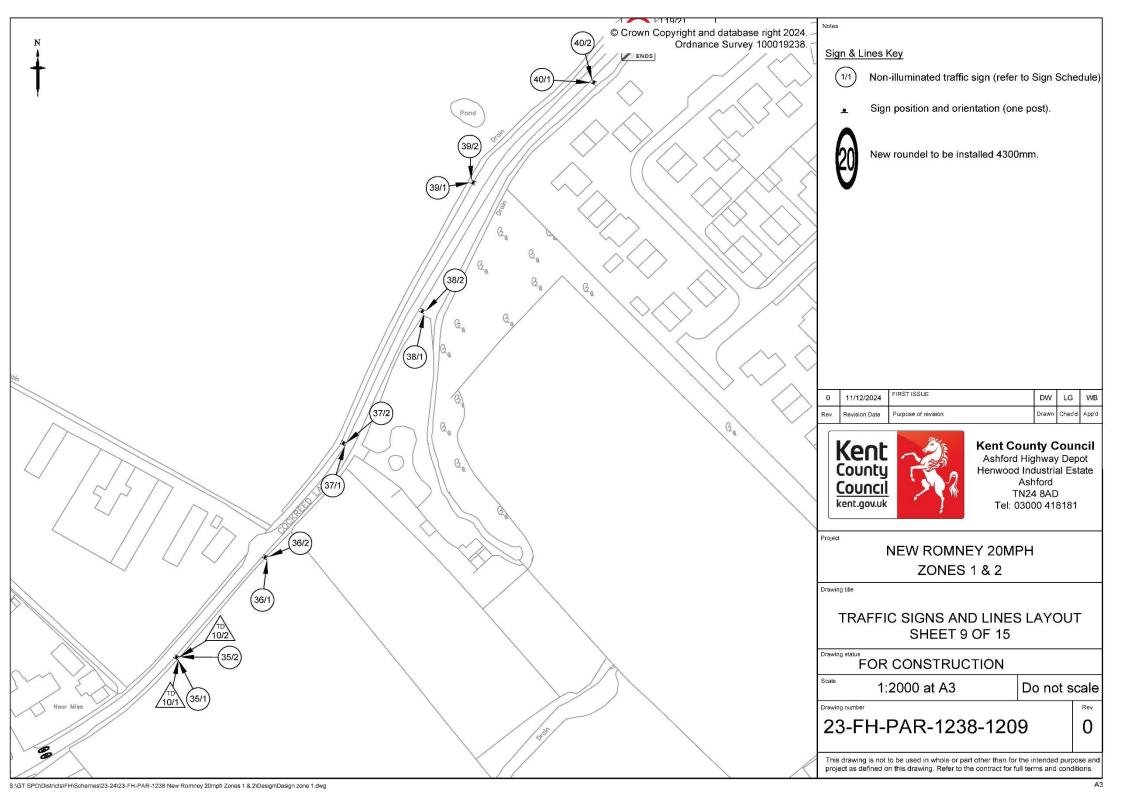


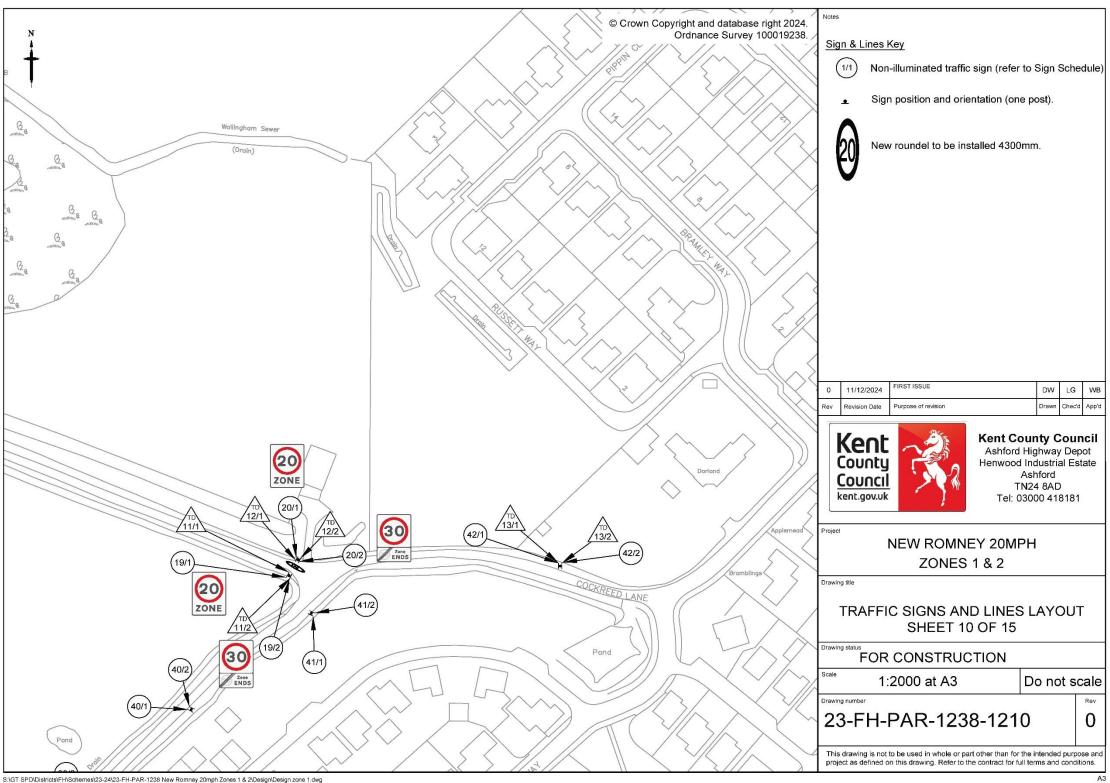


