

Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Folkestone
Date	Tuesday, 16 December 2025
Present	Councillors Mike Blakemore, Polly Blakemore, Tony Cooper, Gary Fuller, Clive Goddard, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Nicola Keen (Vice-Chair), Adrian Lockwood, Jackie Meade (Chair), Rebecca Shoob, Jeremy Speakman (In place of Anita Jones) and Paul Thomas
Apologies for Absence	Councillor Anita Jones
Officers Present:	Robert Allan (Principal Planning Officer), Rob Bailey (Development and Enforcement Manager), Alex Baker (Committee Services Officer), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services & Elections Officer) and Ross McCardle (Principal Planning Officer)

63. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Cooper made a voluntary declaration in respect of 25/1818/FH as he knows the applicant.

64. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2025 were approved as a correct record.

65. **25/1531/FH - 69 Sycamore Close, Lydd, Romney Marsh, TN29 9LE**

This application sought permission for the demolition of existing garage, creation of new driveway and dropped kerb, erection of single storey dwelling (class C3) with associated gardens and planting, perimeter fencing and hardstanding for parking.

Paul Simms, the agent, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Goddard
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee; and,

Resolved:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.

(Voting: 12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)

66. **25/1530/FH - 12 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 1DP**

This application sought a part change of use to rear of existing ground floor retail unit (Class E) to residential use (C3) to create 1 x 1-bed apartment, including alterations to the remaining retail unit to create 2 x smaller retail units.

Proposed by Councillor Goddard
Seconded by Councillor Mike Blakemore; and,

Resolved:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.

(Voting: 8 For, 4 Against, 0 Abstentions)

67. **25/1818/FH - Spencer Exchange, Mountfield Industrial Estate, New Romney**

This application sought planning permission for the erection of a small commercial building to house a local internet exchange & battery storage system, an overhanging car port from the building to provide shelter for a double dual EV rapid public charging station, renewable Solar PV system to the roof of the building / carport, and the installation of a new 37m telecommunications mast for local broadband.

Sonny Spencer, the applicant, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Fuller
Seconded by Councillor Thomas; and,

Resolved:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.

(Voting: 12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)

68. **25/2140/FH/CON - Bus station, Bouverie Square, Folkestone, CT20 1BA**

This application sought the approval of informative (biodiversity gain plan) of planning permission 24/1650/FH.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas

Seconded by Councillor Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee; and,

Resolved:

That the Biodiversity Gain Plan be approved in accordance with the details and documents provided.

(Voting: 12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)