

Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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Town Clerk
and
Responsible Financial Officer

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Town Hall
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Ref: SW/7001

25th March 2026

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 1st APRIL 2026 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.

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 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
1st APRIL 2026
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: 4th March 2026 (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 schedule of Licencing Applications and take any such action 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 (Encs*):**
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. STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-27 (Encs*):**
To receive and note the New Romney Town Council Strategic Plan 2023-27 with latest updates and take any such action thereon as may be deemed appropriate.

15. EDF ENERGY EIADR SCOPING REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B DECOMMISSIONING (Encs*):

To receive and note the scoping report for Dungeness B decommissioning and take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed appropriate.

16. VICTORIA ROAD WEST DEVELOPMENT (Encs*):

To consider complaints received from residents regarding the Persimmon Homes development and take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.

17. LOCAL WATER TESTING PROGRAMME REQUEST (Encs*):

To consider a resident's request for a programme of water testing to be petitioned to Folkestone and Hythe District Council and take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.

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MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 4th March 2026
Commencing at 6:45pm

PRESENT:

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

In the Chair: Councillor K Terry

In Attendance: Planning Clerk - Miss S Walmsley
Members of public - 1

542/2025-26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

543/2025-26 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

544/2025-26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

546/2025-26 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

At 6:50pm it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the meeting be adjourned to allow for a period of public session not exceeding 15 minutes.

547/2025-26 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A member of the public presented information in respect of an application in agenda item 9.

548/2025-26 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

At 6:57PM it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Houston

SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the meeting reconvene.

549/2025-26 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4th February 2026

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The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting** Held on **4th February 2026**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

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

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Carey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 4th February 2026 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Councillor O’Hare abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

The Chairman subsequently signed the afore mentioned minutes.

550/2025-26 **PLANNING CLERK’S REPORT**

The Planning Clerk’s report, which included information about residents issues with the Victoria Road West development, confirmation of submittal of NRTC comments to KCC for the claimed addition to the definitive map of public rights of way and the invitation to comment on proposed changes to public rights of way were duly received and noted.

551/2025-26 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

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

Application No

Location and Description

(i) [25/2320/FH](#)

Erection of a detached two-storey dwelling on land adjacent Dutch House.

Dutch House, Coast Road,
Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8DH

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend Refusal – NRTC object to this application due to it contravening HB1 and HB10. The application does not

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make a positive contribution to its location and surroundings. It does not respect existing buildings with regard to size, layout, scale, proportions, massing, form and density. It does not enhance and is not in keeping with the other buildings within this conservation area. It does not respond to the character and appearance of the area. The plot proposed to be developed does not take into account the scale, layout and spacing of all the other buildings in the conservation area.

NRTC support the comments and concerns raised by the Environment Agency.

The 1990 Shepway Conservation Area Policy states in recommendation C that the District Council will not normally grant planning permission for development or infill development, as any such proposal is likely to affect significantly the special character which exists in the locality .

NRTC have authorised the Clerk to call in the application.

Voting:
For Application:

0

Against Application: 5
Abstained: 2

(ii) [26/0261/FH](#)

Works to tree subject to TPO No.5 of 1994, comprising of T1 sycamore fell to ground level.

Toorak, 159 Littlestone Road,
Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8QB

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application: 7
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

No objection

(iii) [26/0218/FH](#)

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission [21/0747/FH](#) to allow for amended roof height, addition of dormer windows, solar

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panels and configuration of units R9, R10, R11, R12, R13 and reconfiguration of the bin store and addition of a water tank to improve amenity access on the site.

Sandbanks, Coast Road, Littlestone,
TN28 8RA

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application: 7
Against Application: 0
Abstained: 0

No Objection

(iv) [26/0302/FH](#)

Retrospective erection of an outbuilding.

67 Dunes Road, Greatstone, New Romney, TN28 8SN.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

No objection – with the condition that the house is not to be split into two separate dwellings in the future.

For Application: 6
Against Application: 1
Abstained: 0

(v) [AP-6773](#)

Appeal: appeal against refusal of [25/2116/FH](#) – Replace existing InPost (parcel locker) with the installation of two InPost units.

17-19 Dunes Road, Greatstone,
TN28 8SS.

Planning Inspectorate Number:
6005228

The 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.

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We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These 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://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appeal-reference>.

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

RECOMMENDATION

NRTC are reiterating the original support given to the application and support the applicant with the appeal. NTRC do not believe it contravenes HB1. It is a very useful resource to the community and supports both residents and local businesses.