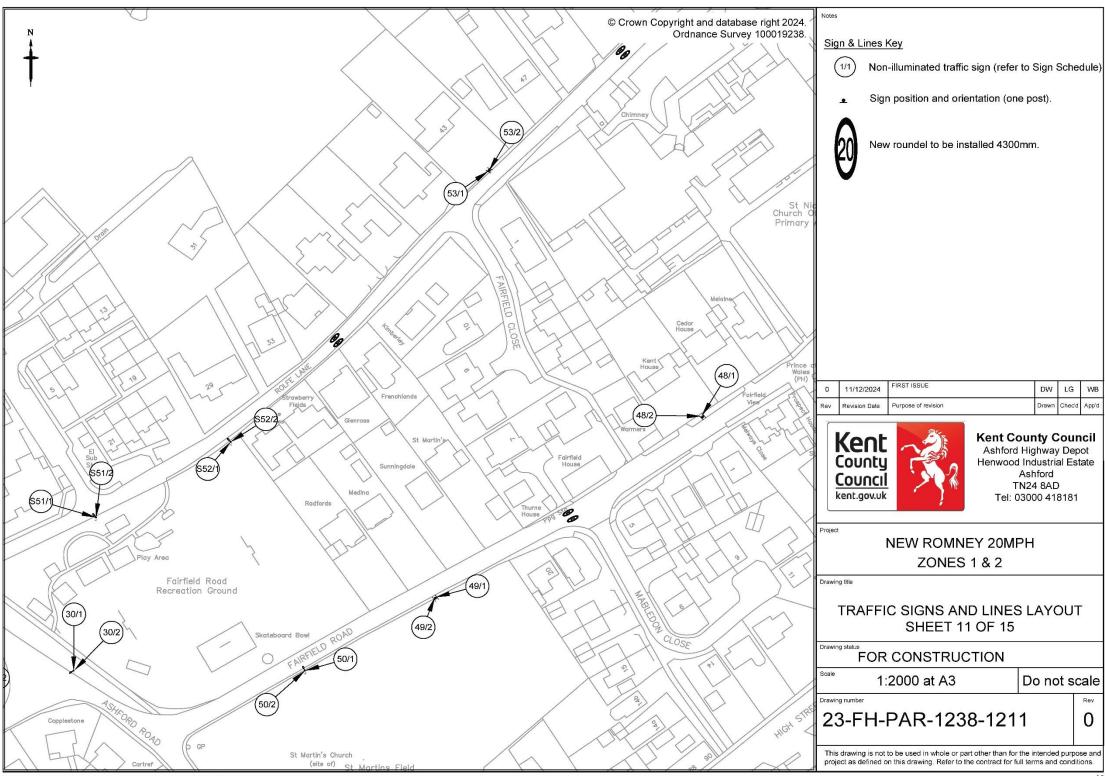


