

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Williamson (Chairman)

Cllr. Thornton (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Ball, Clark, Edwards-Winser, Gaywood, Horwood, Mrs. Hunter, Layland, Parkin, Purves, Raikes and Miss. Stack

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Barnes, Bosley, Cooke, Hogg and Kitchener

Cllrs. Maskell and Piper were also present.

83. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Development Control Committee held on 18 February 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

84. Declarations of Interest or Predetermination

There were no additional declarations of interest or predetermination.

85. Declarations of Lobbying

There were no declarations of lobbying.

Reserved Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

86. SE/15/03943/FUL - Entre Nous Lingerie, Market Square House, 22A Market Square, Westerham TN16 1AR

The application sought permission for the change of use of Unit 2, ground floor (formerly "Entre Nous") to financial and professional service use (A2). No internal or external alterations were proposed.

The application was referred to the Committee at the request of Councillor Esler, due to concerns about the loss of the unit.

The Committee was addressed by the following speakers:

Against the application:	-
For the application:	Trevor Downing
Parish Representative:	Cllr. Bird
Local Member:	Cllr. Maskell

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Members asked questions of clarification from speakers and officers.

It was moved by the Chairman and duly seconded that the recommendation in the report to grant planning permission be agreed.

Members discussed the number of A1 and A2 units in Westerham and the impact the change of use could have on footfall within and the vibrancy of the High Street.

The motion was put to the vote and it was

Resolved: That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

In pursuance of section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: A11, A12 and A13.

In pursuance of section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

87. SE/15/03952/FUL - Market Square House , 22 Market Square, Westerham TN16 1SR

The application sought permission for the change of use of Unit 1, ground floor occupied by "Hunters Estate Agents" to financial and professional service use (A2).The unit was restricted to "the selling of houses with ancillary design and building service" only.

The application was referred to the Committee at the request of Councillor Esler, due to concerns about the loss of the unit.

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Against the application:	-
For the application:	Trevor Downing
Parish Representative:	Cllr. Bird
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Members asked questions of clarification from speakers and officers.

A Member enquired whether the existing condition on the A2 use to a property selling business, imposed in 1980, would still be considered appropriate. Officers confirmed that such a restrictive condition would generally be considered inappropriate.

It was moved by the Chairman and duly seconded that the recommendation in the report to grant planning permission be agreed.

The motion was put to the vote and it was

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- 1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

In pursuance of section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: A.08, A.09, A.10.

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.48 PM

CHAIRMAN