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APPLICATION NO.	APPLICATION SUMMARY	DATE OF SPC COUNCILLORS' CONSULTATION	MBC CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE
21/500869/FULL	2 The Quarter Cranbrook Road TN12 0EP - Erection of two storey rear extension, including roof and external alterations The following Councillors were consulted Cllrs Riordan, Sharp, Smith, Buller, Bowden from the Planning Committee. Decision:- Following consultation with Councillors the Clerk recommends to APPROVE the application.	17/5/21	26/5/21
21/501478/FULL	Silver Locks Cradducks Lane TN12 ODN - Use of the site for nine mobile homes to be used as holiday lets for 11 months of the year. One existing home to be used by caretaker for all year. Operations work including access road and drainage. The following Councillors were consulted Cllrs Riordan, Sharp, Smith, Buller, Bowden from the Planning Committee. Decision:- Following consultation with Councillors, the Clerk recommends that the application be REFUSED, and be referred to the MBC Planning Committee, if the Planning Officer were minded to approve the application, for the following reasons: it is against many of the policies in the Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan namely, SP17 paragraphs 1 and 6, as can be seen on the map on page 71, this area of Staplehurst is in the protected Low Weald and is a landscape of Local Value; DM4 paragraphs 1 and 2 which seek to ensure that Heritage Assets are protected from unsuitable development (the Stockbridge Orchard); DM30 paragraph (iii) which seeks to protect the character of rural lanes; DM38 paragraph1 sections (i) and (ii) which deal with the amenity of the local area; it is also against the Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan PW2 which seeks to protect the important rural hinterland of our Parish. Additionally, we would recommend that a foul and surface water report be prepared, as there are concerns that effluent may flow into nearby ditches. Particular concerns are noted that the proposed accommodation for the caretaker is a mobile home that is currently subject to a planning enforcement order (19/500826/CRVNP2) and an access point has been created without prior permission yet neither form part of this application; there is also no planning statement, business plan,	17/5/21	20/5/21

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	traffic assessment or management plan. The site appears cramped with little or no		
	recreation space or waste bin provision. The site also appears to be in flood zone 3.		
	Concern is also raised on the impact of public footpath KM299. The narrow rural lane is		
	not suitable for an increase in traffic and would spoil the character and amenity of the		
	area. The impact of construction vehicles on the road's canopy raised by KCC Highways		
	was also noted and recommendations are made that this is protected if the application		
	were to receive approval.		
21/502222/PNEXT	18 Great Threads TN12 0FN - Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension	17/5/21	18/5/21
	which: A) Extends by 4.50 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling. B) Has a		
	maximum height of 4.00 metres from the natural ground level. C) Has a height of 3.00		
	metres at the eaves from the natural ground level. The following Councillors were		
	consulted Cllrs Riordan, Sharp, Smith, Buller, Bowden from the Planning Committee.		
	Decision:- Following consultation with Councillors the Clerk would comment as follows.		
	The impact on neighbours is negligible and as such there are no significant concerns.		
21/501982/FULL	Whiteacres, Marden Road TN12 OJG - Change of use of land for the siting of 2no.	7/6/21	9/6/21
	additional static mobile homes for occupancy by Gypsy family, including access, parking,		
	landscaping and associated works. The following Councillors were consulted Cllrs,		
	Sharp, Smith, Buller, Bowden, Thomas from the Planning Committee.		
	Following consultation with Councillors, the Clerk recommends that the application be		
	REFUSED , and be referred to the MBC Planning Committee, if the Planning Officer were		
	minded to approve the application, for the following reasons: the site is not allocated for		
	additional pitches in the MBC Local Plan, additionally it is against DM15 of the MBC Local		
	Plan in that local services are not accessible from the site on foot, cycle or public		
	transport resulting in residents being entirely reliant on the car; and the access to the site		
	is on a dangerous bend and 60mph stretch of the A229 with no footways or street		
	lighting. This is further development in the countryside and rural area against SP17 of the		
	MBC Local Plan and PW2 of the Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan and will create harm to		
	the landscape and rural character of the area, with buildings unacceptable to the Low		
	Weald Landscape with over urbanisation and more light pollution. There also appears to		
	be no indication as to how foul water is to be discharged. The Council notes that MBC		
	have previously required a 'buffer zone' between occupied land and the highway and		
	would request that this remains the case in this application.		
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21/502623/FULL	Land Adjacent to Bridge House, Couchman Green Lane TN12 ORS - Retrospective	7/6/21	18/6/21
	application for the retention of a storage unit and summerhouse together with minor		
	extension of the access track in connection with the use of land as a hobby farm at land		
	associated with Bridge House, Couchman Green Lane (Resubmission of		
	20/502913/FULL). The following Councillors were consulted Cllrs, Sharp, Smith, Buller,		
	Bowden, Thomas from the Planning Committee. Following consultation with		
	Councillors, the Clerk recommends the application be REFUSED on the following grounds;		
	it is against SP17 and DM30 of the MBC Local Plan and PW2 of the Staplehurst		
	Neighbourhood Plan, in that it will impact on the character and landscape of the area and		
	have a harmful impact on the openness of the countryside. The access if particularly		
	poor, exiting near a bridge. Additionally, there are significant drainage issues in the area.		
	As further development in the countryside, the Council concurs with the previous reasons		
	given for refusal by MBC on application 20/502913.		
21/502845/FULL	Weald Cottage, Maidstone Road TN12 ORE - Erection of a detached garage with office	7/6/21	22/6/21
	above (Resubmission of 21/501603/FULL). The following Councillors were consulted		
	Cllrs, Sharp, Smith, Buller, Bowden, Thomas from the Planning Committee. Following		
	consultation with Councillors, the Clerk recommends the application be REFUSED on the		
	following grounds; the development would be contrary to policies SP17, DM1, DM30, and		
	DM32 of the Maidstone Local Plan. It is also contrary to paragraphs 5.28, 5.29, 5.30, 5.31		
	and 5.32 in the section on Garages and Outbuildings in the Residential Extensions		
	Supplementary Planning Document		
20/50050/FULL	Fishers Oast, Fishers Road, TN12 0DD – Erection of a part two storey, part single storey	7/6/21	N/A
	rear extension. The following Councillors were consulted Cllrs, Sharp, Smith, Buller,		
	Bowden, Thomas from the Planning Committee. The Clerk advised Councillors to note		
	that an appeal had been made in respect of this application, but that the Planning		
	Inspector had stated that no further comments should be submitted.		