

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 12 MARCH 2026**

* Councillor Kiehl – Chair
* Councillor Williams – Vice Chair

* Councillor Adam	* Councillor Marshall
* Councillor Crowe	* Councillor Martin
0 Councillor C Downey	* Councillor PMA Rivers
0 Councillor S Downey	* Councillor PS Rivers
* Councillor Duce	0 Councillor Steel
* Councillor Follows	* Councillor Thomson
* Councillor Heagin	* Councillor Weightman
* Councillor Holliday	

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

588. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 February 2026 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

589. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

590. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

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 PMA Rivers
Councillor Duce	Councillor PS Rivers
Councillor Follows	Councillor Williams
Councillor Martin	

Members made no further 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.

591. 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.

592. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 44VI, THE CHAIR CHANGED THE ORDER OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES TO ADDRESS MEMBERS EARLIER IN THE MEETING.

593. NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING CAMPAIGN ON THE CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS

Members received a briefing on The *National Emergency Briefing Campaign*, from representatives of XR Waverley and What Next? Representatives requested support from GTC for the following:

- a. commit to publicising the event;
- b. encourage Members to attend;
- c. feed into how the event will be structured; and
- d. provide £300 financial support for promotional materials.

Members agreed the following motion which was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Crowe:

GTC will support the promotion of the event in support of its existing commitment to the Climate Emergency, and that the Deputy Chief Officer be nominated to act as the coordinator for the Council.

594. PRESENTATIONS FROM WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Members received an update from Waverley Borough Council Officers on 69 High Street, Godalming. It was confirmed that the commercial part of the development will potentially be in operation by the end of the year and a planning application for the residential element is likely to be submitted in May 2026. Officers confirmed that the business plan in place for the site will transfer over to the West Surrey Unitary Authority.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 S.1(2), THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM(S) 14 BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED I.E COMMERCIAL-IN CONFIDENCE.

595. PRESENTATIONS FROM WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Members received an update from Waverley Borough Council Officers on Broadwater Park, Godalming.

THE MEETING RETURNED TO PUBLIC SESSION.

596. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

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

The following application was 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/2026/00229

Site Address: Patchings, The Drive, Godalming, GU7 1PD

Proposal:

Demolition of existing single-storey garage; two-storey side and rear extension; single-storey open porch; changes to materials/fenestration.

Following debate, and on the proposal of Cllr Duce, seconded by Cllr Heagin, Members objected to this application on the following grounds:

- Scale/massing and design: Concerns raised about the substantial increase in the footprint of the dwelling and potential harm to character of the building which is of unique character in the street scene. Members agreed that this unique character should be preserved, and the proposed design is not sympathetic.
- Residential amenity impacts: Members felt that there would be a significant detrimental impact to both neighbouring properties. The proposed extension would be overbearing and would result in the loss of light and privacy for the neighbours, affecting their amenity.

Conclusion:

Godalming Town Council considers this application to conflict with the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan Policy GOD5, and OBJECTS to this application on the following grounds:

- Scale, massing and design concerns (unsympathetic design, potential harm to unique character and appearance), and
- Residential amenity impacts (loss of light, overbearing and privacy).

The Council therefore requests that Waverley Borough Council **REFUSE** this application.

597. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SUBJECTED TO AMENDMENT

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

598. RHS BRITAIN IN BLOOM UK

Members noted that GTC has been selected to represent the South-East region in the RHS Britain in Bloom UK finals in the Town Centres & City Centres category. This is a significant achievement, with, of the four finalists, Godalming being the only 'Parish Council' entrant. Members were informed that a full report on how GTC will prepare for the judging will be brought for consideration at the next meeting.

599. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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

- RHS Britain in Bloom UK finalist.

600. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 9 April 2026 at 6.30pm.

601. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Heagin announced that the Youth Service has been awarded a grant of £5,000 for its wildflower meadow. Further details will be reported at the Annual Town Meeting.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL**ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING – SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 16 FEBRUARY-3 MARCH 2026**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 26/07				
WA/2026/00213	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of a boundary wall and associated works following part demolition of existing boundary wall (retrospective).	Paramount 12 Deanery Road Godalming GU7 2PG	No observation
WA/2026/00243	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Construction of an additional vehicular access and dropped kerb with associated landscaping.	12 Twycross Road Godalming GU7 2HH	No observation
WA/2026/00255	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of a single storey extension and alterations to elevations following demolition of existing lean-to.	2 Treryn Heights Frith Hill Road Godalming GU7 2EQ	No observation
WA/2026/00250	Godalming Central & Ockford	Change of use of office building to one dwelling with alterations to fenestrations, associated amenity space, cycle and bin storage.	9 Pound Lane Godalming GU7 1BX	No observation
WA/2026/00251	Godalming Central & Ockford	Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations.	9 Pound Lane Godalming GU7 1BX	No observation
PRA/2026/00219	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	General Permitted Development Order 2015, Schedule 2 Part 3 Class MA - Prior Notification application for change of use of bakery and offices (Use Class E) to a dwelling (Use Class C3).	23a Bourne Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3NL	No observation
WA/2026/00232	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for hip to gable and dormer extensions to provide habitable accommodation in roof space including installation of rooflights and alterations to ground and first floor fenestrations.	20 George Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3LS	No observation
TM/2026/00202	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 42/99	Hillside Lodge The Drive Godalming GU7 1PD	No observation

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WA/2026/00229	Godalming Holloway	Erection of extensions and alterations to elevations; erection of bin store; demolition of existing attached garage.	Patchings The Drive Godalming GU7 1PD	Godalming Town Council considers this application to conflict with the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan Policy GOD5, and OBJECTS to this application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale, massing and design concerns (unsympathetic design, potential harm to unique character and appearance), and • Residential amenity impacts (loss of light, overbearing and privacy). The Council therefore requests that Waverley Borough Council REFUSE this application.
WA/2026/00225	Godalming Holloway	Erection of a rear extension.	27 Crownpits Lane Godalming GU7 1PB	No observation
WA/2026/00256	Godalming Holloway	Erection of a single storey extension following demolition of existing conservatory.	20 Admiral Way Godalming GU7 1QN	No observation
WBC Weekly List 26/08				
WA/2026/00282	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Application under Section 73 to vary conditions 5 & 6 (pre-commencement conditions) and conditions 7 & 8 (development above ground floor slab level) of WA/2025/00062 to allow works to commence on the alterations to the existing house.	21 Woodmancourt Godalming GU7 2BT	No observation
WA/2026/00306	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of single-storey extensions and alterations.	Silver Mist 1 Farncombe Hill Godalming GU7 2BP	No observation
TM/2026/00283	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 05/17	Land Adjacent To 121 & 122 Northbourne Farncombe Godalming GU7 3SQ	No observation

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WA/2026/00293	Godalming Central & Ockford	Advertisement consent for removal of existing totem and installation of new illuminated totem.	Unit 1 Woolsack Way Godalming Gu7 1DR	No observation
NMA/2026/00258	Godalming Central & Ockford	Amendment to WA/2025/01567 for alterations to approved roof ridge height to provide a single consistent height of approximately 2.34 m and roof over the stairs to achieve compliant internal headroom.	Seymour House Lower South Street Godalming GU7 1BZ	No observation
WA/2026/00294	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Erection of a single storey extension with alterations to attached garage to provide habitable accommodation.	30 Overbrook Godalming GU7 1LX	No observation
WA/2026/00304	Godalming Holloway	Erection of single storey extension and alterations including porch and installation of rooflights.	Thornbury House 21 Crownpits Lane Godalming GU7 1PB	No observation
CA/2026/00288		WEY AND GODALMING NAVIGATIONS CONSERVATION AREA REMOVAL OF TREE	Farncombe Boat House Catteshall Wharf Godalming GU7 1NH	No observation
WBC Weekly List 26/09				
WA/2026/00346	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Application under Section 19 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to vary Condition 1 of WA/2024/00728 approved plans.	128 Binscombe Godalming GU7 3QL	No observation
WA/2026/00333	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Section 73 application to amend WA/2024/00727 Condition 1 to replace approved plans with enlarged proposal.	128 Binscombe Godalming GU7 3QL	No observation
WA/2026/00328	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of extensions and alterations including infill inset balcony. Alterations including recladding the building and roof access.	Ridge House Frith Hill Road Godalming GU7 2EE	No observation
PRA/2026/00325	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.00 m for which the height would be 3.50 m and for which the height of the eaves would be 3.00 m.	97 Green Lane Farncombe Godalming GU7 3TB	No observation

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WA/2026/00337	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of ground floor infill extension and installation of rooflights.	8 Victoria Road Godalming GU7 1JR	No observation