

# FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**Notes** 

Planning & Licensing Consultative Working Group

#### Time and date

9.30 am on Monday 24th March, 2025

#### **Place**

Council Chamber, Farnham Town Council, South Street, Farnham GU9 7RN

## Planning & Licensing Consultative Working Group Members Present:

Councillor Andrew Laughton (Lead Member)
Councillor David Beaman
Councillor George Hesse
Councillor Mark Merryweather
Councillor Graham White

Councillor Alan Earwaker (Observer)

Officers: Jenny de Quervain

## I. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mauluka, Murray and Woodhouse.

#### 2. Disclosure of Interests

None were received.

# 3. Applications Considered for Key/Larger Developments

#### Farnham Castle

#### WA/2025/00450 Farnham Castle

Officer: Sam Wallis

FARNHAM CARPET COMPANY LTD, 85A WEST STREET, FARNHAM

Alterations to existing commercial building to provide 6 dwellings with associated parking, bin and cycle storage; relevant demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area.

Farnham Town Council notes the proposals will provide six dwelling, with on-site parking, in a town centre location. Although ownership is not a planning matter, the proposed door to the rear of dwelling P6 opens out to an area beyond the redline of the site (northern boundary). This door must be removed from the

proposal. Consideration must be given to existing residential dwellings and have no negative impact of their amenity with overlooking.

#### WA/2025/00494 Farnham Castle

Officer: Omar Sharif

9-11 EAST STREET, FARNHAM GU9 7RX

Extensions and alterations to existing store/cellar to provide customer area; erection of an outbuilding for storage following demolition of existing outbuilding; expansion of outdoor seating area and associated works.

Farnham Town Council notes the increase to the seating in the outdoor customer area. The impact of noise from this increase must be considered given its close proximity to the residential development to the rear.

# WA/2025/00501 Farnham Castle

Officer: Ninto Joy

HIGHWAYS LAND OUTSIDE CARD CONNECTION, HICKLEYS COURT, SOUTH STREET, FARNHAM GU9 7QQ

Application for Advertising Consent for Double Sided Freestanding Digital Information & Advertising Display.

Farnham Town Council objects to the proposed double sided freestanding digital information and advertising display in the footway at Hickleys Corner.

Farnham Neighbourhood Plan policy FNP4 Advertisement Control states that within the Plan area, proposals for an advertisement will be permitted where:

- a) It would not be obtrusive in appearance, cause visual clutter or lead to a proliferation of signs, appear dominant or overbearing in the street scene, or cause significant harm to the appearance of any building on which it would be displayed because of siting, size, design, construction of materials;
- b) The level of illumination would cause no significant harm to residential amenity; and
- c) It would not endanger highway or public safety.

The proposal conflicts with this policy.

Digital signage is discouraged in the historic market town of Farnham, especially in such a prominent location, causing distraction to motorists and obstruction to pedestrians at this very busy traffic and pedestrian junction.

Farnham Town Council has not been consulted on Surrey County Council's digital rollout and does not agree that the proposal is 'small format'. The proposed monolith, standing at 2.75m high by 1.14m wide, is visually intrusive and will detract from the heritage fingerpost agreed to be installed in this location in the Farnham Infrastructure Programme Wayfinding Strategy.

#### Farnham North West

#### NMA/2025/00459 Farnham North West

Officer: Russell Brown

LAND NORTH OF COXBRIDGE FARM, WEST STREET, FARNHAM

Amendment to WA/2024/00599 CALA has had to seek substitutes for approved two brick types on the External Finishes Plan (Rev H) to two similar shades which are available and in stock.

No comment.

### 4. Applications Considered

#### Farnham Bourne

#### WA/2025/00404 Farnham Bourne

Officer: Anna Whitty

29 AVELEY LANE, FARNHAM GU9 8PR

Erection of single storey detached outbuilding following demolition of existing sheds; under deck outbuilding with raised decking and integrated swim spa; erection of a porch following demolition of existing porch and associated works.

Farnham Town Council notes the proposals are against the boundary with no. 31. The proposed outbuilding and under deck outbuilding with raised decking must not have a negative impact on no. 31 with potential of overlooking the neighbour's amenity space.

