

MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 JUNE 2025

* Councillor Kiehl – Chair
* Councillor Weightman - Vice Chair

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

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

62. ELECTION OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Councillor Follows seconded by Councillor Heagin, Councillor Kiehl was nominated to be elected as the committee Chair; there being no other nominations it was resolved unanimously that Councillor Kiehl be elected as Chair of the Environment & Planning Committee for the local government year 2025/26.

63. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR

On the proposal of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Follows, Councillor Weightman was nominated to be elected as the committee Vice-Chair; there being no other nominations it was resolved unanimously that Councillor Weightman be elected as Vice-Chair of the Environment & Planning Committee for the local government year 2025/26.

64. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 April 2025 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

66. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

Councillor Follows declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 10, on the grounds that, in his role as Leader of Waverley Borough Council, he had made his position on the question of Farnborough Airport expansion clear. Councillor Follows left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Similarly, Councillor Williams declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 10, on the grounds that, in his role as a member of Waverley Borough Council, he had made his position on the question of Farnborough Airport expansion clear. Councillor Williams left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

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

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

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 4.

68. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

69. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the applications listed on the attached schedule and commented on them as shown in the fifth column.

70. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SUBJECTED TO AMENDMENT

There were no planning applications previously considered by this committee for which subsequent amendments had been submitted.

71. FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT EXPANSION

The Committee considered a recommendation that asked it to consider information documented on the agenda, to note the position of Waverley Borough Council (WBC) regarding the expansion of Farnborough Airport and to determine whether the Town Council wishes to add its support to WBC's position and, if so, how Members wish that support to be expressed.

It was noted that the owners of Farnborough Airport have made proposals for the expansion of the airport.

It was further noted that on 25 March 2025, Waverley Borough Council expressed concern over the expansion of Farnborough Airport, highlighting that the expansion is expected to increase the number of flights and lead to heightened noise pollution and reduced air quality, particularly affecting residents in North West Waverley and that private jet travel remains accessible only to a small percentage of the population but the wider public, including Waverley residents will bear the environmental and social costs of this expansion.

In support of its climate emergency declaration, which established a commitment to striving to secure net zero carbon emissions by 2030 across the borough, Waverley Borough Council resolved to:

- Oppose the expansion of Farnborough Airport due to its negative impact on the environment, air quality, noise pollution, and contribution to carbon emissions.
- Express support for the campaign opposing the expansion and call upon Rushmoor Borough Council to reject the planning application for the proposed expansion for planning reasons.
- Instruct the Head of Paid Services to consider requesting that the Assistant Director, Legal Services and Information Governance contact Waverley Borough Council's legal team to explore potential legal avenues for challenging the expansion of Farnborough Airport, including judicial review or other appropriate legal mechanisms.
- Urge the government to adopt stricter regulations on private aviation to limit its environmental impact and ensure that the aviation sector contributes to national carbon

reduction targets through adopting measures to reduce rather than increase the volume of air traffic.

In a letter to Godalming Town Council (GTC) received on 7 May 2025, Waverley Borough Council stated that supporting the expansion of Farnborough Airport would be contrary to Waverley Borough Council's net zero carbon commitments and that WBC feels it is important to have a voice in matters that affect Waverley. As such, Waverley Borough Council requested that Godalming Town Council notes Waverley's position and invited GTC to add its support.

The Committee Chair asked the Committee how it wished to proceed. One Member observed that it was not for Waverley Borough Council or Godalming Town Council to determine the matter of Farnborough Airport expansion – that decision lay with Rushmoor Borough Council. However, the subsequent discussion indicated unanimity amongst Members for supporting Waverley Borough Council's position and registering the Town Council's objection to increased flights. Concern was expressed about the negative environmental impact of all flights, and in particular the increased level of particulates generated by lower flights. It was identified that the communities of Eashing, Aarons Hill, Binscombe and Farncombe would be particularly badly affected because of their position relative to flight paths. There would be no economic benefit to Godalming.

Members RESOLVED unanimously to support Waverley Borough Council's position and to express that support in a reply to WBC and by writing to Rushmoor Borough Council objecting to the expansion of flights for all the reasons outlined above.

72. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified the matters, discussed at the meeting, that are to be publicised, as follows:

The decision (at Min No 71-25 above) regarding the Town Council's support for Waverley Borough Council's position on the expansion of Farnborough Airport.

73. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 26 June 2025 at 6.30pm.

74. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded of upcoming community events – the Town Show on Saturday, 7 June 2025 and Farncombe Market on Saturday, 14 June 2025.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING – SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 13 MAY – 26 MAY 2025

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 25/20				
WA/2025/00934	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of single storey extension and alterations to elevations; alterations to attached garage to form habitable accommodation.	Balmashanner 22 Hawthorn Road Godalming GU7 2NE	No observation
WA/2025/00968	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for hip to gable and dormer extensions with installation of rooflights to provide habitable accommodation in roof space.	49 George Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3LU	No observation
WA/2025/00966	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of a single storey extension.	12 Broadwater Lane Farncombe Godalming GU7 3JQ	No observation
WA/2025/00955	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of a single storey extension with installation of window on ground floor north elevation and replace window on ground floor west elevation with french doors.	15 Hallam Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3HW	No observation
NMA/2025/00917	Godalming Central & Ockford	Amendment to WA/2023/01048 to amend condition 19 with reference to the noise emitted from the air source heat pumps.	Woodside Park Catteshall Lane Godalming GU7 1LG	No observation
WBC Weekly List 25/21				
WA/2025/01044	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for erection of detached garden room for incidental use.	23 Binscombe Lane Farncombe Godalming GU7 3PN	No observation
WA/2025/01019	Godalming Central & Ockford	Construction of new vehicular access dropped kerb and associated works.	Roslyn 26 Portsmouth Road Godalming GU7 2JU	No observation
WA/2025/01038	Godalming Central & Ockford	Listed Building consent for external repairs and decoration.	The Pepperpot High Street Godalming	No observation

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TM/2025/01028	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 23/24	Unitarian Chapel Meadrow Godalming GU7 3JB	No observation
WA/2025/00987	Godalming Holloway	Erection of a single storey extension and alterations together with hip to gable and dormer extensions following removal of existing dormer.	29 Croft Road Godalming GU7 1DB	No observation
WA/2025/01026	Godalming Holloway	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for extension to existing dormer.	136 Busbridge Lane Godalming GU7 1QJ	No observation