Voting:

For Application:	7
Against Application:	0
Abstained:	0

552/2025-26 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

There were no licence applications for consideration.

553/2025-26 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**

A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending of the 1st February 2026, the 12th February 2026, the 15th February 2026 and the 22nd February 2026 were duly received and noted.

554/2025-26 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Wednesday 4th March 2026 which had previously been circulated to all Committee members was duly received and noted.

555/2025-26 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

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

556/2025-26 **STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027**

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The Strategic plan 2023-2027 was received and noted. No action thereon was currently taken.

The chairman thanked the committee, and the meeting concluded at **7:48PM.**

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
1st APRIL 2026
PLANNING CLERKS REPORT

NRTC have received information about changes to the Planning Portal service.



Planning Portal service charge update from 1 April 2026

From 1 April 2026, the Planning Portal service charge for planning applications will increase by £5 to £75.83 + VAT per application submission.

We recognise that any change to fees requires careful consideration, particularly in the current economic environment. This update reflects continued investment in the resilience, security and development of the national planning platform, ensuring it remains legislatively compliant, reliable, authoritative and fit for the future.

Planning Portal supports over half a million applicants each year while securely connecting planning applications with local planning authorities across England and Wales. As the built environment continues to evolve, so too must the digital infrastructure that supports it.

Why the service charge is changing

Behind every submission sits a national platform responsible for secure payments, structured planning data, built-in location plan service, system integrations and reliable digital services connecting applicants, professionals and councils.

While many people know Planning Portal as the place to submit a planning application, our role extends much further. Increasingly, we support applicants earlier in their journey, helping them understand planning requirements, explore

common projects and prepare stronger submissions before entering the formal application process.

Maintaining and improving this infrastructure requires ongoing investment. In 2026 that investment focuses on three priority areas:



1. Ongoing cyber security and system resilience

As a national digital platform responsible for handling sensitive applicant information and financial transactions, Planning Portal must operate to the highest standards of security, compliance and operational resilience.

The portal is supported by internationally recognised assurance frameworks, including accreditation to ISO 27001 for information security management, alongside ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001, reflecting our commitment to secure, reliable and responsibly managed digital services.

Significant ongoing investment continues to be made in cyber security infrastructure and the resilience of the systems that support application submission and payment processing.

Maintaining secure, high-availability digital infrastructure has become increasingly complex in recent years. The cost of cloud infrastructure, cyber security capabilities and specialist engineering expertise has risen significantly across the technology sector, alongside expanding regulatory and compliance requirements.

Continuous reinvestment is therefore essential to ensure the platform remains robust, secure and trusted by both applicants and local authorities.



2. Strengthening early-stage planning guidance

One of the most effective ways to improve the planning system is to ensure applications are stronger before they are submitted. More than 3.5 million people use Planning Portal guidance every year, often before engaging directly with their local authority and therefore reducing repetitive enquiries. As planning guidance continues to evolve through reform, we remain closely engaged with policy changes and are actively investing in our content, expertise and digital tools to ensure our guidance stays accurate, up to date and aligned with the latest requirements.

To support this early-stage understanding, Planning Portal continues to invest in the evolution of Interactive House, a fully redesigned digital environment that allows homeowners and professionals to explore common projects, understand planning requirements, and navigate legislation through a visual, interactive experience. Rebuilt using extensive user research and feedback from applicants, professionals and planning officers, Interactive House provides clearer, more accessible guidance designed to help people understand planning rules before they apply, reducing confusion, improving application quality and easing pressure on local authorities.

This spring, Interactive House will introduce a new AI-powered planning policy navigator, providing a conversational interface that offers structured guidance drawn exclusively from Planning Portal content and national planning policy sources.

More than a typical chatbot, the navigator has been designed to help applicants interpret planning policy and understand requirements before entering the formal application process. By improving clarity earlier in the journey, it will help reduce common errors that lead to invalid submissions while also supporting

local planning authorities by reducing avoidable enquiries.

Better-informed applicants ultimately lead to stronger applications, smoother validation and a more efficient planning process for everyone involved.



3. Improving validation and submission quality

Alongside strategic investment in guidance and infrastructure, Planning Portal continues to deliver practical improvements to the application process itself.

[Upcoming updates](#) include the integration of Local Validation Checklists directly into the application journey, the introduction of structured Community Infrastructure Levy data capture, improvements to supporting document uploads, and the ability for agents to make bulk payments across multiple applications.