#### WA/2025/00468 Farnham Bourne

Officer: Justin Bramley

I BURNT HILL WAY, WRECCLESHAM, FARNHAM GUIO 4RN

Erection of extensions and alterations.

No comment.

#### WA/2025/00497 Farnham Bourne

Officer: Anna Whitty

FOXDENE, 2 LONGHOPE DRIVE WRECCLESHAM, FARNHAM GUI 0 4SN

Erection of single and two storey extensions and alterations.

No comment.

#### Farnham Castle

# WA/2025/00414 Farnham Castle

Officer: Anna Whitty

LONGACRE, LONG GARDEN WALK WEST, FARNHAM GU9 7HX

Alterations to dwelling with erection of porches and covered verandas and associated works.

No comment.

# WA/2025/00440 Farnham Castle

Officer: Ninto Joy

CASTLETON DENTAL PRACTICE, 11 CASTLE STREET, FARNHAM GU9 7JA

Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs. **Externally illuminated. No comment.** 

# Farnham Firgrove

# PRA/2025/00439 Farnham Castle

Officer: Dana Nickson

23A DOWNING STREET, FARNHAM GU9 7PD

General permitted development order 2015 schedule 2 part 3 Class MA - prior notification application for change of use of first floor from commercial business and service (use class E) to provide I flat (use class C3).

Farnham Town Council notes that the flat is located within Farnham Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone A with limited spaces available for existing residential dwellings.

## PRA/2025/00470 Farnham Firgrove

Officer: Dana Nickson

17 WEYDON HILL ROAD, FARNHAM GU9 8NX

Erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend 6 m beyond the rear wall of the original house for which the height would be 2.90 m and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.70 m.

No comment.

## WA/2025/00397 Farnham Firgrove

Officer: Matt Ayscough

19 SEARLE ROAD, FARNHAM GU9 8LI

Erection of single storey extension and porch following demolition of existing porch.

No comment.

# WA/2025/00466 Farnham Firgrove

Officer: Ninto Joy

33A UPPER WAY, FARNHAM GU9 8RG

Erection of extensions and alterations and construction of vehicle access and dropped kerb.

No comment.

#### WA/2025/00486 Farnham Firgrove

Officer: Tajinder Rehal

6 MORLEY ROAD, FARNHAM GU9 8LT

Erection of two semi detached dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling; creation of new access and erection of fencing and boundary walls.

Farnham Town Council notes that the Tree Officer has requested further information to protect TPO trees. The access is via a narrow roadway, becoming pedestrian only just after the access into the site. Measures must be put in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

# WA/2025/00499 Farnham Firgrove

Officer: Justin Bramley

4 YORK ROAD, FARNHAM GU9 8|X

Erection of a porch following demolition of existing porch.

No comment.

# WA/2025/00505 Farnham Firgrove

Officer: Ninto Joy

4 EDWARD ROAD, FARNHAM GU9 8NP

Erection of a single storey extension and demolition of existing.

No comment.

#### Farnham Heath End

# WA/2025/00411 Farnham Heath End

Officer: Dana Nickson

2A POPLAR WALK, FARNHAM GU9 0QL

Erection of a detached dwelling with solar panels on roof; amenity space, parking and installation of vehicular access.

Farnham Town Council notes the neighbours' objections. The County Highways Authority requirements must be adhered to and a Construction Management Plan conditioned to ensure the safety of pedestrians and road users on this restrictive corner site.

#### WA/2025/00443 Farnham Heath End

Officer: Ninto Joy

23 WILLOW WAY, FARNHAM GU9 0NU

Erection of extensions and alterations with installation of air source heat pump and solar panels on roof following demolition of existing detached garage.

No comment.

### Farnham North West

# WA/2025/00420 Farnham North West

Officer: Justin Bramley

HALFWAY HOUSE, DORAS GREEN LANE, DIPPENHALL, FARNHAM GUI 0 5DU

Erection of an extension and alterations including relocation of flue.

No comment.

#### WA/2025/00426 Farnham North West

Officer: Anna Whitty

20 MOUNT PLEASANT, FARNHAM GU9 7AA

Hip to gable and dormer extensions to provide habitable accommodation in roof space together

with alterations to elevations.

