

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA 1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, 27th March, 2025

Present: Cllr M A J Hood (Chair), Cllr D W King (Vice-Chair), Cllr L Athwal, Cllr K Barton, Cllr G C Bridge, Cllr J Clokey, Cllr A Cope, Cllr F A Hoskins, Cllr A Mehmet, Cllr B A Parry, Cllr Stacey Pilgrim, Cllr M R Rhodes and Cllr K S Tunstall

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R W G Oliver.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

AP1 25/7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

AP1 25/8 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area 1 Planning Committee held on 9 January 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AP1 25/9 GLOSSARY AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Decisions were taken on the following applications subject to the pre-requisites, informatives, conditions or reasons for refusal set out in the report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health or in the variations indicated below. Any supplementary reports were tabled at the meeting.

Members of the public addressed the meeting where the required notice had been given and their comments were taken into account by the Committee when determining the application. Speakers are listed under the relevant planning application shown below.

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION (RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL FUNCTIONS)

AP1 25/10 24/00029/TP - RUSSETTINGS AND LITTLEWOOD RIDING LANE, HILDENBOROUGH, TONBRIDGE

To seek authority for confirmation of Tree Preservation Order, without modification.

After careful consideration of the points raised by the speaker and the submitted details and reasons set out in the report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, Members acknowledged the long-term protection the specified woodland under the Tree Preservation Order would benefit from and noted that procedural measures were in place to address the concerns raised in respect of regular maintenance works and emergency situations, with particular reference made to the advantage of agreeing a Woodland Management Plan.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Council, under Regulation 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 confirm the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Russettings, Riding Lane, Hildenborough, Tree Preservation Order 2024 without modification; and
- (2) persons interested in the land affected by the Order be notified of the decision in accordance with Regulation 8.

[Speaker: Mr P Ashby (member of the public) addressed the Committee in person.]

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

AP1 25/11 PLANNING APPEALS, PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND HEARINGS

The report setting out updates in respect of planning appeals, public inquiries and hearings held since the last meeting of the Planning Committee was received and noted.

AP1 25/12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.17 pm