These enhancements have been shaped through ongoing collaboration with local planning authorities and industry professionals. Our shared aim is to reduce avoidable errors, improve validation success and streamline the application journey for applicants, agents and councils alike. Each improvement saves time and adds efficiency across the industry, enabling professionals to focus on delivering high-quality, sustainable communities.

Planning Portal is not a static service. It is a continually evolving national platform shaped by user feedback, sector collaboration and regulatory change.

A long-term commitment to digital planning

Planning Portal has been developed over more than two decades in partnership with government, local planning authorities and the wider built environment sector.

The service charge supports the systems, integrations and digital infrastructure that underpin the online planning process, from secure payment handling and structured data capture through to the continuous development of tools that help applicants understand planning requirements.

This long-term investment ensures the planning system remains accessible, reliable and resilient as the sector continues to evolve.

Our priority remains clear, improving submission quality, reducing avoidable delays and supporting both applicants and local authorities with trusted digital services.

A note from our CEO, Geoffrey Keal

“Planning Portal exists to support the entire planning system; from the moment someone begins exploring an idea through to the submission and processing of an application.

Behind the platform sits a dedicated team working every day with local planning authorities, government policy and industry partners to keep the service evolving. From the software developers maintaining the technology, to the support teams helping users navigate the process, alongside close collaboration with LPAs and user



*groups that continually shapes
Planning Portal.*

Our continued investment reflects that responsibility. By strengthening both the digital infrastructure behind the service and the guidance available to applicants earlier in their journey, we aim to help people get it right first time while supporting local authorities with a trusted national platform.

Together, we're continuing to build something that is more than a submission service, a portal that helps people understand planning and navigate the process with greater confidence."

Planned system update notice

To implement the updated service charge and [English planning fees updates](#) the England and Wales portal will be taken offline at approximately 17:00 on 31 March, at the close of the business day. This will ensure compliance with the legislative implementation date of 1 April.

A reminder of what the service includes

Our service charge underpins a broad range of services and capabilities that support applicants, professionals and local authorities across the planning process, including:

- **Built-in location plans** provided with every application.
- **A dedicated support desk**, available Monday - Friday to help users navigate the submission process.
- **Secure payment processing**, ensuring local authorities receive 100% of statutory planning fees, at no cost to the authority.
- **National planning guidance website**, used by over 3.5 million people each year to understand planning requirements before they apply.

- **An in-house planning policy team** ensuring legislation, and policy updates are clearly interpreted and reflected in guidance and application services.
- **A new AI-powered planning guidance navigator** within Interactive House, helping users explore Planning Portal guidance and national planning policy through a conversational interface before submitting an application.
- **Interactive House, a digital guidance tool** allowing homeowners to explore projects room-by-room and understand planning and building regulation requirements before submitting.
- **Secure, compliant digital infrastructure**, continuously improved for reliability and resilience.
- **Collaboration tools** enabling users to work jointly on applications, nominate others to pay and transfer submissions into building control.

Questions or support

If you have any questions regarding this update, please contact support@planningportal.co.uk to speak to one of support team.



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You are receiving this email because you opted in with TerraQuest, operators of Planning Portal.

NRTC have received information from Folkestone Hythe District Council regarding Kent County Councils proposed changes to the TRO for The Parade and Coast Drive.

Dear Consultee,

Please find attached Proposal Notice and Map Tiles for proposed changes to the 2025 Consolidated Traffic Regulation Order (Amendment 17 (2026)) for The Parade and Coast Drive, New Romney. The Notice is scheduled to appear in the KM papers on Friday 20th March 2026. Notices will be erected on street. Full details can be found from Friday at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/parking> under Consultations.

Letters of support or objections to the proposed Order will need to be received by 5pm on Friday 10th April 2026, and addressed to Parking Services, Civic Centre, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY or by email to traffic.orders@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

In the District of Folkestone & Hythe

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE AND HYPHE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2025 (AMENDMENT 17) ORDER 2026

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL intend to make the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49, 53 and 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will revise the parking and waiting restrictions in the following road in Greatstone and Lydd on Sea

- The Parade – From Seaview Road to Coast Drive
- Coast Drive – From The Parade to Battery Road

The proposal seeks to change the current seasonal At Any Time restrictions to all year and to introduce new At Any Time restrictions where there are currently no restrictions in the roads above.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant drawings, a copy of any orders which will be amended by the proposed Order, and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined at The Council Offices notice board, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, or by email traffic.orders@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk or on our website <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/parking>

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information, please contact Folkestone & Hythe District Council (Parking Services), Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY or email parking.services@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

If you wish to make an objection or comment about the proposed Order, you must write to Folkestone & Hythe District Council (Traffic Orders), Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY or email traffic.orders@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk. Your objection must specify the grounds on which it is made. For your objection or comments to be considered they must reach us by **5pm on Friday 10th April 2026**. For legal reasons we cannot accept any objection or comment over the phone or in person.

