

# Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Councillor,

**A MEETING OF NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, NEW ROMNEY, TN28 8BT ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 AT 6.45PM.**

**NB: CHANGE OF VENUE TO THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CHURCH APPROACH, NEW ROMNEY**

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

Signed:

*Gemma Hall*

Mrs Gemma Hall  
Planning Clerk

Email: [planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk)

***The afore-mentioned meeting will commence at 6.45pm.***

***Members of Public are welcome to join this meeting.***

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

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

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

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

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

Any such questions should be emailed to: [planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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**  
**19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES:**

To receive and note apologies of councillors unable to attend.

**2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

To consider an application from a Member to join the Planning and Environment Committee.

**3. DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE:**

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

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

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

**5. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

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

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**

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

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

**7. RE-CONVENING OF MEETING:**

To formally re-convene the meeting of the Committee.

**8. MINUTES (Encs\*):**

To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (attached hereto).

**9. PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

To receive and note the Planning Clerk's report.

**10. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Encs\*)**

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

**11. SCHEDULE OF LICENCING APPLICATIONS**

To receive and note schedule of Licencing Applications.

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

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

**13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (Encs\*)**

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

- (i) Sea water quality and surface water flooding update, if available.
- (ii) Formalisation of the Dissemination of Water Sampling Data collected by New Romney Town Council.

**14. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES (Encs\*)**

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

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**MINUTES**  
**of**  
**A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee**  
**Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney**  
**on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Commencing at 6.45pm**

**PRESENT:**

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

**In the Chair:** Councillor K Terry

**In Attendance:** Planning Clerk - Mrs G Hall

Members of public x 6

028/2024-25 **ELECTION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Having duly considered the previously approved membership of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2024-25 and having also 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 2024-25. It was:

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Rivers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Coe

That Councillor K Terry be elected as Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the ensuing year.

There were no further nominations.

The Chairman called for a show of hands in favour of the nomination for Councillor Terry

**Vote: 8 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions**

It was:

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that Councillor K Terry be hereby elected as Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the ensuing year.**

029/2024-25 **ELECTION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN**

Having duly considered the previously approved membership of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2024-25 and having also 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 2024-25. It was:

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Terry  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Coe

That Councillor S O'Hare be elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the ensuing year.

There were no further nominations.

The Chairman called for a show of hands in favour of the nomination for Councillor O'Hare

**Vote: 8 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions**

It was:

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

030/2024-25 **APOLOGIES**  
 None.

031/2024-25 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**  
 No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

032/2024-25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
**@18:46** Councillor Rivers declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to planning application 24/0750/FH as he resides near this address and the decision made could affect the value of his home.

033/2024-25 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**  
**@18:48**

It was

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

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That the meeting be hereby adjourned to accommodate a public session.**

034/2024-25 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

2 x members of public read out their statements relating to planning application 24/0685/FH copies of which had previously been circulated to the Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee.

035/2024-25 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**  
**@18:57**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Rivers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor O'Hare

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That the meeting be hereby re-convened.**

036/2024-25 **MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, 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 Phillips

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.**

Councillor McLachlan abstained from voting as she had not been present for the meeting.

037/2024-25 **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

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

- **Romney Marsh Forum**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice received from KCC:

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

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

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

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

**Submission Statement and Availability of Submitted Documents  
May 2024**

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

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

The submission documents (including the Plan and Sustainability Appraisal), evidence base, background documents and Regulation 19 representations are available to view online via the County Council's Examination Webpage at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/economic-regeneration-and-planning-policies/planning-policies/minerals-and-waste-planning-policy/kent-minerals-and-waste-local-plan-review-2024-39>.

The webpage will be updated with the latest documents, including correspondence from the Planning Inspector, throughout the period leading up to and during the Examination, including the details of any public hearings once confirmed.