No comment.

#### WA/2025/00431 Farnham North West

Officer: Anna Whitty

10 REEVE DRIVE, FARNHAM GU9 0FH

Erection of a conservatory.

No comment.

# WA/2025/00462 Farnham North West

Officer: Ninto Joy

31 CRONDALL LANE, FARNHAM GU9 7BG Erection of single storey extension and porch.

No comment.

## Farnham Rowledge

# NMA/2025/00469 Farnham Rowledge

Officer: Ninto Joy

7 JUBILEE LANE, BOUNDSTONE, FARNHAM GU10 4SZ

Amendment to WA/2019/1150 to change the full height glazing to standard punch side hung traditional windows and amending tile hung façade to white render.

No comment.

#### TM/2025/00478 Farnham Rowledge

Officer: Alex Needs

LAND BETWEEN MEADOW WAY AND MAYFIELD SOUTH OF THE AVENUE,

ROWLEDGE, FARNHAM GUI0 4DZ

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 47/99

Farnham Town Council leaves to the Arboricultural Officer.

#### WA/2025/00425 Farnham Rowledge

Officer: Dana Nickson

BOURNE MEAD, ECHO BARN LANE, WRECCLESHAM, FARNHAM GUIO 4NW

Erection of a detached dwelling with parking and associated landscaping.

Farnham Town Council notes that the proposed access is off Laurel Grove. Although the proposed access is said to be existing, this is a sensitive location close to a pedestrian footbridge crossing and ford at Bourne Stream on Farnham bridleway 233. It is unclear how the boundary of the site joins the bridleway at the access point – it is appreciated that ownership is not a planning matter - the garden land and bridleway are separated by a verge and the levels differ. The proposed dwelling appears to be positioned in a clearing within a well wooded area of the garden land, mature trees must be protected to maintain the character of the site and area. A Construction Transport Management Plan is vital for this sensitive location.

## WA/2025/00467 Farnham Rowledge

Officer: Anna Whitty

2 HIGH STREET, ROWLEDGE, FARNHAM GUI0 4BS

Erection of single storey timber garage.

Farnham Town Council objects to the proposed garage in front of the building line, close to the road, being contrary to Residential Extensions SPD.

# Farnham Weybourne

# WA/2025/00429 Farnham Weybourne

Officer: Matt Ayscough

23 WOODSIDE ROAD, FARNHAM GU9 9DS

Erection of a single storey extension and alterations to porch.

No comment.

# WA/2025/00435 Farnham Weybourne

Officer: Matt Ayscough

31 COPSE AVENUE, FARNHAM GU9 9EB

Erection of an extension.

No comment.

# WA/2025/00454 Farnham Weybourne

Officer: Matt Ayscough

88 WEYBOURNE ROAD, FARNHAM GU9 9HE

Erection of extensions and alterations following demolition of existing single storey extensions.

No comment.

# 5. Surrey County Council Mineral, Waste, or Other Applications/Consultations

There were none for this meeting.

#### 6. Appeals Considered

There were none for this meeting.

#### 7. Licensing Applications Considered

There were none for this meeting.

# 8. Surrey County Council Footpaths and Rights of Way

**Surrey County Council Public Footpath 85 (Farnham) Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order 2025** 

Harts Yard Farnham Limited have applied to temporarily close the above mentioned right of way.

The closure is necessary to allow the installation and/or re-alignment of utility services required for the residential development for which planning consent has been granted (WA/2023/00848).

The closure will be in operation for a period of six months from 7 April 2025 or until completion of the works, if earlier. That period can be extended by the Secretary of State for Transport, if required.

Clarification has been sought with the Countryside Access Officer as to how access to existing residential, commercial and charitable organisations is maintained during this closure.

The developer has confirmed that private rights of access to all properties will be maintained, and that they be contacted directly with any issues.

The image below shows that the middle section of the path will be inaccessible.



# 9. Public Speaking at Waverley's Planning Committee, Inquiries or Hearings

There were none for this meeting.

# 10. Date of next meeting

Monday 7th April 2025 at 9.30am.

The meeting ended at 10.10 am

Notes written by Jenny de Quervain