This Notice is published by Folkestone & Hythe District Council on behalf of Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ (part of Kent County Council).

Although located outside the Parish of New Romney, it is of note that the following planning application will have a significant impact on the residents of New Romney and the surrounding areas.

[25/1502/FH](#)

Dungeness A Power Station, Dungeness Road,
Lydd, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PP

Proposed demolition of boiler house complexes, central control block and ancillary plant, re-cladding the amended reactor buildings, installation of hardstanding and weather protection structure to facilitate storage of the removed boilers, boiler drums and associated ducting and pipework.

DECISION:

Approve with Conditions

The Planning Clerk.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
1st APRIL 2026
SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No

Location and Description

(i) [26/0387/FH/TCA](#)

5 St Lawrence Court, Victoria Street, New Romney, TN28 8DE.

Works to tree in a conservation area comprising of T1 Maple, pollard 3.5 metres back to bare knuckles.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(ii) [26/0409/FH/TCA](#)

Mulberry House, Lions Road, New Romney, TN28 8HA.

Works to tree in conservation area comprising of T1 White Cherry fell to ground level.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(iii) [26/0283/FH](#)

Land adjoining 16 Cherry Gardens,
Littlestone, TN28 8QR.

Reserved matters application relating
to access, appearance, layout,
Scale, and landscaping of outline
permission 23/0801/FH and Details
pursuant to conditions 8,13, 15, 16,
17, 18 and 20.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

(iv) [26/0452/FH](#)

50 The Churchlands, New Romney,
TN28 8LE.

Proposed single storey rear extension.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

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1st APRIL 2026
SCHEDULE OF LICENSING APPLICATIONS

NONE.

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
1st APRIL 2026
DELEGATED DECISIONS OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT
COUNCIL

For the period ending 1st March 2026

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| (i) | <u>25/2279/FH</u> | 109-111 Coast Drive, Greatstone,
TN28 8NR. |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with conditions
NRTC – No Objection |
| (ii) | <u>26/0007/FH</u> | 88 Queens Road, Littlestone, New Romney,
TN28 8LY |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with conditions
NRTC – No objection |
| (iii) | <u>26/0011/FH</u> | Bay Leaf, Warren Road, Littlestone, New
Romney, TN28 8PN |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Lawful
NRTC – Not a consultee |
| (iv) | <u>26/0063/FH</u> | St Martins Field, Ashford Road, New
Romney. |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with Conditions
NRTC – Abstained. |

For the period ending 12th March 2026

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| (i) | <u>25/2293/FH</u> | 103 Queens Road Littlestone, New
Romney, TN28 8LT |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with conditions
NRTC – No Objection |

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| (ii) | 26/0010/FH | 44 Blenheim Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 9PR |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with conditions
NRTC – No Objection |
| (iii) | 26/0035/FH | New Inn, 37 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BW |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with conditions
NRTC – No Objection |
| (iv) | 26/0060/FH | 57 Rolfe Lane, New Romney, TN28 8JP |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with conditions
NRTC – No Objection |
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For the period ending 15th March 2026

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| (i) | 26/0078/FH | West Knoll, Lydd Road, New Romney, TN28 8DH. |
| | <u>DECISION</u> | Approve with conditions
NRTC – No Objection |
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NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
1st APRIL 2025
ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast

Today 25th March 2026	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is forecast to be Low.
Tomorrow 26th March 2026	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is expected to be Low tomorrow.

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

Air Pollution Level	Today	Tomorrow
Low	10%	>95%
Moderate	90%	<5%
High	<5%	<5%
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](#)

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REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES

PHIP Update: Scheduled works for the installation of the new 20mph speed limit in Zones 1 and 2 has commenced. There have been reports from residents to the Town Council that works are only partially completed in some areas. The Clerk has emailed KCC Highways for an update on when the works will be finished.

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2023 - 2027

New Romney Town Council



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Foreword

Welcome to New Romney Town Council's Strategic Plan. The Plan describes the Council's vision, what we are trying to achieve during the current Term of Office and what our objectives and key priorities are between now and 2027.