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

## 038/2024-25 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Coe  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Davies

**RESOLVED – 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**(i) [24/0605/FH](#)Old Strand, Church Road,  
New Romney, TN28 8EYLawful Development Certificate  
(proposed) for a single storey  
side extension.**No Objection****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****8****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****0**(ii) [24/0685/FH](#)19 Meehan Road, Greatstone,  
New Romney, TN28 8SQ**Demolition of existing garage,  
kitchen, rear porch and removal of  
chimney and replace with side and rear  
extension, including integral  
garage and construction of  
attic truss roof with two  
dormers front facing and two  
dormers rear facing.****(Retrospective application to  
reflect changes in final  
drawings and build).****Recommend refusal as  
contravenes policies HB8 &  
HB1 – too close to  
neighbouring  
properties/boundary,  
overlooking/overshadowing  
neighbouring property, &  
doesn't pass the 45 degree  
angle test. Applicant was  
told to stop building by  
planning enforcement but  
carried on building anyway.****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****0****Against Application:****8****Abstained:****0**

(iii) [24/0692/FH](#)Sainsburys, Dymchurch Road,  
New Romney, TN28 8GUInstallation of new plant on the  
roof and change to the service  
yard.**No Objection****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****5****Against Application:****2****Abstained:****1**(iv) [24/0724/FH](#)Cranbrook, 15 Victoria Road,  
Littlestone, TN28 8NLSingle storey outbuilding to  
create annexes, following  
removal of existing garage and  
outbuildings.**Recommend refusal –  
Contravenes HB9 – gives no  
reason for separate annexe.****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****3****Against Application:****5****Abstained:****0**(v) [24/0063/FH](#)Plot F, Land Rear of Plot 15,  
Collins Road, New Romney,  
TN28 8LH3 no new industrial buildings  
subdivided into 8no units  
including parking, access and  
associated works.**RECOMMENDATION****Recommend refusal –  
Contravenes policy T2 – not  
enough parking, doesn't  
meet KCC conditions and they  
haven't submitted car  
tracking.****Voting:****For Application:****1****Against Application:****7****Abstained:****0**

@19:32 Cllr Rivers left the Council Chamber.

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

1 Longshore Grove,  
New Romney,  
TN28 8FP

Garage conversion to Living  
Accommodation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommend refusal –  
contravenes policyT2 – Not  
enough information  
regarding parking.**

**Voting:**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| <b>For Application:</b>     | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Against Application:</b> | <b>5</b> |
| <b>Abstained:</b>           | <b>0</b> |

@19:44 Cllr Rivers re-joined the meeting.

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**No Objection**

**Voting:**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| <b>For Application:</b>     | <b>8</b> |
| <b>Against Application:</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Abstained:</b>           | <b>0</b> |

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

4 Haywards Close, New  
Romney, TN28 8LA

Erection of front and rear  
dormers.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**No Objection**

**Voting:**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| <b>For Application:</b>     | <b>8</b> |
| <b>Against Application:</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Abstained:</b>           | <b>0</b> |

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**No Objection**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**6**

**Against Application:**

**0**

**Abstained:**

**2**

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039/2024-25 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

There were no licence applications for consideration.

040/2024-25 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/  
DECISIONS/MATTERS**

(i) A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 were duly received and noted.

041/2024-25 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Sea Water Sampling – The Planning Clerk verbally reported that our first set of test results for the Sea Water Sampling had been received.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Terry

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rivers

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that formalisation of the dissemination of Water Sampling Data, be listed as an agenda item for the next meeting of New Romney Town Council's Planning & Environment Committee.**

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted

042/2024-25 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**Parish Highway Improvement Plan**

The data relating to Changes to High Street Parking, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted and read as under:

Yes: **23**

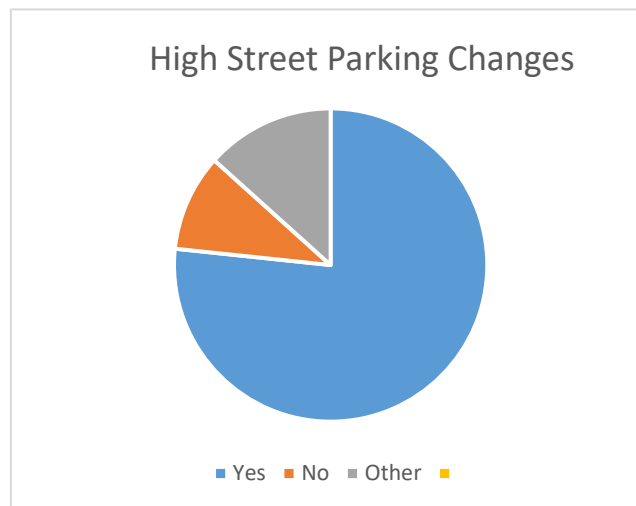
76.7% in favour of the proposed changes

No: **3**

10% are not in favour of the proposed changes.

