



Local Government for Langton Green, Speldhurst, Ashurst and Old Groombridge

**Minutes of an Online Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on
Wednesday 13th May 2020
Applications for Consideration and Discussion via Electronic Communication**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Ellery (Chairman), Barrington-Johnson, Rowe, Scarbrough, Rajah and Turner

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs Kate Harman – Assistant Clerk and Mrs Catherine Barrett – Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: There were none.

1. **To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence:** there were none.
2. **Disclosures of Interests:** Cllr Turner declared an interest in application no. 20/00644, 34 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green - he lived next door to the applicants and would therefore refrain from contributing to the discussions.
3. **Declarations of Lobbying:** there were none.
4. **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th April 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters Arising:** there were none.
6. **Planning Appeals:** there were none.
7. **Planning applications for discussion and decision:**

20/01046/FULL

Location: 76 Dornden Drive, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AJ

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and proposed front porch.

Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer

20/01007/FULL

Location: Harwarton Lodge, Lower Green Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 0NB

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and replacement with extension; first floor extension over part of existing dwelling and new extension; new stairwell link.
Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

20/00910/FULL

Location: Sherwood, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0LD
Proposal: Erection of first floor rear infill extension; erection of front porch; roof light to south west elevation.
Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

20/00912/LBC

Location: Holmewood House School, Barrow Lane, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0EB
Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Repairs and re-pointing of stonework to north elevation of western range of mansion, cleaning of eastern elevation and to bay window on south elevation.
Decision: Support. We welcome the principle of this application and defer the technical aspects to the Conservation Officer.

20/00657/FULL

Location: Old Bullingstone, Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JY
Proposal: Swimming pool, pool house and new terrace.
Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

20/00980/LBC

Location: Old Bullingstone, Bullingstone Lane, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0JY
Proposal: Proposed external repairs to the existing house and barn.
Decision: Support. We welcome the principle of this application and defer the technical aspects to the Conservation Officer.

20/00644/FULL

Location: 34 Hither Chantlers, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory; construction of pergola; two storey front gable extension; first floor side extension over existing garage; alterations to fenestration and external materials
Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Planning Officer.

20/00982/LBC

Location: 2 The Walks, The Green, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9QH
Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Installation of cloakroom in tanked cellar.
Decision: Remain neutral, leave to Conservation Officer.

20/01002/FULL

Location: Lake Cottage, Lower Green Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0NA
Proposal: Construction of two storey side extension ancillary accommodation above garage and alterations to vehicle access.

Decision: We object specifically to the 1.8m acoustic fence which detracts from the character and appearance of the AONB. This is our only objection to the application.

20/01227/TPO

Location: 44 Holmewood Ridge, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0ED

Proposal: Trees: OAK (T1) - Reduce crown by 25% and crown lift 5 metres; OAK (T2) - Reduce crown by 30% and crown lift 3 metres; OAK (T3) - Reduce crown by 25% and crown lift 4 metres; OAK (T4) - Reduce crown by 30% and crown lift 3 metres; OAK (T5) - Fell; ASH (T6 and T7) - Fell two trees.

Decision: We object on the basis that there is no arboricultural report for the felling of the trees.

20/00972/FULL

Location: Seandale, Stockland Green Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0TU

Proposal: Incorporate a two-storey element with associated parking and amenity areas (Amended scheme to approved conversion to residential under 18/03138/FULL).

Decision: Remain neutral but If the application is granted it should be subject to the provision of an acceptable landscaping scheme.

6. **Compliance Issues:** there were none.
7. **TWBC Draft Local Plan:** An updated version had been received however councillors were unsure exactly what the implications were of the additional information. The Assistant Clerk would ask Cllr Mrs Podbury to clarify with the TWBC Planning Committee and report back.
8. **Skidders Kent Academy Expansion:** Councillors supported the provision of additional secondary school places and had no further comments to make.
9. **Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Consultation:** This document was for information only.
10. **Broomhill Bank Education Consultation:** Councillors were in support of the school expansion in principle however they would request a Traffic Management Plan is produced bearing in mind the likely increase in traffic on the narrow country road the school is located on. The Assistant Clerk was asked to email the school to this effect.
11. **Items for Information:** Cllr Ellery said that he had agreed to continue as Chairman of the SPC Planning Committee, despite his original tenure coming to an end. He did however advise members that due to work commitments, he may need to rely on them for assistance at some stage should the Planning Committee's workload increase. Members thanked Cllr Ellery for his decision.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.34pm

Chairman