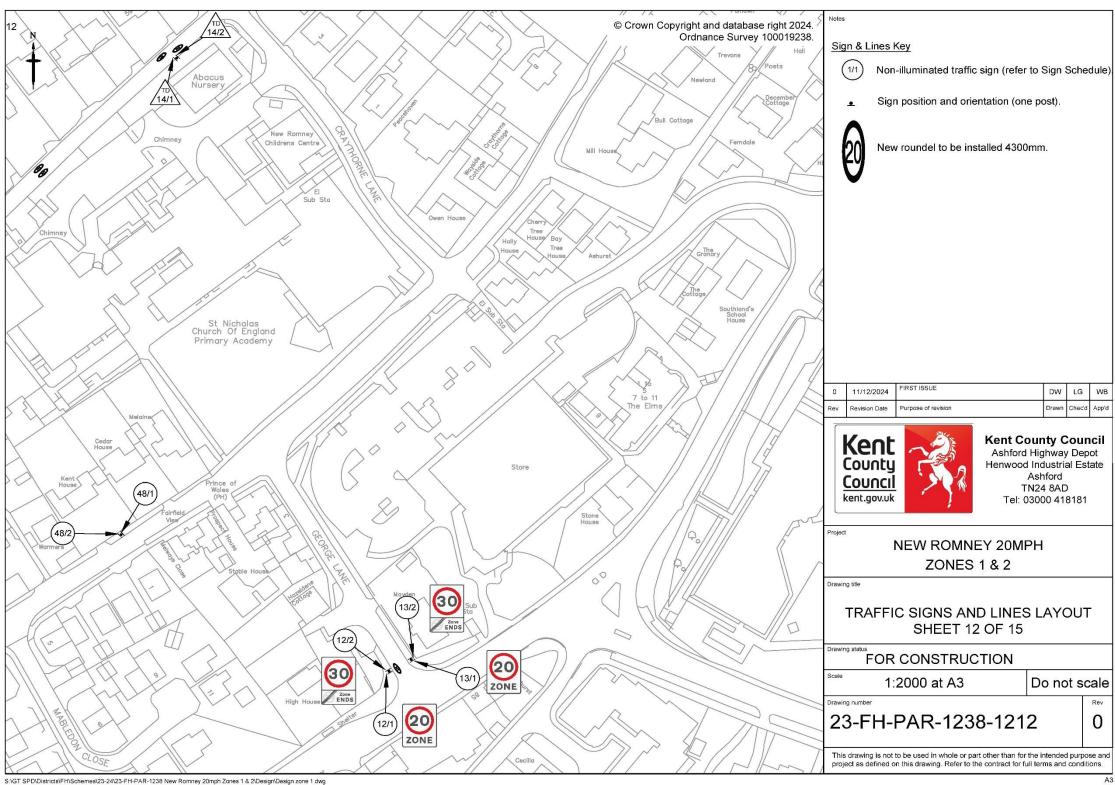


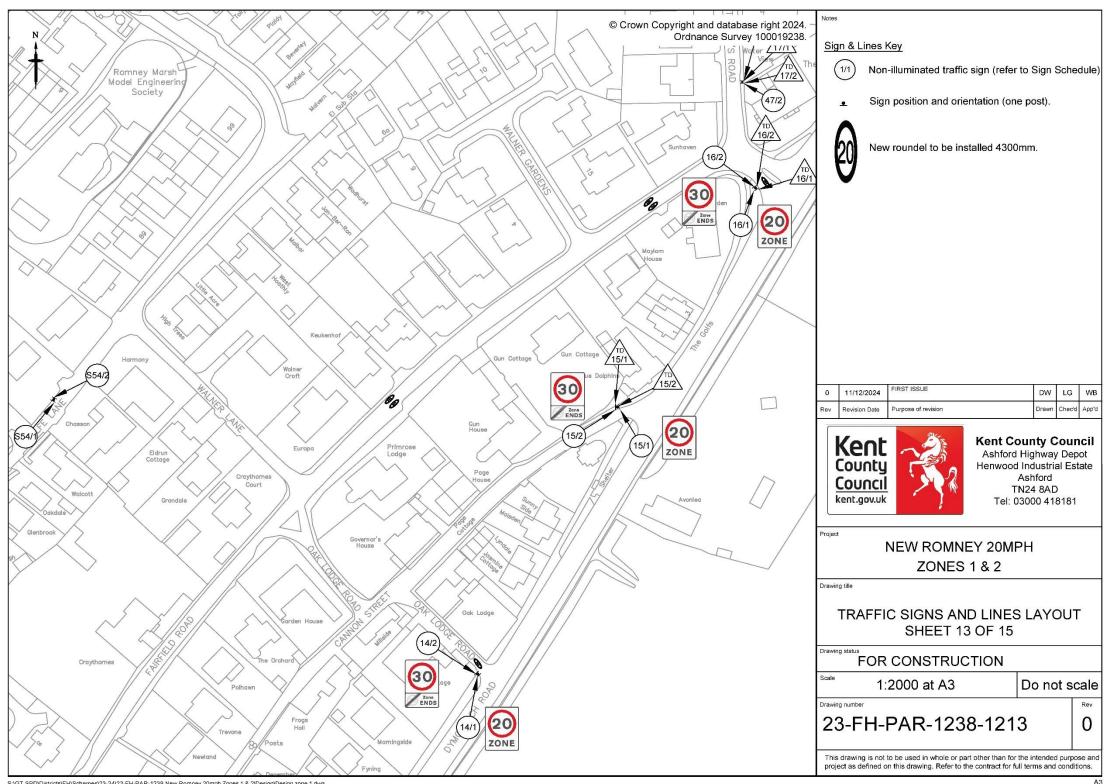


