

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 6pm

Present: Councillors A. May, M. Beach, Mrs S. Crump, P. Harston, Mrs J. Jones, B. Jones and Mrs D. Lewis.

In attendance:

Planning Clerk Mrs Diane Cavey

0 Members of the public

31. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

As the Chair of the Planning Committee, I would like to make a statement for the benefit of all Councillors present at this meeting and for members of the public.

The applications before you and indeed any applications in the future must be considered on Planning merits only. It is essential that Councillors adhere to this principle and ensure that their decisions are based on the papers before you and any information provided to you during this meeting.

I must stress this is not a forum to discuss any ancillary issues relating to the planning application or indeed any other matters. Councillors must not bring up or discuss any matters not included on the agenda issued

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Darren Chapman Family Commitments

ABSENT

Cllr Ann Duncan

Cllr Kim Rye

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

34. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public present.

35. MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 12th January 2026 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr B. Jones and seconded by Cllr M. Beach

For: 7

Unanimous

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 26/0021/FH/HH 238 THE PARADE GREATSTONE KENT TN28 8RT

Proposal: High hedges complaint

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 26/0021/FH/HH

Proposed by Cllr B. Jones and seconded by Cllr P. Harston

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 7

Unanimous

b) 26/0040/FH 24 COPPERFIELDS LYDD KENT TN29 9UT

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to habitable room.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 26/0040/FH

Proposed by Cllr M. Beach and seconded by Cllr Mrs J. Jones

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 7

Unanimous

37. CONSULTATION

Lydd Town Council are being consulted as a neighbouring authority to Rother for any comments.

Dear Consultee,

Draft Rother Local Plan 2025–2042 – Development Strategy and Site Allocations: Public Consultation under Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

8 weeks public consultation period: 26th January – 23rd March 2026

Rother District Council has published its **Draft Rother Local Plan 2025 – 2042 – Development Strategy and Site Allocations** (the Draft Local Plan) for public consultation. The new Local Plan will guide development and land use in our district over the period 2025 - 2042. We want to work with our communities to shape Rother's future and we are seeking your views.

The consultation period runs for eight weeks from Monday 26th January to 5:00pm on Monday 23rd March 2026.

Please accept this email as a formal notification of the Draft Local Plan public consultation, and an invitation to make representations under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

About the Draft Local Plan

The Draft Local Plan and its supporting evidence base documents can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.rother.gov.uk/draftlocalplan2026>.

The Local Plan is the blueprint for how Rother will grow and develop over the coming years. It ensures that homes, jobs, infrastructure and open spaces are carefully planned and delivered. It will also help ensure that the district's attractive countryside is preserved and help address important issues such as affordable housing, climate change and nature recovery.

This version of the Draft Local Plan identifies proposed sites throughout the district, which could accommodate new housing and employment development in the future. Through this consultation, we are seeking views and comments on these proposed sites, to inform the final version of the draft Local Plan.

Why are we consulting?

The consultation provides an opportunity for everyone to comment on the Draft Local Plan. Feedback from the public, statutory consultees, and the development sector will help shape the next version of the Plan, which will then be subject to a further public consultation (Regulation 19 stage), anticipated in late summer 2026. Additional site suggestions are also welcomed. Following this process, a final version of the Local Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination and subject to it being found sound, adoption by the Council.

How to Participate

Visit: <https://www.rother.gov.uk/draftlocalplan2026> to view the proposals and submit your comments before 5:00 pm on 23rd March 2026.

We are also accepting comments by email or post using the consultation form, which can be found on our website.

Hard Copies Available

Hard copies of the Draft Local Plan can be viewed at a number of locations including the Council Offices, and libraries. The full list of locations and their opening hours is available on our website at: <https://www.rother.gov.uk/draftlocalplan>.

We hope you will take this opportunity to view and comment on the draft Rother Local Plan and help to shape the district's future.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email at: draftlocalplan@rother.gov.uk or by telephone on 01424 787668.

Councillors did not have any comments regarding the consultation from Rother.

Received and noted by Councillors.

38. CORRESPONDANCE

Upcoming consultation EDF Energy's EIADR scoping report for Dungeness B. EDF Energy's scoping report for Dungeness B and this subject will be discussed at the next SSG meeting on **Wednesday 4th February 2026.**

Received and noted by Councillors.

Meeting closed at 18.19

Chairman _____

Date _____