

# PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** on **4<sup>th</sup> December 2023** at **Bounds Oak, Southborough Civic Centre.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Dury (Chair), Poile (Deputy Chair), Bridges, Bullion, Elliott, I Kinghorn, Lewis, Stewart, Wharton

**OTHER COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Cllr Reeves

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Kelly (Office Administrator)

**P1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Bullion – Ill health

**P2. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS -** None Declared

**P3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION –** Five members of the public were present. Two members of the public spoke in objection to 23/03059/FULL. One member spoke in favour of 23/03059/FULL. One member spoke on 23/02976/FULL of concerns surrounding the design.

**P4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING -** Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th November were discussed and approved at Full Council at its meeting on 30th November 2023.

## **P5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/03059/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Provision of a remote control mini electric car racetrack and spectator platform (Retrospective)  
LOCATION: Honnington Farm, Vauxhall Lane, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0XD  
STC COMMENT: Permission should be **REFUSED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02976/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Proposed demolition of existing vacated Methodist church & ancillary residential/office accommodation and erection of seven townhouses & one 1-bedroom flat over new carport  
LOCATION: St Johns Methodist Church, Vale Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0QH  
STC COMMENT: Permission should be **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02885/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Ground floor and roof side extension to replace existing garage, with new front dormer, changes to existing fenestration  
LOCATION: 5 Pinewood Gardens, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0NN  
STC COMMENT: Permission should be **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02946/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Proposed front door to existing annexe  
LOCATION: 5 Garlinge Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0NR  
STC COMMENT: Permission should be **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/03031/TPO  
PROPOSAL: Trees: LIQUIDAMBAR (T1) - Reduce height by 6 metres and laterals by 1-2 metres  
LOCATION: Amber House, Holden Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0GD  
STC COMMENT: **NOTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/03137/TPO  
PROPOSAL: Trees: COPPER BEECH - Prune back overhanging branches to boundary line & crown lift cutting back to max. 6 metres  
LOCATION: 18 London Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0QB  
STC COMMENT: **NOTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/01710/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 22/02876/FULL Alterations to brickwork details of all plots, amendment to ground floor windows & changes to second storey window on rear elevation of plots 1- 3, repositioning of first storey window on south elevation of plots 1-3  
LOCATION: High Croft and The White House, London Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0RQ  
STC COMMENT: Permission should be **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/03131/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension to rear of property  
LOCATION: 48 London Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0PU  
STC COMMENT: Permission should be **GRANTED.**

**P6. GRANTS AND REFUSALS** – The following documents have been received from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council:

**a): GRANTS**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02443/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Single-storey rear infill extension to replace the current conservatory; Loft conversion with roof lights and windows to front and rear  
LOCATION: 76 Yew Tree Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0BN  
STC COMMENT: (**GRANTED**) Permission was **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02094/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Erection of two semi-detached dwellings and associated new access with parking  
LOCATION: Land Between 7 And 9 Blackthorn Avenue Southborough Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 9YA  
STC COMMENT: (**REFUSED**) Permission was **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02448/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Proposed loft conversion / extension, garage conversion, rear single storey extension and garden room  
LOCATION: 18 Hardinge Avenue, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0TU  
STC COMMENT: () Permission was **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02469/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Replace existing boundary fence with extended trellis on the top  
LOCATION: 37 Welbeck Avenue, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9BD  
STC COMMENT: (**GRANTED**) Permission was **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02492/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Addition of rooflight to front elevation, part two storey, part single storey rear extension, including rear dormer and 2 No. rooflights, repositioning of rear window  
LOCATION: Redwings, 2 Dower House Crescent, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0TS  
STC COMMENT: (**REFUSED**) Permission was **GRANTED.**

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02550/FULL  
PROPOSAL: Extension of outbuilding (timber shed) in the rear garden (Retrospective)  
LOCATION: 7 Brokes Way, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0AR  
STC COMMENT: **(GRANTED)** Permission was **GRANTED**.

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02574/TPO  
PROPOSAL: Trees: OAK (T6); BIRCH (T7); HAZEL (T8) - remove overhang of road and footpath; ASH (T5) - cut back from garden  
LOCATION: 1 Pennington Place, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0AQ  
STC COMMENT: **(NOTED)** Permission was **GRANTED**.

PLANNING APPLICATION: 23/02656/TPO  
PROPOSAL: Trees: BEECH (T1)-Thin by 30%; BEECH (T2) - Remove x2 small low hanging limbs  
LOCATION: 26 Bounds Oak Way, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0TN  
STC COMMENT: **(NOTED)** Permission was **GRANTED**.

**7. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN** - It was proposed in the last Planning Committee meeting (6 November) for Members to discuss in greater detail how to progress with a HIP in Southborough and decide on the main projects with the assistance of Highway Improvement Plan Information Pack. Members **AGREED** to place the HIP on hold until the New Year as further evidence is required, and Members would like feedback from the public.

**There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:20pm.**