

MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2025

* Councillor Kiehl – Chair
* Councillor Williams – Vice Chair

* Councillor Adam	0 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	* Councillor Thomson
* Councillor Follows	* Councillor Weightman
* Councillor Heagin	

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

185. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 July 2025 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

186. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

187. 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

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

Prior to introducing this agenda item, the Chair informed members of the public that the applicant has withdrawn planning application WA/2024/02005 - Creation of Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Route through Phillips Memorial Park and therefore would no longer be considered as published at agenda item 7.

Heather Pollard, a resident of Godalming, made a statement to the committee stating that had the planning application not been withdrawn she would have submitted a petition with over 250 signatures objecting to the cycle route through the Phillips Memorial Park. Mrs Pollard informed Members that she was representing the Music-in-the-park organisers who had safety concerns around the route through the park and believed that a new transport route through the park would create conflict between park users, pedestrians, vulnerable people and cyclists and considered formal cycling through the park incompatible with the use of the park as a recreation and play area. It was also stated that a new transport route through the park would affect the quiet reflective nature of the Phillips Memorial Cloister, the largest memorial to the loss of the Titanic in the country. Mrs Pollard also stated that figures from

the Godalming Flood Group showed that there were 14 flood events in the park during 2024 making the route unpracticable in the real world.

Juliet Woolf, a resident of Godalming, made the following statement on behalf of the Godalming Cycle Campaign – Godalming Cycle Campaign understands that people who walk and cycle are currently free to enjoy the benefits of the Phillips Memorial Park. As concerns for climate change increases and more people seek low pollution alternatives for short journeys, there will be greater demand for safe walking and cycling routes in and around the town. In 2020 GTC declared its support for the Godalming Gateway Project, a key part of the Guildford Godalming Greenway which is a safe active travel route connecting Guildford and Godalming. A lot of time and effort has brought us to the stage we are at now, with the actual construction of the Greenway going ahead and it is disappointing that the Phillips Memorial Park branch route has had its planning application withdrawn. As proposed in the agenda, a new consultation on this branch route, which will connect it to Godalming Railway Station and town centre will go ahead. In such circumstances, please may we have a definite date by which any such consultation will be completed? In this we hope those involved will look in a positive way at any signage that might be appropriate to help ensure everyone can enjoy free and healthy travel in our town. Godalming Cycle Campaign wants to be involved with these discussions to identify where common ground can be found and progress made.

Chris Meeks, a resident of Godalming, addressed members stating that cyclists and walkers already co-exist in the park and on the whole get on well along the river walk area. The new route had been planned and designed to accommodate new usage and had been subject to public consultation and modifications made. Mr Meeks stated that he believed WBC officers had done a good job in navigating the different views. Mr Meeks also highlighted that although the agenda stated that there had been significant objections to the proposal, there had also been significant support.

The Committee Chair thanked the speakers for their statements.

189. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

190. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

The Committee raised no applications for discussion; the full schedule of planning applications received from the Local Planning Authority since the previous Environment & Planning Committee is attached to record minutes.

191. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SUBJECTED TO AMENDMENT

The Chair informed Members that GTC had received a letter from WBC dated 7 August informing GTC that planning application WA/2024/02005 – Creation of Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Route through Phillips Memorial Park, had been withdrawn (letter attached to record minutes). As such there was no longer an application to consider.

Before moving to the next item, the Chair stated that although the application had been withdrawn, Members may wish to consider that it remains the case that section 5 of Godalming Town Council Corporate Plan supports the Godalming/Guildford Greenway project and that GTC also supports and engages with the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). As such, the Chair sought and received Members' agreement that the CEO write to WBC to reiterate its support for active travel, including the Greenway and looks forward to constructive dialogue regarding any alternative options as referenced in the attached letter.

192. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified the letter to be sent to WBC regarding alternative routes for the greenway.

193. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 28 August 2025 at 6.30pm.

194. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING – SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 8 JULY – 28 JULY 2025

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 25/28				
WA/2025/01360	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Application under Section 73 to vary WA/2023/02483 Condition 1 (approved plans) to allow design changes.	27 Nightingale Road Godalming GU7 2HP	No observation
WA/2025/01348	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of a single storey extension and alterations to existing garage to provide habitable accommodation.	12 Robin Hill Godalming GU7 2HL	No observation
WA/2025/01343	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 to integrate 2 dwellings into a single dwelling.	2 & 4 Field Place Farncombe Godalming GU7 3LR	No observation
WA/2025/01328	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of a detached garage.	22 The Oval Farncombe Godalming GU7 3JL	No observation
WA/2025/01361	Godalming Holloway	Erection of a garden gazebo.	Coombe House Ramsden Road Godalming GU7 1QE	No observation
WBC Weekly List 25/29				
WA/2025/01389	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of single storey extension with raised decking together with creation of vehicular crossover and associated hardstanding.	27 MANOR GARDENS GODALMING GU7 3LL	No observation
WA/2025/01392	Godalming Central & Ockford	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for alterations to attached garage to provide habitable accommodation together with installation of bifold doors on eastern elevation.	21 HOLLY LANE GODALMING GU7 2LP	No observation

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WA/2025/01391	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for alterations to roofspace to provide habitable accommodation including installation of rooflights.	20 LAMMAS ROAD GODALMING GU7 1YL	No observation
WA/2025/01371	Godalming Holloway	Certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for use of residential outbuilding for purposes ancillary to the host dwelling (annexe used by family member).	65 MINSTER ROAD GODALMING GU7 1SR	No observation
WA/2025/01394	Godalming Holloway	Installation of balcony with guardrail.	11 HIGHFIELD HOUSE CROFT ROAD GODALMING GU7 1DL	No observation
WA/2025/01393	Godalming Holloway	Installation of balcony with guardrail.	10 HIGHFIELD HOUSE CROFT ROAD GODALMING GU7 1DL	No observation
WBC Weekly List 25/30				
WA/2025/01407	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for a single storey rear extension and alteration to elevation together with erection of a front porch; erection of an outbuilding.	28 SPRING GROVE FARNCOMBE GODALMING GU7 3SS	No observation
WA/2025/01452	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for the erection of single storey extensions following demolition of existing conservatory.	20 LAMMAS ROAD GODALMING GU7 1YL	No observation
TM/2025/01438	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER GOD16A	TWIN OAKS HAMBLEDON ROAD GODALMING GU7 1PJ	No observation
NMA/2025/01454	Godalming Holloway	Amendment to WA/2024/02026 to add a new side window to the garage gable wall and a rooflight to the front roof slope.	38 CHESTNUT WAY GODALMING GU7 1TS	No observation