

January Planning decisions

24/505112/SUB	Blue House Farm Warren Street Lenham Kent ME17 2ED	<p>The parish council does not object to this submission but asks that two conditions be incorporated as follows:</p> <p>1 We would ask that the existing Road drainage is not compromised by site traffic by additional wheel washing and mud clearance from the Roadway. If possible the existing inadequate roadway drainage should be improved (see below)</p> <p>2 This location is known for the bat population we would ask the Officer to please ensure that bat boxes are incorporated on the properties.</p> <p>In respect of drainage we noticed that KCC does not wish to comment on the application. However they ought to as Warren Street is noted for surface water flooding as indeed shown in the submission itself.</p> <p>see: https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/51322/Maidstone-Stage-1-SWMP-Appendix-B-DA02-Maidstone-Rural-Mid.pdf</p> <p>Several drains have been installed in the road and they go to a soakaway in the applicant's field opposite the Harrow Inn.</p> <p>There are no drains at all in the road around Forge House. Considering the fact that soakaways get blocked up eventually, it has to be absolutely made certain that there is no run off from this site during development and afterwards onto Warren Street. This perhaps could be achieved by installing channel drains and soakaways at the point where the private drive meets the road.</p>
24/505102/LDCEX	Little Gaynes Faversham Road Lenham Kent ME17 2PU	<p>The Parish Council objects to this retrospective application. Had the applicant made proper planning applications at the time to convert the property from a dwelling house to a dwelling house and business property they would have been rejected as this being part of the then AONB. Even now this issue has only come to light because of the recently refused Planning application to demolish all buildings and replace them with housing.</p> <p>The directors of the business have stated strongly that the site is required to carry on the business yet they were happy 12 months ago to abandon the business aspects of the site to build housing.</p>

24/505154/SUB	Land At Old Ham Lane Lenham Maidstone Kent	No comment
24/505152/AGRIC	Gipps Oast Pilgrims Way Lenham Kent ME17 2EL	The Parish Council objects to these applications and would ask the planning officer to review previous applications for hay barns on this AONB site which were refused by the Planning Committee. There were two main objections made by the Parish Council to the original proposals as follows: 1 The location next to the Pilgrims way was inappropriate. 2 The access from the A20 / Ham lane Crossroads to the Pilgrims Way and Flint lane was inadequate.
24/505153/AGRIC	Gipps Oast Pilgrims Way Lenham Kent ME17 2EL	<p>In respect of point 1 the new location is better (provided that it is not higher on the scarp slope) but still raises concerns. We think the new location is not ideal – stretching further away from the actual Oast and the existing farm buildings deeper into the North Downs National landscape area. In our opinion, we would suggest that the proposed buildings would be better placed next to the South of the track and close to the east of the existing buildings.</p> <p>In respect of point 2 the access via the Pilgrims way and Flint Lane is still inadequate (and even worse than before) for the lorry traffic needed to carry out the Hay supply business. We include a photograph taken some 50 m further up Flint Lane of a lorry which needed to be pulled out by tractor. As a result of the increase in Lorry traffic attempting to use the Lanes KCC has erected “not suitable for Lorry signs” at the A20 / Ham Lane Crossroads.</p>
24/505150/SUB	Hillcrest Bull Hill Lenham Heath Kent ME17 2JA	No comment
24/505229/FULL	39 Honywood Road Lenham Kent ME17 2HH	No comment.
24/505106/FULL	8 Malthouse Close Lenham Kent ME17 2LQ	No comment
19/504724/HYBRID	Land Off Old Ashford Road Lenham Maidstone Kent	The Parish Council requires an extension of time to more fully consider this application and the dovetailing arrangements between this application and the Lenham Neighbourhood Plan