*The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney,
Councillor John Rivers
July 2023*

The Strategic Plan explains clearly to Councillors, staff, residents, businesses, and our partners exactly what the Council aims to achieve between now and the next election. New Romney Town Council is an ambitious Council and, as Members, we are all committed to helping make New Romney, Littlestone and Greatstone (*now called 'New Romney' in this report*) a better place to live, work and visit.

This document will help to ensure that the Council continues to focus on delivering excellent, value for money services for the Town and its residents.

This Strategic Plan sets out the Council's overall vision - which is to continually work on improving the quality of life for all residents, improving our local environment, conserving and promoting the Town's heritage and retaining financial security.

The overarching Strategy is underpinned by 11 Corporate Priorities supported by 52 Key Objectives. The Corporate Plan will be reviewed annually and updates on the Council's achievements will be reported at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Council will ensure that adequate resources (financial, staffing, training, equipment etc) are made available to achieve the Objectives detailed within this Plan.

New Romney Town Council Strategic Plan

To continually work on improving the quality of life for all residents, improving our local environment, conserving and promoting the Town's heritage and retaining financial security.

Our overarching Strategy is underpinned by the following:

- 5 Areas of Focus
- These include 13 Strategic Priorities
- These are supported by 53 Key Objectives
- Each Objective will be progressed and monitored by the relevant Council Committee

1. *Financial Management*

- To develop and manage a sustainable budget which maximises use of Town Council assets, optimises revenue streams and provides optimum spending opportunities whilst maintaining financial security and recognising the impact on residents

2. *Planning, Highways & Environment*

- To ensure that New Romney (see above) can develop economically whilst safeguarding its natural environment
- To optimise the ability for people and goods to move around the Town safely and in a more environmentally friendly manner
- To keep New Romney clean and pleasant for residents and visitors alike

3. *Recreation & Amenities*

- To optimise and encourage the use of all local sports, play and exercise facilities
- To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney's Wards

4. *Health & Wellbeing*

- To develop and maintain a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit

5. *Town & Community*

- To develop and maintain a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit

- To support local businesses and economic development in New Romney

- To effectively communicate, consult and engage with our residents, partners, employees, local businesses, visitors and other public sector organisations (eg local authorities, health and education)

- To make sure that New Romney continues to attract tourists to the area

- To actively promote the arts and culture in New Romney

- To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney

1. Financial Management

To develop and manage a sustainable budget which maximises use of Town Council assets, optimises revenue streams and provides optimum spending opportunities whilst maintaining financial security

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
FM1: Review and update Rolling Maintenance Plan to assist in Maintaining optimum property values of NR properties	F&GP	2023-24	Commenced: Review and Update by Finance Officers currently in hand. Updated document to be presented to F&GP Committee By end March 2026
FM2: Undertake review of revenue streams and develop a plan to optimise income with which to support longer-term spending options whilst retaining financial security. To investigate funding and grants available to the Town Council	F&GP	2023-24 2026-27	Not Yet Commenced: Deferred to 2026-27 Due to take into Account potential Impact of Local Government Reorganisation

2. Planning, Highways & Environment

To ensure New Romney can develop economically whilst safeguarding its natural beauty

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
PHE 1: Carry out a wants / needs survey re local new build developments to understand local housing needs and the impact on the Town from new developments with a vision of using the data to influence local planning outcomes	Planning & Environment	2023-24	Commenced: Train and Explain Public Engagement To be organised in 2026 to educate Public about the Planning Process Prior to ensuing Consultation Questionnaire.
PHE 2: Develop and adopt a Policy Statement / Planning Protocol identifying the Town Council's commitment to preserving local open spaces	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED - POLICY APPROVED & ADOPTED SEPT 2024

2. Planning, Highways & Environment

To ensure New Romney remains a clean and pleasant place to live, work and visit

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
PHE 3: Establish a process by which NRTC receives regular feedback re local air quality monitoring	Planning & Environment	2023-24	COMPLETED Information being Received Routinely on annual Basis.
PHE 4: Complete the upgrade of NRTC waste disposal contracts and waste receptacles at New Romney Town Hall and Assembly Rooms to facilitate waste recycling	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED Re-cycling bins in-Situ at Town Hall and waste disposal contract upgraded for re-cycling collection
PHE 5: Complete Area Action Plans for all NRTC open spaces linked to the adopted Environment Policy	Planning & Environment	2024-25	WITHDRAWN Not felt that any specific environmental action is required at any NRTC open space currently
PHE 6: Re-distribute trees from NRTC tree nursery for planting appropriately around the parish	Planning & Environment	2025-26 2026-27	Re-scheduled Awaiting growth to Adequate maturity.
PHE 7: Identify potential areas of NRTC Land for re-wilding and consult local residents on proposals	Planning & Environment	2025-26 2026-27	Re-Scheduled To take into Consideration Land assets following LG Reorganisation
PHE 8: Investigate potential for Supporting local up-cycling and re-cycling projects and organisations	Planning & Environment	2026-27	COMPLETED Implemented by KCC at Mountfield Road Recycling Centre