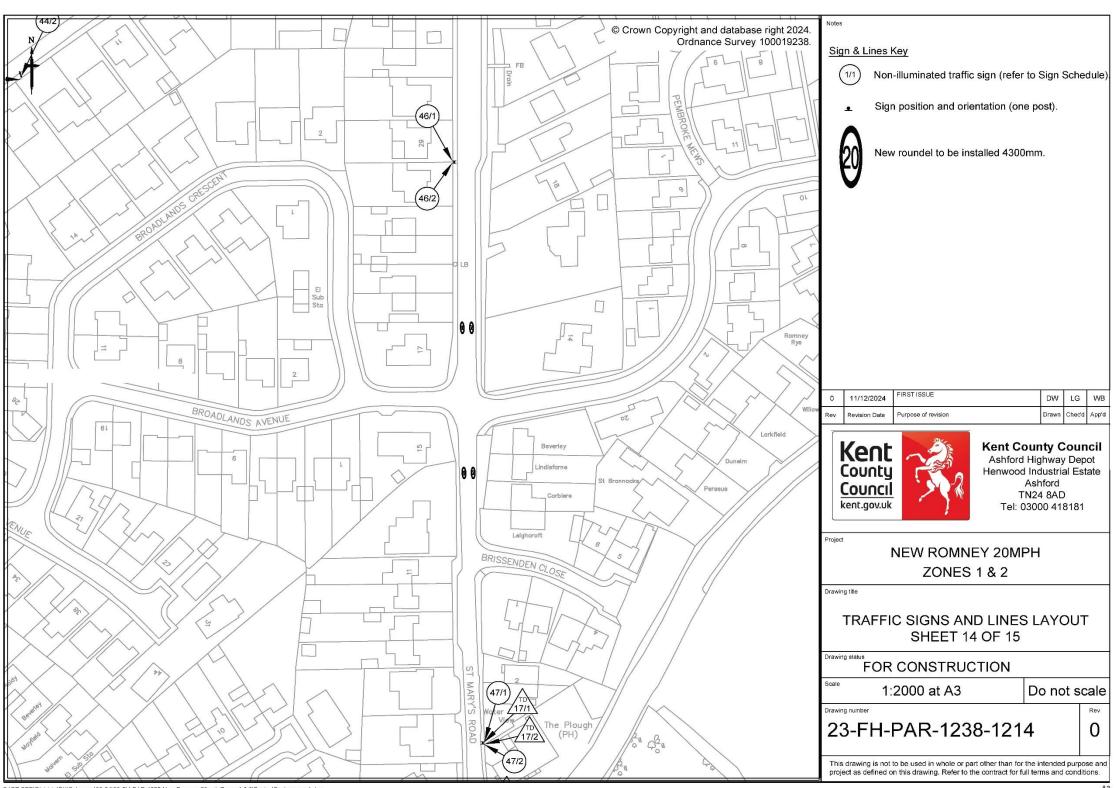


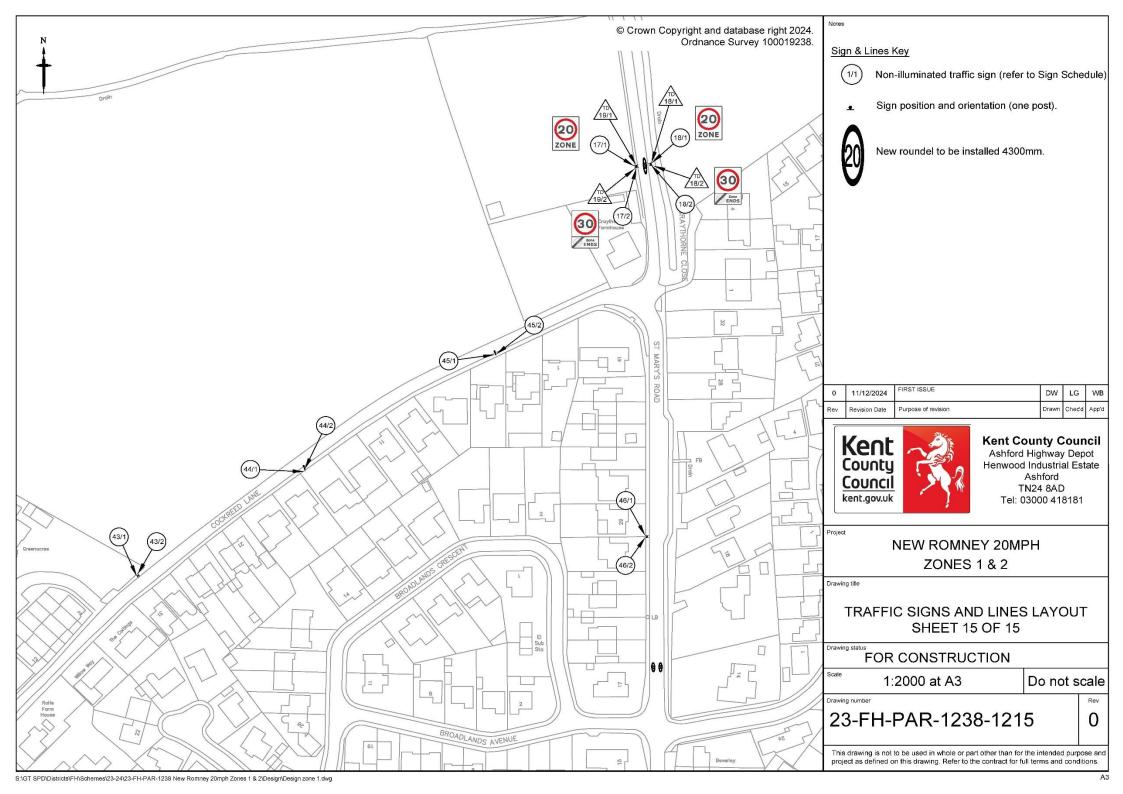












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