

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2024**

* Councillor Kiehl – Chair
0 Councillor Crooks – Vice Chair

* Councillor Adam	* Councillor Holliday
0 Councillor Clayton	* Councillor Martin
0 Councillor Crowe	L Councillor PMA Rivers
0 Councillor C Downey	* Councillor Steel
0 Councillor S Downey	* Councillor Thomson
* Councillor Duce	* Councillor Weightman
* Councillor Follows	* Councillor Williams
* Councillor Heagin	

* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology for Absence L Late

247. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2024 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

248. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

249. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

The comments and observations from the following Waverley Borough Councillors were preliminary ones prior to consideration at Borough Council level and were based on the evidence and representations to the Town Council.

Councillor PMA Rivers

250. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Standing Order No 4, Mr S Farmer, a resident of Godalming informed the committee that over the previous 3 weeks he had spoken to 1,300 from the area, who like him are fed up with nothing happening on the former Broadwater golf club site. Mr Farmer stated that we need to give the youth of the area something to do and he wishes to see a skateboard and BMX park on the site. Mr Farmer also highlighted his concern on the effects of wastewater and water contaminated by waste that then seeps into the water course and rivers and the associated dangers of E-coli. Following his statement, Mr Farmer specifically asked:

- What is happening to survey the Broadwater site to determine if water is being contaminated and then seeping into the water course?
- What are the timelines for the capping of the site, and planning decisions for the future of the Broadwater site?

The Committee Chair thanked Mr Farmer for his statement and questions and responded on behalf of the committee stating that:

The former Broadwater golf club site is in the ownership and management of Waverley Borough Council and therefore Godalming Town Council is not in a position to answer his specific questions regarding the site and that they should be addressed to Waverley.

The Chair informed Mr Farmer that Godalming Town Council has no control over the site, although, on behalf of the town's residents it does have an interest in its future.

The Chair highlighted that in June 2021, Godalming Town Council received a presentation from a young resident of the town who put forward a vision for the Broadwater site that would see the creation of a Skateboard, BMX, scooter and outdoor activity hub, which includes commercial income opportunities, and which could be seen as an opportunity to provide a public amenity for the benefit of Godalming and surrounding communities. Following that 2021 presentation Godalming Town Council wrote to the Chief Executive of Waverley Borough Council to highlight Godalming Town Council's support for the development of a skateboard and BMX sports hub.

Additionally, The Chair also informed Mr Farmer that Godalming Town Council had been informed that Waverley is making progress with the Broadwater Park Project and wishes to invite three representatives from the Town Council to a Broadwater Park Project working group meeting on the 3 October. The Chair indicated to Mr Farmer that representation from the Town Council will be at that meeting and that his concerns and ideas for the site would be made known to the project group members.

On his concerns of the dangers of E-coli in the water courses and rivers, Mr Farmer was informed that those concerns were shared by the Town Council, which is why it supports not only the local Water Rangers but also other local organisations who work on the river, the navigation and other local watercourses to take samples and have them tested with the results published so that residents have the data to keep them informed and aware of the condition of the watercourse and rivers. To enable the samples to be tested and results made available as quickly as possible, Godalming Town Council has also provided support to the Community Water Laboratory in Guildford.

251. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions from Councillors were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 6.

252. SOUTH & SOUTH-EAST IN BLOOM

Members were delighted to note that at the South & South-East in Bloom (SSEIB) awards ceremony held at RHS Wisley on Friday, 20 September, the Mayor of Godalming received the following awards on behalf of Godalming Town Council:

- Small Cemetery Category (Nightingale) – Gold
- Large Cemetery Category (Eashing) – Gold
- Town Centre Category – Gold

Members wished their thanks to be passed on to the grounds team and that they should be proud of this fantastic achievement, that not only saw them maintain the gold standards of Godalming Town Council's cemeteries but also moving from a silver gilt to the gold standard for the town centre.

253. SURREY HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE (AONB) BOUNDARY VARIATION PROJECT

Members noted that Natural England launched a second round of statutory and public consultation on proposals to extend the boundary of the Surrey Hills National (AONB) and

that the consultation will run for 12 weeks from 17 September 2024 to midnight on 10 December 2024.

Members also noted the 2024 consultation makes no proposals to change the 2023 final boundary recommendations for the inclusion of Binscombe Hills, including the Compton Conservation Area and woodland associated with Compton Common in their entirety, Wey Valley or Farley Hills - [see Figure 15b](#) and [page 9 of the 2024 consultation document](#). Members were content with the proposals of the 2023 review and which are retained within the 2024 consultation, as such they did not wish to submit any additional comments or make any further representations.

254. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the following application raised for discussion by committee members; the full schedule of planning applications received from the Local Planning Authority since the previous Environment & Planning Committee is attached to record minutes.

WA/2024/01655 Mountain House, Station Road, Godalming, GU7 1EX
Erection of 56 later living units with communal facilities together with parking, landscaping and associated works following demolition of existing building; updated bridge link to tannery car park; creation of temporary access.

Godalming Town Council has **no objection** to this application.

The Committee welcomed the pre-application engagement with the Town Council and noted that many of the points raised have been incorporated into the formal application. However, whilst Members raised no objects to this application and noted the partial stepping back of the roof line does soften the affect, in general Members would prefer Town Centre development at a lower level, i.e. 4 floors.

255. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SUBJECTED TO AMENDMENT

No notification of planning applications previously considered by this committee for which subsequent amendments were received.

256. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified no items from this meeting to be publicised.

257. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 17 October 2024 at 6.30pm.

258. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were asked to sign up to support the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal collection at Sainsbury's on Saturday, 9 November.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING – SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 27 AUGUST-16 SEPTEMBER 2024

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 24/35				
NMA/2024/01656	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Amendment to WA/2023/01875 to change roof from hip to gable, on all 3 aspects of plan to improve usability of space through head height & to allow for means of escape through windows, allowing us to apply with regulations. Window opening sizes will not be increased, but will allow for front window to move up by 100mm. There will be no increase to internal floor space, but to additional head height in currently restricted dormer.	17 Nightingale Road Godalming GU7 3AG	No Observation
WA/2024/01655	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of 56 later living units with communal facilities together with parking, landscaping and associated works following demolition of existing building; updated bridge link to Tannery car park; creation of temporary access.	Mountain House Station Road Godalming GU7 1EX	Godalming Town Council has no objection to this application. The Committee welcomed the pre-application engagement with the Town Council and noted that many of the points raised have been incorporated into the formal application. However, whilst Members raised no objects to this application and noted the partial stepping back of the roof line does soften the affect, in general Members would prefer Town Centre development at a lower level, i.e 4 floors.
TM/2024/01676	Godalming Central & Ockford	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 02/18	The Mews House 135d High Street Godalming GU7 1AF	No Observation
WA/2024/01658	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Alterations to part of existing garage to provide habitable accommodation; alterations to elevation.	21 Meadrow Godalming GU7 3HP	No Observation

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NMA/2024/01649	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Amendment to WA/2022/01649 - reception room windows and kitchen pocket sliding door. Space saving device and improved amenity/aesthetic look.	37 Wolseley Road Godalming GU7 3EA	No Observation
WA/2024/01660	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of extension and alterations.	28 Pondfield Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3JS	No Observation
TM/2024/01648	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF TREE SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER GOD13	Bunkers Ashstead Lane Godalming GU7 1SY	No Observation
WBC Weekly List 24/36				
WA/2024/01710	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of a single storey extension and alterations.	93 Long Gore Farncombe Godalming GU7 3TW	No Observation
NMA/2024/01701	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Amendment to WA/2024/00064 to change the roof extension on the side extension.	53 Binscombe Crescent, Farncombe Godalming GU7 3RA	No Observation
WA/2024/01734	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for erection of a two storey extension and change to window position at first floor level on north east elevation.	Chimneys 24 Farncombe Hill Godalming GU7 2AU	No Observation
WA/2024/01693	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Listed Building consent for erection of an extension with internal alterations and installation of an air source heat pump.	The Cottage Meadrow Godalming GU7 3JA	No Observation
WA/2024/01692	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of an extension and installation of an air source heat pump.	The Cottage Meadrow Godalming GU7 3JA	No Observation
WA/2024/01685	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of a conservatory.	22 Weyview Gardens Godalming GU7 1GG	No Observation

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WBC Weekly List 24/37				
WA/2024/01790	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of extensions following demolition of existing conservatory.	7 Furze Lane Farncombe Godalming GU7 3NW	No Observation
TM/2024/01744	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER WA125	Arcady 1 McAlmont Ridge Godalming GU7 2AR	No Observation
TM/2024/01773	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION 16/01	Charter Heights 18 Tuesley Corner Godalming GU7 1TB	No Observation
WA/2024/01752	Godalming Holloway	Erection of two garden outbuildings with extension to existing parking area off Latimer Road and associated fencing.	34 Town End Street Godalming GU7 1BH	No Observation
NMA/2024/01743	Godalming Central & Ockford	Amendment to WA/2024/00194 for one additional high level (1.7m above finished floor level) window to sitting room. To create more light in the room.	54 Aarons Hill Godalming GU7 2LH	No Observation