2. Planning, Highways & Environment

To optimise the movement of people and goods around the Town safely and in a more environmentally friendly manner

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
PHE 9: Identify and secure funding to implement the New Romney Parish Highways Improvement Plan	Planning & Environment	<u>2023-27</u>	PHASE 1 COMPLETED Phase 2 Commenced CIL funds to be allocated By F&GP Committee ON-GOING
PHE 10: Implement 20MPH zones within the Parish as identified within the New Romney Parish Highways Improvement Plan	Planning & Environment	<u>2023-27</u>	PHASE 1 COMPLETED PHASE 2 IN HAND CIL funds to be allocated By F&GP Committee ON-GOING
PHE 11: Implement improvements to junction of Ashford Road / New Romney High Street as identified within the New Romney Parish Highways Improvement Plan	Planning & Environment	2024-25	Commenced: Works approved by Kent Highways and identified in Pentland Homes Improvements to Highways in vicinity of residential development ON-GOING
PHE 12: Continue negotiations with FHDC Re adopting one of the two town centre car parks with a vision of utilising revenue to support funding of local improvements	Full Council	2025-26	Commenced: In discussion Under LG Reorganisation Programme ON-GOING
PHE 13: Lobby Government and KCC for improved local public transport. Investigate links with other Councillors (Parish, District, and County) to consider a Community Bus service with links to hospitals and other major sites/venues	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED – COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE IN PLACE

3. Recreation & Amenities

To optimise and encourage use of all Town Council sports, play and exercise facilities

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
RA 1: Provide more varied outdoor play equipment for children	Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-Scheduled Town Clerk / RFO To prepare Consultation with St. Nicholas Academy Spring 2026
RA 2: Seek and secure funding to expand the New Romney Skate Park	Full Council	2025-26	Put on hold – Consider following Local Government Reorganisation
RA 3: Complete adoption of Station Road Area and secure funding to upgrade the equipment on the rear half of the site	Full Council	2024-25	Commenced: In discussion Under LG Reorganisation Programme ON-GOING

3. Recreation & Amenities

To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
RA 4: Provide picnic benches at Perimeter of St Martin's Field	F&GP	2024-25	Paused: Put on hold due To police advice Re anti-social Behaviour
RA 5: Replace planters around perimeter of St Martin's Field with self-watering planters	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED - PLANTERS IN PLACE
RA 6: Prepare a development plan and secure funding to upgrade The Greens as a Destination Coastal Park for play and recreation (eg addition of petanque strip, crazy golf, themed adventure playground, further picnic benches)	Full Council	2025-26 2026-27	Re-scheduled - To be considered Following Local Government Reorganisation
RA 7: Seek and secure funding or loan/ Lease project to provide a NRTC Caretaker van to improve safety and efficiency in maintaining Town Council lands and premises	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED - VAN PURCHASED
RA 8: Deliver the completed Community Hall, Sports Pavilion and Nursery project	Full Council	2025-26	COMPLETED - MAUDE COMMUNITY CENTRE NOW OPEN
RA 9: Refurbish or replace railings at The Greens, Littlestone and install inset safety barriers at all pedestrian access points	Full Council	2025-26	Commenced Refurbishment on-going (Posts and rails being replaced in accordance with condition priority)

4. Health & Wellbeing

To develop a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
HW 1: Provide Dementia Awareness training for all New Romney Town Council Members and Staff	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED Several rounds of Training provided
HW 2: Complete all remaining criteria to be accredited as a Dementia Friendly Council	Full Council	2023-24	Commenced: Clerk to review remaining criteria ON-GOING
HW 3: Continue adaptations to New Romney Town Hall and Assembly Rooms to make them more dementia friendly (upgrade Town Hall lighting / repaint door frames in both buildings in contrasting colour in line with rolling maintenance programme)	F&GP	2024-25	Commenced: Décor-related changes Undertaken in line With rolling maintenance programme ON-GOING
HW 4: Support Primary Care Network with sharing of healthcare communications and provision of additional building space for delivery of healthcare services	Health & Wellbeing	2024-25	COMPLETED: Health & Wellbeing Committee established and opportunities for assisting with communicating local healthcare matters discussed via this committee ON-GOING
HW 5: Expand links on NRTC website to include details of more local support organisations	Health & Wellbeing	2024-25	COMPLETED: Additional appropriate links to local support organisations added to NRTC website as they are identified ON-GOING