Other/Did not answer: **4**

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



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The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting  
Concluded **at 8.16pm**

*Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk*

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**FOR CONSIDERATION**

| <b><u>Application No</u></b>   | <b><u>Location and Description</u></b>   |
|--|--|
| (i) <a href="#"><u>24/0802/FH</u></a>  | <p>Plot A, Land Rear 15 Collins Road,<br/>Mountfield Ind Est, New Romney,<br/>TN28 8FA</p> <p>3 Proposed industrial units, with associated<br/>parking, fence, access, bicycle parking,<br/>signage and external lighting.</p> |
| <b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b><br><b><u>Voting:</u></b><br><b>For Application:</b><br><b>Against Application:</b><br><b>Abstained:</b> |  |
| (ii) <a href="#"><u>24/0379/FH</u></a>   | <p>Running Waters, Lydd Road, New Romney,<br/>Romney Marsh, TN29 9SE</p> <p>Proposed 4 no 3-bedroom 2 story units &amp;<br/>parking.</p>   |
| <b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b><br><b><u>Voting:</u></b><br><b>For Application:</b><br><b>Against Application:</b><br><b>Abstained:</b> |  |

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No additional plans received.



**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

**DELEGATED DECISIONS OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**For the Period Ending 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| (i) <a href="#">24/0605/FH</a> | Old Strand, Church Road, New Romney, TN28 8EY                                 |
|                                | Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for a single storey side extension. |
| <b><u>DECISION:</u></b>        | <b>Lawful</b><br>NRTC – No Objection.   |

**For the Period Ending 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| (i) <a href="#">24/0385/FH</a>   | 17 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BN  |
|                                  | Listed Building Consent for replacement of 1 x window and door and internal/external repair work to single storey extension.  |
| <b><u>DECISION:</u></b>          | <b>Approve with conditions</b><br>NRTC – No Objection.  |
| (ii) <a href="#">24/0397/FH</a>  | 2 Cherry Gardens, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8QR   |
|                                  | Single storey side extension, first floor cladding and off-road parking.  |
| <b><u>DECISION:</u></b>          | <b>Approve with conditions</b><br>NRTC – No Objection subject to minimum clearance maintained to neighboring property/boundary.   |
| (iii) <a href="#">24/0750/FH</a> | 1 Longshore Grove, New Romney, TN28 8FP   |
|                                  | Garage conversion to living accommodation.  |
| <b><u>DECISION:</u></b>          | <b>Not lawful - The proposed garage conversion would be contrary to condition 4 of planning permission Y09/0763/SH, which requires that the integral garage be reserved for the parking of vehicles. As such the proposal would not constitute permitted development and the application is therefore unlawful.</b><br>NRTC – Recommend refusal – contravenes policy T2 – Not enough information regarding parking. |

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- **Sea Water Sampling – Littlestone/Greatstone**

Formalisation of the Dissemination of Water Sampling Data collected by New Romney Town Council to be discussed.

The following post has been put on New Romney Town Council's Facebook page:

In 2023, The Environment Agency (EA) and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) changed the classification of the sea water quality on Littlestone Beach from GOOD to POOR. This information has been presented to the NRTC Planning & Environment Committee.

FHDC have now posted a notice at Littlestone Beach to advise against swimming, until the water quality improves. Water quality will not improve until Southern Water takes action to identify the sources of the IC and E Coli and eliminates these sources.

