

Planning decisions taken electronically during the lockdown in the absence of LPC meetings and confirmed by full LPC at the meeting on 17th June

Reference number	Location	Comment to MBC Planning
20/500820/FULL	Little Pivington Farm Hubbards Hill Lenham ME17 2EJ	Lenham Parish Council have no objections
20/501351/AGRIC	Gipps Oast – Pilgrims way	<p><i>LPC wish to object in respect of this application for a storage barn on the same piece of land that MBC turned down planning applications for a series of barns. The original application(s) 17/506607/FULL to 17/506613/ Full, were debated by the MBC planning Committee and refused. The applications then went to appeal but were again turned down at appeal.</i></p> <p><i>A similar application 19/501534/AGRIC made last year was approved but in this case the new barn was to be situated close to the farm itself and not on the open scarp ground.</i></p> <p><i>Gipps Oast is an agricultural farm but if the application is granted it will become a commercial storage and transit business.</i></p> <p><i>Currently it is the registered address of MW International which has the following subsidiaries listed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. MW Agri</i> <i>2. MW Training</i> <i>3. MW Equestrian</i> <i>4. MW recycling</i> <p><i>The agricultural exemption should not be applied to what in effect will become a transit depot.</i></p> <p><i>Access is limited to the narrow lane running up from the Ham lane/A20 junction with a sharp 90^o bend on to the Pilgrims Way trackway. The Pilgrims Way trackway has tarmac at this point but is still a narrow trackway with grass growing up the middle – it is also of course part of the long distance trackway from Winchester to Canterbury and is well used.</i></p> <p><i>Over Easter there would be young walkers walking to the youth service at Canterbury Cathedral.</i></p>

Additional vehicular traffic should not be encouraged especially heavy lorries that will break up the roadway and verges.

A further issue is that the barn will be on the scarp slope of the AONB and as such will not be able to be adequately screened from the trackway itself.

No doubt the Marley Industrial complex on the South Side of the Pilgrims Way at this point will be mentioned in mitigation.

Please note that the Marley site is

- not on the AONB,***
- on flatter ground which is well screened from the Pilgrims Way***
- Marley does not use the Pilgrims way for access – the access that is there is locked except in cases of emergency***

It is I think worth noting that if the Marley Planning application was being made today rather than in the 1920's it would be turned down. Having the Marley site there is not an excuse to extend the Industrial area into the AONB.

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20/501151/FULL	Parapet House Maidstone Road Lenham Maidstone Kent	<p>LPC object to this application on the following grounds.</p> <p>It is an excessive development and not the sort of thing a games room should be.</p> <p>Our suspicion is that this is intended as a one bed house for future sale and the driveway design, lack of landscape detail etc. is very poor in this regard.</p> <p>We also note that the exit would be on to the existing Maidstone Road which exits onto the A20 at a bad junction and also onto the Square.</p> <p>This adds potentially more traffic onto roads and the square which are already both overcrowded.</p> <p>We would be prepared to withdraw our objection if a planning condition was to be added specifying that the “games room” was tied to the deeds of the property and not able to be sold separately.</p>
20/501523/FULL	9 Swadelands Close Lenham Maidstone Kent ME17 2AF	<p>LPC opinion is that we should object on the basis that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed extension will be out of character and too large for the site footprint. 2. The expansion to a 5 bedroom property will generate additional car parking needs and there is insufficient room to supply this sensibly on site. This will therefore entail “on street parking” in an area where space does not easily accommodate this and indeed the turning area outside the property could well be compromised and hinder refuse and Ambulance access.
20/501546/FULL	The Old Cow Shed West Street Lenham Kent ME17 2EP	<p>Lenham Parish encompasses the Southern end of West Street and we would object to further development on this narrow single track road (with Grass down the middle in places).</p> <p>We note and fully support the objections of the near Neighbours especially in relation to further desecration of the AONB as well as their comments about the existing dearth of utility services.</p>

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20/501375/FULL	23 High Street Lenham ME17 2QD	<p><i>LPC has no objection to the creation of further Alms Housing on the High Street and indeed we welcome the initiative.</i></p> <p><i>We would however like to point out that the property will be within the Conservation area and as such would ask that comments are elicited from the Conservation officer and are taken into full account.</i></p> <p><i>We would also like to point out that there is no pavement outside the property and the plan does not allow for any on-site parking either which, given the age of the potential residents and the obvious need for care at some point does seem to be an omission. Anything that can be done here e.g. double yellow lines to prevent parked cars obstructing access to the property should be considered at the planning stage as a condition</i></p>
20/501338/LDCEX	Chapel Mill Farm East Lenham Road Lenham Maidstone Kent	<i>"we have no objections"</i>
20/501407/FULL	7 Tolhurst Way Lenham Maidstone Kent ME17 2BY	<i>no objection</i>
20/501689/PNPA	Unit 6 Little Pivington Farm Hubbards Hill Lenham Maidstone	<i>unable to comment until we see the full application</i>
20/501691/SUB	Land West Of Loder Close And Westwood Close Ham Lane Lenham Kent	<i>no comment</i>
20/501765/SUB	Land West Of Loder Close And Westwood Close Ham Lane Lenham Kent	<i>no comment</i>
20/501745/FULL	Raglands Dickey Lane Lenham Maidstone Kent	<i>no objection</i>
20/501774/SUB	The Farmhouse Business Centre, Russel And Russel Roofing Ltd Headcorn Road Lenham Kent ME17 2HT	<i>No objection</i>
20/501775/SUB	The Farmhouse Business Centre, Russel And Russel Roofing Ltd Headcorn Road Lenham Kent ME17 2HT	<i>No objection</i>
19/504724/HYBRID	Old Ashford Road	<i>No additional comments</i>
20/501739/FULL	The Coach House Lenham Court Old Ham Lane Lenham Maidstone	<i>No objection</i>
20/501740/LBC	The Coach House Lenham Court Old Ham Lane Lenham Maidstone	<i>No objection</i>
20/502172/NMAMD	The Farmhouse Business Centre, Russel And Russel Roofing Ltd Headcorn Road Lenham Kent ME17 2HT	<i>no comment</i>
20/502173/NMAMD	The Farmhouse Business Centre, Russel And Russel Roofing Ltd Headcorn Road Lenham Kent ME17 2HT	<i>no comment</i>
20/502363/PNQCLA	Mount Castle Cottage Mount Castle Lane Lenham Heath Maidstone Kent	<i>No comments to be made</i>