5. Town & Community

To develop a community infrastructure in New Romney that nurtures a safe, supportive and inclusive place to live, work and visit

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 1: Lobby Government/KCC/Kent Police to re-establish a visible local police presence and to retain KCC Community Wardens	Full Council	2023-24	OUTDATED - WITHDRAWN KCC Community Wardens Team stood down prior to adoption of this Strategic Plan; named Kent Police Officer for local area already established
TC 2: Create disabled parking bay(s) on NRTC land at the end of The Greens, Littlestone to improve accessibility of this open recreational space	Full Council	2026-27	
TC 3: Provide funding support for the retention of local youth club provision	F&GP	2025-26	WITHDRAWN - No youth club to Support financially
TC 4: Organise a Community Service event to publicise what is on offer to local residents in terms of volunteer support and services	Health & Wellbeing	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled and Amended: NRTC to man a table at RMCH Community Service Event to promote NRTC as source of Resident support
TC 5: Establish a Youth Council to engage and respond to the needs of local young people	Full Council	2024-25	Commenced: Youth Council Constitution adopted. ON-GOING - TO BE RE-VISITED

5. Town & Community

To support local businesses and encourage economic development in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 6: Install an electronic information board in the Town Centre area to promote the Town and advertise local businesses with a vision of generating additional revenue from advertising	F&GP	2025-26	WITHDRAWN - Not viable as Existing competition In High Street (2 already in Place)
TC 7: Develop a plan for increased use of St. Martin's Field, and the Greens, for community events with a long term vision of establishing a community events calendar (eg to include annual community picnic, annual Armed Services Day event, annual Pride event etc) or a New Romney Festival Week	Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled and Amended - Increase existing events To include Annual Community Picnic Commencing Spring 2027

5. Town & Community

To effectively communicate, consult and engage with our residents, partners, employees, local businesses, visitors and the public sector (eg local authorities, health and education)

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 8: Return Council meetings to the Town Hall Council Chamber and revert to Monday evening meetings to reduce clashes with District Council meetings	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED Council Chamber Available for meetings – Regular use hindered by lack of heating; in hand
TC 9: Routinely publish links to details of local planning applications on NRTC social media	Planning & Environment	2023-24	COMPLETED On-going practice now established to highlight local planning apps via NRTC social media
TC 10: Establish a policy of submitting regular monthly articles for publication in Romney Marsh Community Ad magazine which is delivered directly to every local household	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED Policy of utilising monthly Community Ad publication for publicising NRTC activity established and implemented
TC 11: Create video recordings of all Civic Services and Ceremonies for publication on Town Council social media to increase civic engagement	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED Commenced with Recordings of D-Day 80 events posted on NRTC social media. ON-GOING
TC 12: To establish other social media means by which we make the Council more accessible and engaging	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED Options investigated & not feasible at present

5. Town & Community

To effectively communicate, consult and engage with our residents, partners, employees, local businesses, visitors and the public sector (eg local authorities, health and education)

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 13: Re-instate Town Centre NRTC noticeboard in High Street	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED Noticeboard Installed in High Street
TC 14: Develop and adopt Policy Statement that places an expectation on Town Council Members to attend Civic Services and Ceremonies / Town Council events to (i) demonstrate commitment to the Town and its residents and (ii) engage with members of the community and increase visibility of the Council	Full Council	2024-25	COMPLETED - POLICY APPROVED & ADOPTED

5. Town & Community

To make sure that New Romney continues to attract tourists to the area

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 15: Complete and publicise (via NRTC website/social media and leaflets) the Town Trail	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED Installation of Town Trail completed; Leaflets received And distributed.
TC 16: Develop a Policy for utilisation of The Cinque Ports brand	Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled & Commenced: Clerk to adapt existing Policy for NRTC. Cinque Ports Crest to be added to all formal docs and press/ publicity materials
TC 17: Replace Town signage at entry points to the Town ('Welcome' gates with crest / reference to 'Ancient Cinque Port Town')	Planning & Environment F&GP/ Full Council	2024-25 2026-27	Re-scheduled & Commenced: Cost estimates sought - provision subject to CIL funding availability
TC 18: Prepare a Business Plan for potential provision of a summer tourist road train	Full Council	2025-26	WITHDRAWN - Not feasible at the current time; staff focus on Local Government Reorganisation
TC 19: See RA6 (P11) Upgrade of The Greens as a Destination Coastal Park	Full Council	2025-26 2026-27	Re-scheduled To consider following Local Government Reorganisation