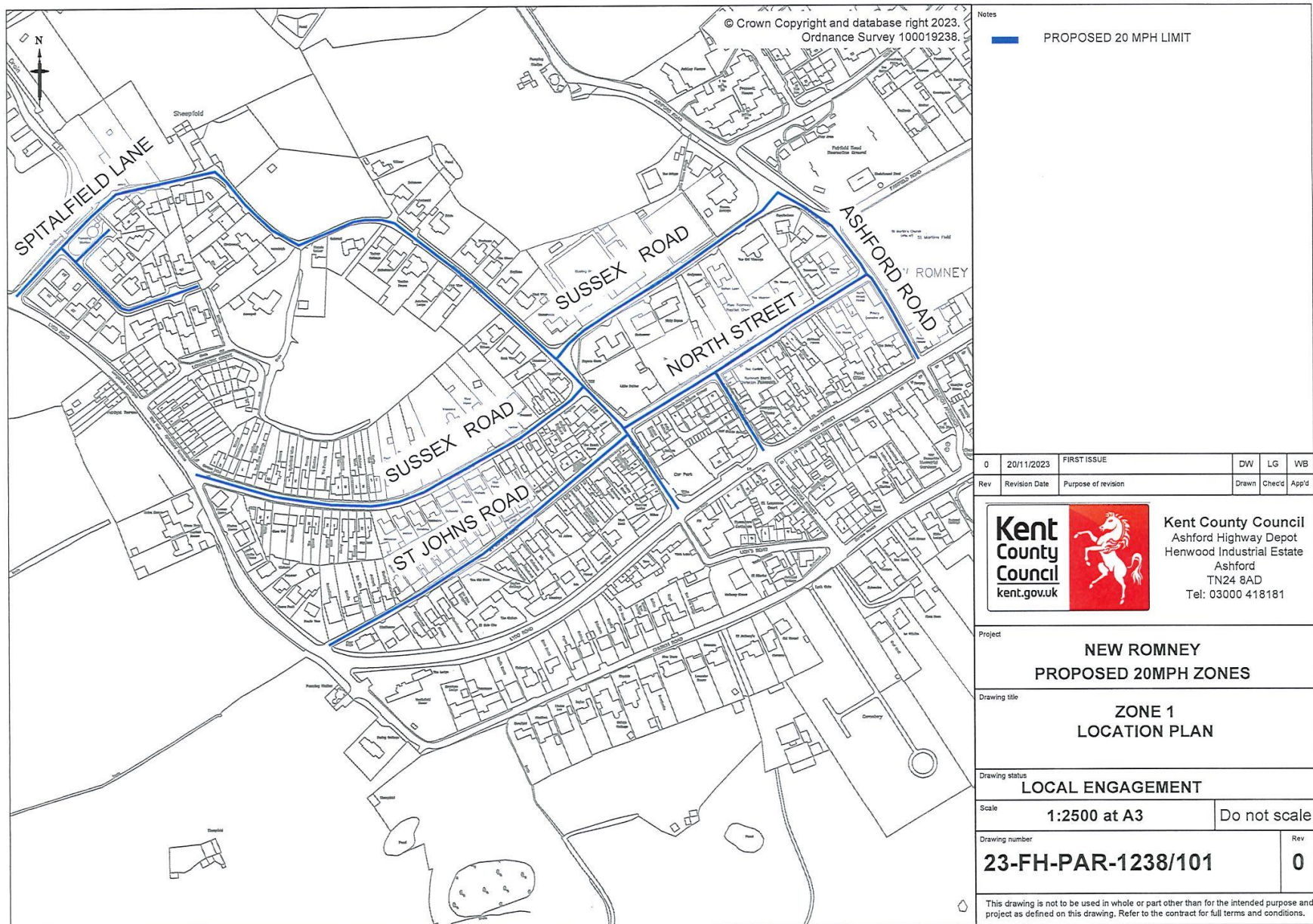
NRTC will be conducting regular testing of the bathing water at both Littlestone Beach (which is a designated bathing water beach) and Greatstone Beach, during the swimming season.

To view the latest results please see the New Romney Town Council website:  
[https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Water\\_Quality\\_Sampling...](https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Water_Quality_Sampling...)

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**Parish Highway Improvement Plan**

- Email sent to Kent County Council to chase when the Traffic Regulation Order will start regarding the 20MPH zones. I have been advised that they are in the final stages and once the date is confirmed the notices have been issued we will be notified.
  
- The 'unsuitable for HGV' signs for Spitalfield Lane and Sussex Road are scheduled to be installed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024. I shall get some photos and add them to the agenda once installed.



