

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2023**

\* Councillor Kiehl – Chair  
\* Councillor Clayton – Vice Chair

* Councillor Adam	* Councillor PS Rivers
* Councillor Crooks	* Councillor PMA Rivers
* Councillor Crowe	* Councillor Steel
0 Councillor Downey	0 Councillor Taylor
* Councillor Follows	* Councillor Thomson
* Councillor Heagin	* Councillor Weightman
* Councillor Holliday	* Councillor Williams
0 Councillor Martin	

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

291. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 September 2023 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

292. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

293. 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 Crowe, Councillor Martin, Councillor PMA Rivers

294. 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.

295. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

296. LOCAL CYCLING WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN & GREENWAY

Members received an update briefing on the Waverley Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and the Guildford & Godalming Greenway Project from Delma Bryant and Thomas Lankester of Waverley Borough Council.

Members requested that the Town Clerk write to relevant portfolio holders at Waverley Borough Council, the letter to include the following:

- Godalming Town Council supports the proposed Route 4 within the Guildford & Godalming Greenway Project.
- Historically there was a bridge over the River Wey at The Wharf/Sainsburys.
- Godalming Town Council requests that WBC meets with The National Trust to explore ways to gain its agreement to the proposed Route 4
- Request that WBC clarifies whether there are any outstanding S106 monies owed by Sainsburys for the building of a bridge.

#### 297. NETWORK RAIL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The update briefing on the work on the railway line, in particular the Farncombe level crossing, from Jack Wharton, Public Affairs Manager Network Rail was deferred to a future meeting of this Committee.

#### 298. MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor PMA Rivers, seconded by Councillor Williams moved the following motion:

##### **THE MOTION - “20 is Plenty”**

Godalming Town Council notes:

- that the United Nations has mandated the setting of 30kph (20mph) maximum speed limits wherever pedestrians, cyclists or other vulnerable road users mix in a frequent manner with motor vehicles;
- the growing demand locally for stricter speed limits both on grounds of safety and in order to facilitate active transport;
- that electric vehicles are quiet and do not provide as much audible warning of their approach as petrol or diesel vehicles;
- research from UK and abroad that has shown wide-area default speed limits of 20mph/30kph have:
  - reduced traffic speeds in the first year of operation, with the largest speed reductions on the fastest roads;
  - reduced road traffic collisions by up to 40% and town and village casualties by 20%;
  - increased journey times by just 10 seconds per mile;
  - made streets quieter – a 10mph reduction in speed halves traffic noise;
  - encouraged walking and cycling, especially for older people and young children;
  - benefited communities, with residents more likely to stop and talk on footpaths;
  - reduced vehicle emissions by 12% due to less acceleration and braking;
  - been popular, as 75% of residents and motorists feel that, after installation, 20mph limits have benefitted the local community;
- that wide-area 20mph limits that make effective use of signage, road markings, technology, and public engagement provide significant budgetary benefits and are more popular with motorists and residents than engineered calming methods such as speed humps.

Godalming Town Council believes that the implementation of a blanket 20mph speed limit in Godalming (which includes Binscombe, Farncombe, Busbridge (Holloway), combined with a public information campaign, would have immediate beneficial impacts on road safety, air quality, active transport and community well-being and would support this Council’s climate emergency objectives.

After Members debated this item, a recorded vote was taken (see below) with the resolution to reaffirm its support for 20mph speed limits in residential roads of Godalming and to continue to work for its implementation being carried with 13 for and one abstention.

For	Councillor Clayton	For	Councillor Kiehl
For	Councillor Crooks	For	Councillor PS Rivers
For	Councillor Crowe	For	Councillor PMA Rivers
For	Councillor Adam	For	Councillor Steel
For	Councillor Follows	For	Councillor Thomson
For	Councillor Heagin	For	Councillor Williams
Abstained	Councillor Holliday	For	Councillor Weightman

Godalming Town Council therefore authorised the Leader of the Council to:

- i. request that Surrey County Council prioritises the establishment of a blanket 20mph speed limit in Godalming, tasking SCC Officers to work with this Council to draw up detailed plans on the scope, funding and implementation timetable of these schemes; and
- ii. request Waverley Borough Council to task its Officers to work in partnership with Godalming Town Council and Surrey County Council in progressing a blanket 20mph speed limit in Godalming through commissioning a feasibility study.

299. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

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

300. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified no items from this meeting to be publicised.

301. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 2 November 2023 at 6.30pm.

302. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members observed a moment of reflection in support of members of the community that may be impacted by the ongoing conflict involving Israeli and Palestinian people.

Members were requested to sign up for Poppy Collection on 11 November 2023 and for Fireworks Marshalling on 4 November 2023.

**GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL**

**ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING - SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 12 SEPTEMBER TO 2 OCTOBER 2023**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
<b>WBC Weekly List 23/38</b>				
<b>TM/2023/01978</b>	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 12/19	9 Albury Mews Charterhouse Road Godalming GU7 2AT	No observation
<b>WA/2023/01961</b>	Godalming Central & Ockford	Alterations to front elevation of existing building to be considered with prior approval application reference PRA/2023/01916 Part 3 Class MA (change of use of from commercial, business and service (Use Class E) to 2 dwellings).	The Old Stables Wiggins Yard Bridge Street Godalming GU7 1HW	No observation
<b>TM/2023/01977</b>	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 17/02	Beech Corner Maplehatch Close Godalming GU7 1TQ	No observation
<b>CA/2023/01983</b>		OCKFORD ROAD CONSERVATION AREA WORKS TO TREES	Inn On The Lake Ockford Road Godalming GU7 1RH	Godalming Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of: Loss of visual amenity; Lack of evidence that trees are in poor health or causing damage to property to justify removal; Proposed use of poison goes against GTC and WBC policies to avoid chemicals when alternatives exist.  Further, Godalming Town Council requests that the process for Tree Applications be modified to require applicants to provide more information such as Tree Condition Surveys and/or structural engineer reports.
<b>WBC Weekly List 23/39</b>				
WA/2023/02056	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of extensions including dormer.	38 Birch Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3NT	No observation

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WA/2023/02023	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of a pitched roof to replace flat roof to part of the dwelling and alterations to elevations.	Fyfield Mark Way Godalming GU7 2BJ	No observation
WA/2023/02011	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of replacement entrance gate and installation of cantilever racking and associated works.	Jewson 2 Chalk Road Godalming GU7 3HH	No observation
WA/2023/02061	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of 37 apartments in 2 blocks including associated parking, amenity space and landscaping.	Land at Surrey Data Park, Langham Park Catteshall Lane Godalming	<p>Godalming Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of:  Overdevelopment of the site with a density out of keeping with the character of the area;  Housing mix does not include 3 bedrooms as required by Godalming &amp; Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan Policy GOD1(A);  Lack of adequate car parking provision (29 parks proposed for 37 dwellings). This is of particular concern as Catteshall Lane already has a parking problem so any displaced cars from this development will further exacerbate the issue;  Lack of amenity space;  Lack of evidence of meaningful consultation with neighbours.</p> <p>Godalming Town Council appreciated the pre-application advice given by WBC Officers and notes that the developer does not appear to have followed any of it (particularly the reduction from 4 stories to 2.5 which Godalming Town Council supports).</p> <p>Godalming Town Council wishes to advise that should this application be approved by WBC Officers, it intends to request it be called in by the appropriate WBC Councillors for the ward.</p>
WA/2023/02054	Godalming Central & Ockford	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for installation of 12 solar panels on the south facing roof.	10 Ock Way Godalming GU7 2FL	No observation

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WA/2023/02026	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of two storey and single storey extensions with associated works.	54 Aarons Hill Godalming GU7 2LH	No observation
WA/2023/02050	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for alterations to roof space to provide habitable accommodation with dormer.	58 Wolseley Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3EA	No observation
WA/2023/02049	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Extension and alterations to pavilion building with relocation of existing detached storage unit.	Farncombe Cricket Club Cricket Pavilion Farncombe CC Broadwater Park Summers Road Godalming GU7 3BJ	No observation
WA/2023/02018	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Change of use from tattoo studio (Sui Generis) to a nail salon (Sui Generis).	9A Farncombe Street Godalming GU7 3BA	No observation
WA/2023/01999	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of an ancillary outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding.	7 Bramswell Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3JH	No observation
WA/2023/02072	Godalming Holloway	Erection of a car port.	Land at Flat 2 Normanhurst Summerhouse Road Godalming GU7 1PY	No observation
WA/2023/02055	Godalming Holloway	Erection of extensions; alterations to roof space including installation of dormer window to provide habitable accommodation.	Holmlea Tuesley Lane Godalming GU7 1SS	No observation
WA/2023/02048	Godalming Holloway	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for hip to gable and dormer extensions with installation of rooflights.	7 Latimer Road Godalming GU7 1BL	No observation
NMA/2023/01995	Godalming Central and Ockford	Amendment to WA/2022/00048 to remove reference to 01245_S15 Self Build Plan Rev P1 under Condition 1	Land between New Way and Aarons Hill, Godalming	No observation
<b>WBC Weekly List 23/40</b>				

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NMA/2023/02093	Godalming Holloway	WA/2022/01256 Window in new utility room to be changed to velux window. To reduce overlooking to next door (No. 5).	6 Mary Vale Godalming GU7 1SW	No observation