5. Town & Community

To promote the arts and culture in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 20: Actively promote established local events on NRTC website and social media (eg JAM on the Marsh, New Romney Country Fayre, Light Up New Romney)	Full Council	2023-24	COMPLETED All established local events are Actively promoted via NRTC website and social media page
TC 21: Install a Town Sign in the Town Centre/historic centre of the Town to Identify with the Town's history	Full Council	2024-25	Commenced: Cost estimates sought

5. Town & Community

To maintain and improve a range of amenities and services to support a good quality of life in New Romney

Objectives	Committee	Start	Complete
TC 22: Lobby FHDC to re-develop the Disused play area in Dagleish Close	Full Council	2025-26	WITHDRAWN Outdated due to FHDC Play Strategy
TC 23: Undertake a post-community hall project review of NRTC buildings use	F&GP	2026-27	Commenced; Project review meetin Date currently being Arranged with project Management team
TC 24: Install 2x Town benches (currently In storage) in New Romney High Street	F&GP	2024-25	COMPLETED – 2X BENCHES NOW IN SITU
TC 25: Re-develop the toilet block on The Greens, Littlestone, to provide a café facility with external public toilet(s) and generate revenue to support local improvements	Full Council	2026-27	Commenced: Discussion opened With Interested party and Natural England

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EDF ENERGY EIADR SCOPING REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B
DECOMMISSIONING

NRTC have received an invitation as a consultee to comment on the scoping opinion for EDF Energy's proposed decommissioning project at Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station.

Dear all,

The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) has received a request for a Pre-Application Opinion under the Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) Regulations (EIADR) from EDF Energy for its proposed decommissioning project at Dungeness B nuclear power station in Kent.

To support the Pre-Application Opinion request, EDF Energy submitted a scoping report to ONR that provides a high-level description of the decommissioning project and describes the scope of the environmental impact assessment that will be carried out for the future application for consent under EIADR.

ONR is now inviting comments on the report from both stakeholders and members of the public to inform our Pre-Application Opinion. The consultation will close on 16 April.

To read the scoping report and find out how to respond, please visit our public consultation webpage

[ONR launches consultation on Dungeness B decommissioning plans | Office for Nuclear Regulation](#)

[Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station decommissioning plans | Office for Nuclear Regulation](#)

Following the Pre-Application Opinion stage, EDF Energy will be making an application for consent under EIADR by submitting an environmental statement to ONR in mid-2027; this will be consulted on in due course and you will have the opportunity to comment on this.

Further information on EIADR can be found on the ONR website: [Nuclear Reactors \(Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning\) Regulations \(EIADR\) | Office for Nuclear Regulation](#)

Kind regards,



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VICTORIA ROAD WEST DEVELOPMENT

NRTC has received multiple complaints from residents regarding significant noise and disruption caused by piling works at the Victoria Road West development. In addition to the noise issues, residents working from home report considerable disturbance, and concerns have been raised about potential damage to nearby personal building works.

Action: to consider what, if any, action should be taken in respect of this matter.

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REQUEST FOR LOCAL WATER TESTING PROGRAMME

The Town Council has received a request from a resident to consider petitioning the community and asking Folkestone and Hythe District Council to commission a district-wide water testing programme. See below request:

Dear Councillors,

Please find attached a draft petition - feel free to amend as appropriate - for your councils to consider jointly, or for each parish or town council to consider separately.

Under Folkestone & Hythe District Council's petition scheme, the key threshold for a petition to be considered at Full Council is at least 250 valid signatures. The petition must also include the name, address and signature of each supporter.

The purpose of the petition is straightforward and practical. It asks Folkestone & Hythe District Council to arrange, commission or coordinate a properly designed programme of water testing over time across Romney Marsh, including major open sewers, drains, watercourses, outfalls and other relevant locations.

This matters because the sea along your stretch of coast is affected by water running off the Marsh and into the sea. That has consequences not just for water quality, but for confidence in our coast as a place to live, visit and enjoy. It harms tourism, affects sea swimmers and paddleboarders, and risks undermining the local economy. Families, residents and visitors should not have to wonder whether the water is safe.

I hope each of your councils will consider supporting and bringing forward this petition. Doing so would be a practical step towards being part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

END