Notes

PROPOSED 20 MPH LIMIT

|     |               |                     |       |         |       |
|-----|---------------|---------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 0   | 20/11/2023    | FIRST ISSUE         | DW    | LG      | WB    |
| Rev | Revision Date | Purpose of revision | Drawn | Check'd | App'd |



**Kent County Council**  
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Ashford Highway Depot  
Henwood Industrial Estate  
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Project

**NEW ROMNEY  
PROPOSED 20MPH ZONES**

Drawing title

**ZONE 1  
LOCATION PLAN**

Drawing status

**LOCAL ENGAGEMENT**

Scale

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Drawing number

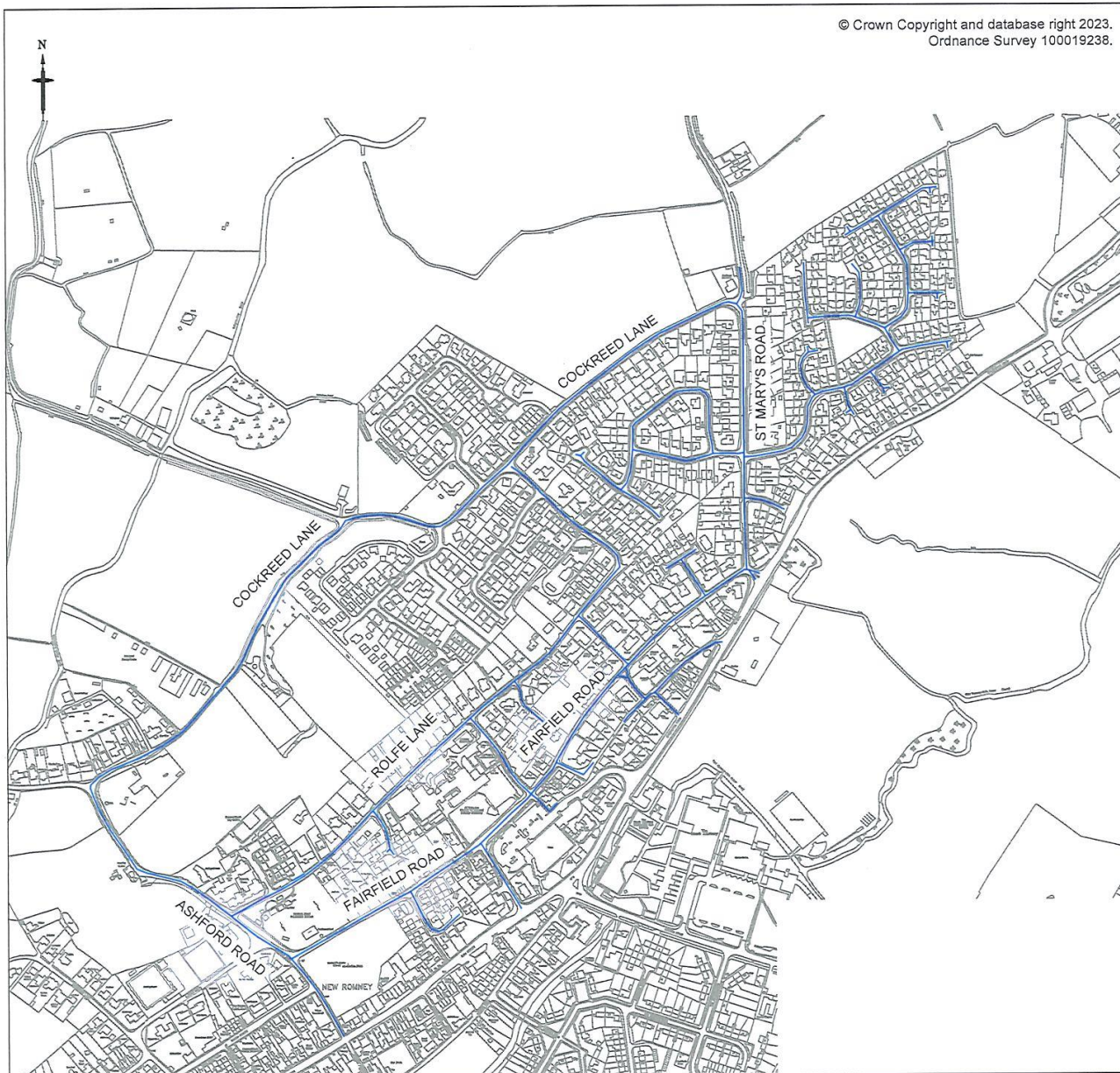
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Notes

