

**Meeting of the Planning Committee**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**TO ADVISE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE THE USUAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS.**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 The report provides the Town Council's comments and observations on the applications listed that were not placed on an agenda as their date for response falls outside the usual cycle of Plans Committee meetings.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 At a meeting of Full Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 a resolution was made on the procedure for the Town Council's comments and observations on applications for which Wealden District Council need a response that would fall outside the usual cycle of planning meetings. FC.77.04.13.

**3.0 Procedure**

- 3.1 The following applications were emailed to plans committee members for consideration.

Public notices were put up on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**WD/2020/1049/F 43 SAND RIDGE, RIDGEWOOD, UCKFIELD, TN22 5ET**  
Single storey rear extension

**WD/2018/1793/F AND WD/2018/2154/LB**  
**THE BELFRY, 6 NEW TOWN, UCKFIELD, TN22 5DB**  
Change of use of residential boarding school (C2) and staff accommodation to residential (C3 use), including the formation of a new vehicular access, erection of a ground floor rear extension (orangery) and garage block, and landscaping works to create a lowered patio with stone faced gabion crates.

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**WD/3419/CC**

**CONSULTATION UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

Change of Use from D1 (Library) to a Mixed Use (A2, B1, D1) in a number of non-public areas and a small section of the public library space, in order to accommodate the NHS and Uckfield Citizens Advice in redundant offices in non-public space. Public Library, High Street, Uckfield TN22 1AR.

**4.0 Declaration of Interests**

- 4.1 None.

**5.0 Comments**

- 5.1 The Chairman gave the definitive response of the committee as follows: -

**WD/2020/1049/F 43 SAND RIDGE, RIDGEWOOD, UCKFIELD, TN22 5ET**  
Single storey rear extension.

*Uckfield Town Council support the application as it would be in keeping and the plot is adequate in size to take the extension without being detrimental to the neighbouring property.*

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*It appears on Wealden District Council's web site that the application is purely for change of use and not works for access, orangery or garage block.*

*On the basis that the application is for a change of use only from C2 to C3 use Uckfield Town Council support the application.*

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*The Town Clerk responded:*

*The Uckfield branch of Wealden Citizens Advice are tenants of Uckfield Town Council in their current premises, and we should therefore declare an interest as a result of this.*

*However, the Town Council does not object to the above proposals to change the use of Uckfield Library and supports the collaboration of key partner agencies and effective use of this central space, adjacent to the High Street.*

**6.0 Responses from Wealden District Council in relation to previously considered applications:**

**6.1 WD/2020/0332/F CHANGE OF USE FROM A1 TO D1**

**DRAY HOUSE, OLIVES YARD, HIGH STREET, UCKFIELD, TN22 1QP**

You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to **APPROVE** the above application on 1 July 2020.

**WD/2020/0280/FR RETENTION OF REAR DORMER ADDITION NOT CONSTRUCTED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT GRANTED IN APRIL 2019 REF:  
WD/2019/0345/LDP.**

**18 FURNACE WAY, UCKFIELD, TN22 1XG**

You recently commented on the above proposal and I now write to advise you that, after considering all the representations received, the Council has decided to **APPROVE** the above application on 7 July 2020.

*Response to Town Council: The Town Council comments are noted. However, it is considered that on balance the bulk of the dormer has been built in accordance, and it is just the height of the flat roof being 60mm higher than it should be. From the photos shown below, the additional part of the roof is not visible from the front elevation of the property and is considered to be acceptable given that the dormer without this would be permitted development.*

**7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 It is recommended that members note the report.

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