

Planning decisions taken during February 2024

Application Number	Address	Proposal
24/500049/SUB	Runham Farm Runham Lane Harrietsham Kent ME17 1NH	LPC does not object to this application regarding the archaeological condition. However we are still somewhat concerned about the little time spent on site and the reduction of the agreed schedule. We would ask for a condition that a watching brief is maintained during the substructure excavation.
23/505609/SUB	Lenham Hand Car Wash And Valeting Old Ashford Road Lenham Kent ME17 2DG	Lenham Parish Council objects to this application regarding discharge condition 4. The one page document giving the specification of the lighting is totally insufficient. There are no attached drawings and no attempt to quantify the effect these lights will have on the near neighbours or the effect of the lights as seen from the AONB to the North of the site. External lighting submissions MUST be made with a drawing showing an accurate light spill which is designed by the lighting manufacturer. There is also no mention of the effect of the lights environmentally on the local wildlife e.g. bats which are known to be in this area.
23/505694/FULL	Cherry Garden Cottage Lenham Forstal Road Heath ME17 2JG	Lenham Parish Council does not object in principle to this application. However we would make the following comments: The submitted plans do not align with the elevations. The kitchen/dining room plan shows a folding screen (window?) but this is not reflected on the 'North Elevation' (placed directly above the plan. It is possible that this is correct but seems entirely illogical and does not serve the overall façade. The proposed block plan also suggests two outbuildings are removed – this is to be confirmed as it is not mentioned on the application form.
23/505740/LBC	9 High Street Lenham Maidstone Kent ME17 2QD	Lenham Parish Council does not object to the change of use of part ground and all upper floors from office to residential use. However we would strongly require the following as a planning condition. The shop front is retained in perpetuity as it is an important part of the High Street Conservation area and no future application for removal to be accepted.

23/505739/FULL	9 High Street Lenham Maidstone Kent ME17 2QD	Lenham Parish Council has no objection subject to its planning condition proposed on 23/505740/LBC
24/500139/FULL	Parapet House Maidstone Road Lenham Kent ME17 2QJ	No Comment
23/503835/SUB	The Cow Shed West Street Lenham Kent ME17 2EP	No comment.
24/500198/SUB	10 The Paddocks Lenham Kent ME17 2FD	No Comment
24/500227/FULL	30 Douglas Road Lenham Maidstone Kent ME17 2QP	Lenham Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application however we would ask for the following planning condition to be imposed. We ask the first storey side widow on the extension facing directly on to Douglas Road be fitted with obscured glass to protect the privacy of the neighbours on the opposite side of the Road.
24/500068/FULL	Sunny Hill View Equestrian Stables Sandway Road Sandway Kent ME17 2LU	Lenham Parish Council objects strongly to this application and most certainly requires it to be called into Committee if the planning Officer is minded to allow it to proceed. We have been informed by the landowner that the applicants do not have permission for these changes and we would attempt to bring her to Committee to publicly state this. We consider that the development is inappropriate for this site which has been subject to multiple applications in effect salami slicing towards a significant establishment. We would point out <i>22/505066/FULL Change of use of land for permanent siting of the mobile home to provide rural worker's accommodation ancillary to the existing business.</i> Again the Parish objected stating that what was being proposed was inappropriate development.
24/500273/FULL	28 High Street Lenham Kent ME17 2QD	No Comment
24/500394/LAWPRO	The Grange Ashford Road Lenham Kent ME17 2DA	LPC does not object to this application. However we are most concerned that given previous comments about planning "salami slicing" that if it is allowed in addition to 24/500382 the resulting structure will be exceeding large and out of context with other properties in the area.

24/500382/PNEXT	The Grange Ashford Road Lenham Kent ME17 2DA	LPC objects in principle to this application this is a sizable extension with a significant impact on the existing building especially if taken in addition to 24/500394/LAWPRO. We consider that it would be totally out of context with other properties in this rural not sustainable area.
24/500305/SUB	Runham Farm Runham Lane Harrietsham Kent ME17 1NH	LPC objects to the following planning condition responses to this application. Hard landscaping – in our opinion the extent of the tarmac is too great and detracts from the ‘farm yard’ approach which was originally advocated. LPC requests that use of resin bound gravel is considered for the central/core areas. LPC would wish to seek protection of the mature trees proposed within the farmyard area around the new properties (as per drawing) to ensure that future owners cannot remove them without prior approval from MBC – this in the interests of maintaining the intended visual landscape appearance in the rural setting.