■ PROPOSED 20MPH LIMIT

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**NEW ROMNEY  
PROPOSED 20MPH ZONES**

Drawing title  
**ZONE 2  
LOCATION PLAN**

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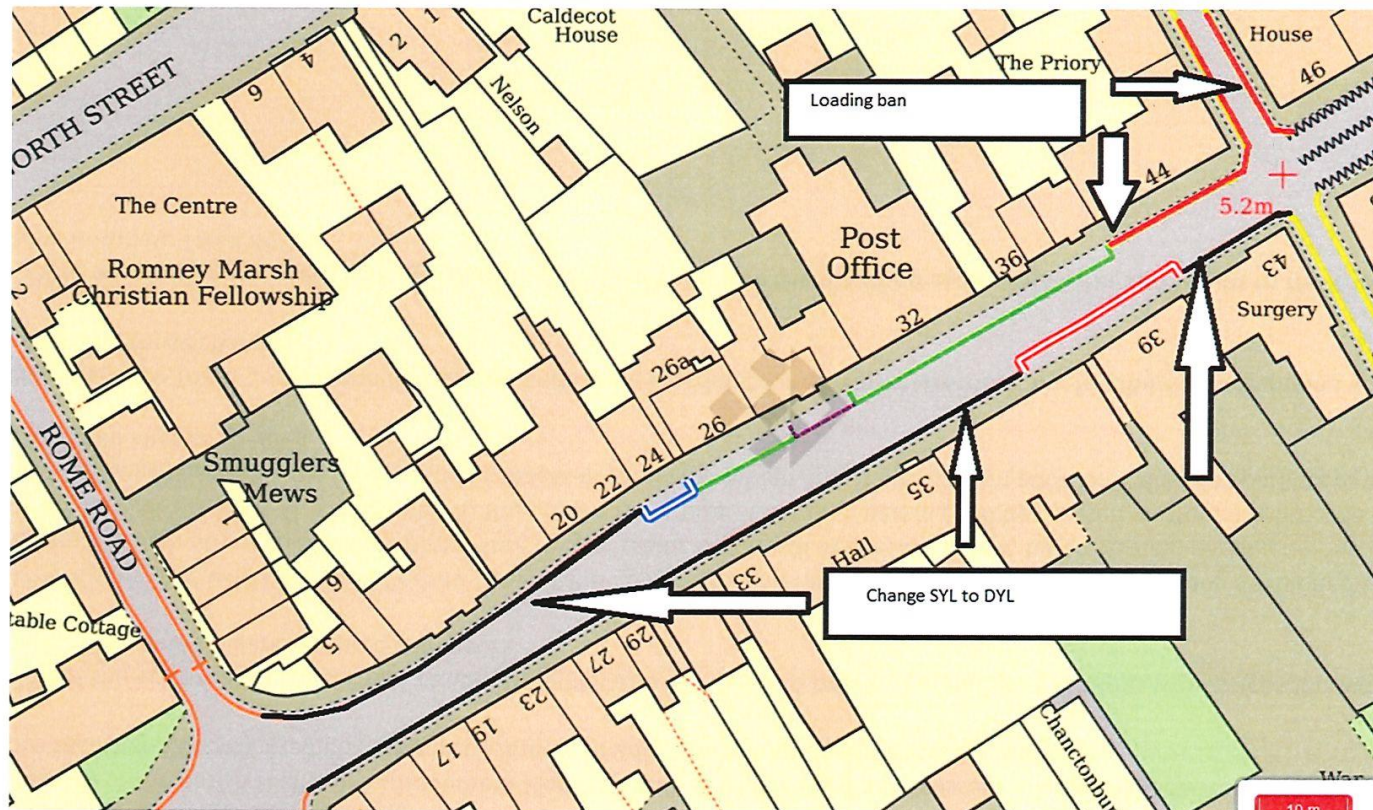
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SYL – Single Yellow Line  
DYL – Double Yellow Line

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

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

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

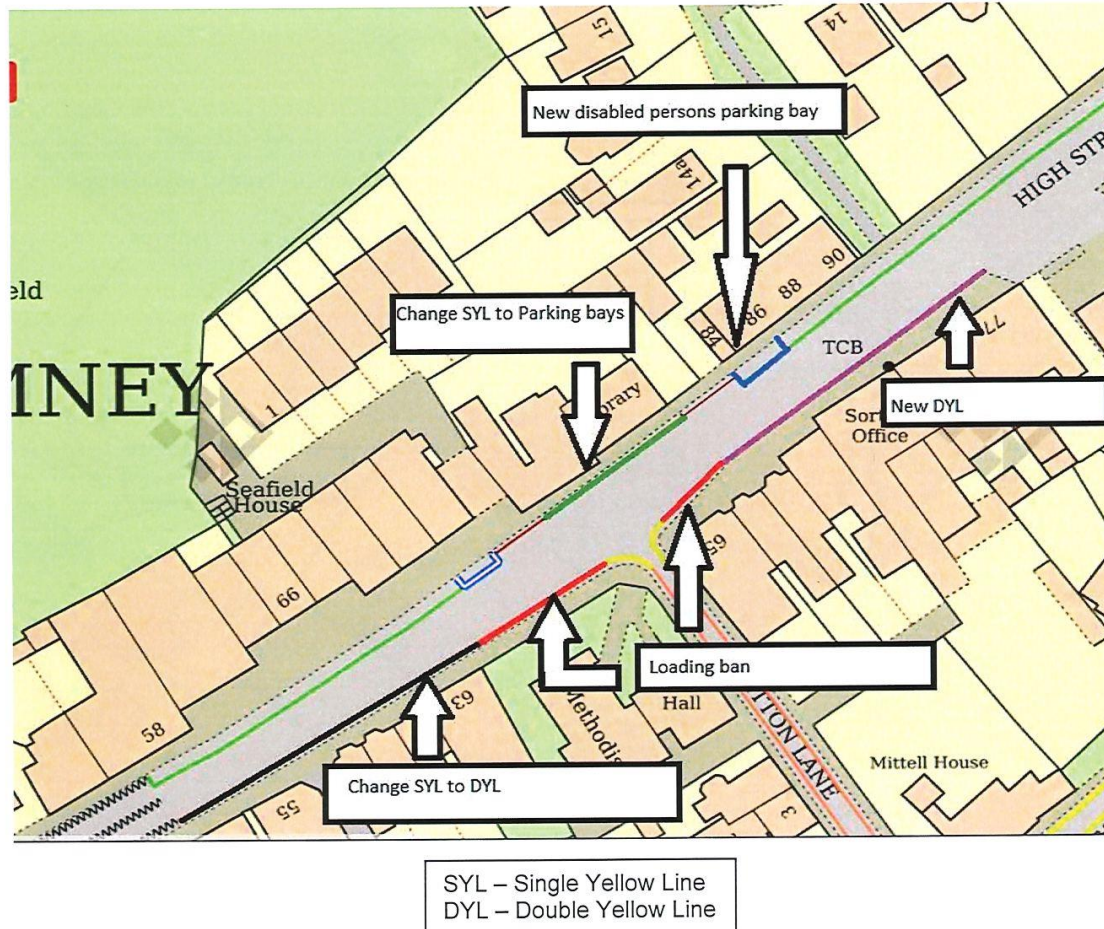
Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from 22 High Street to the corner of Rome Road.

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





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

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

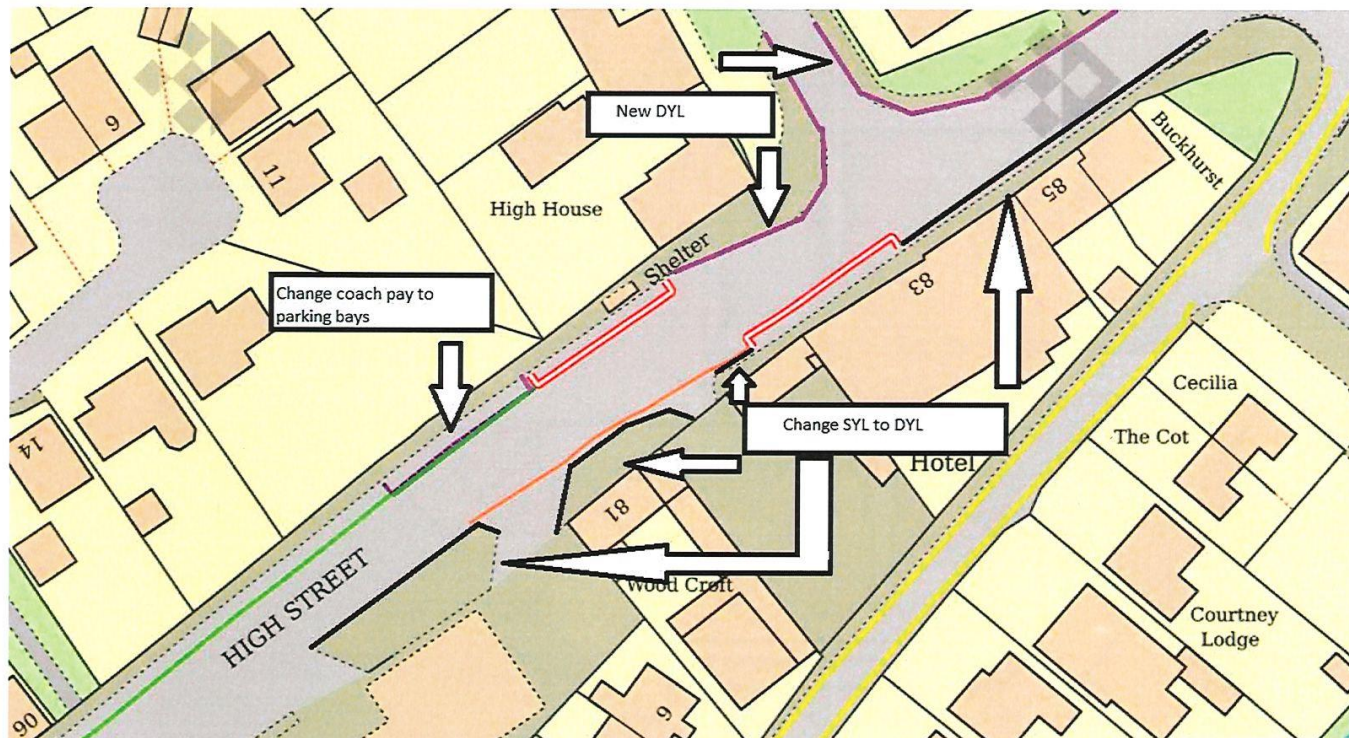
New disabled bay added after That Pet Shop outside Romney Spice.

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

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



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SYL – Single Yellow Line  
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Coach parking bay to be replaced with additional parking bays.

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

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





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Submission Date: December 2022

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

### HIP Front Cover

| HIP Version  | Submitted by (Name)                | HIP Date   | Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC<br>Virtual or Face to Face   | County Member   |
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| 1  |                                    |  |   |   |
| Please list below the funding opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures |                                    |  |   | I.e., County Member, Parish Precept Donation, LTP   |
| Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?                              |                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/><br>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme?<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/><br>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Name of HIP Representative   |                                    | Contact Telephone Number   |   | Email Address   |
| Name of Clerk  | Planning Clerk – Mrs Gemma Hall    | Contact Telephone Number   | 01797 362348<br>01797 740161  | Email Address<br>planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk   |
| Name of Chair  |                                    | Contact Telephone Number   |   | Email Address   |
| KCC Project Manager Team   | Community & Engagement Team (EAST) | Contact Telephone Number   | 03000 418181  | Email Address<br><a href="mailto:east.highwayimprovements@kent.gov.uk">east.highwayimprovements@kent.gov.uk</a> |

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

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



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### Live Priorities Record

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



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



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|  | iii) Cockreed Lane<br>iv) Sussex Road<br>v) Rolfe Lane |  |  |  |  |
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#### Historical Priorities Record

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



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



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