

Planning decisions December 2023

23/504938/FULL	Malt House Farm High Street Lenham Kent ME17 2QG	<p>LPC accepts this application for a single storey extension but would ask for the following conditions to be applied:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dressed stone from a local quarry to be used with samples approved in advance e.g. Gallaghers on Hermitage Lane? 2. Masonry quoining to be removed from the single storey element. 3. The new patio doors to be same width as the existing widow they replace. <p>In further explanation of the above the Elevations show what appear to be masonry quoining to the single storey extension - as a 'repeat' of a detail on the two-storey chimney stacks on the other side. For the original building, the single storey element (which is being extended) does not have masonry quoining - only dressed stone as for the rest of the elevation. The new doors onto the patio are marginally wider than the window they replace. For the overall elevation it would be preferable to maintain the width as this will read better with the window above (as is the case on the existing rear elevation).</p>
23/505060/FULL	2 Council Cottages Headcorn Road Platts Heath Kent ME17 2NG	No Comment
23/505025/LAWPRO	30 Douglas Road Lenham Kent ME17 2QP	No Comment
KCC/MA/0174/2023	Lenham Quarry (Shepherds Farm), Forstal Road, Lenham, ME17 2JB	Lenham Parish Council objects to the multiple continuing delays to this project. If this is to be application is to be allowed it should be on the basis that there will not be further delay requests.

23/505396/NMAMD	Raglands Dickley Lane Lenham Kent ME17 2DD	LPC offers no comment to this application which relates to internal changes at ground floor level – same footprint but an additional external door on the short return façade – not seen from the road. We note that works have started.
23/505358/LAWPRO	13 Foord Road Lenham Kent ME17 2QN	LPC offers no comment subject to KCC approval in respect of the dropped kerb.
23/505163/SUB	Hand Car Wash And Valeting Old Ashford Road Lenham ME17 2DG	LPC disagrees with the conclusions of the report and some of the content and the process of the assessment, which is considered flawed and perfunctory. Reading the report there are a number of instances highlighting the gaps in the car bay structure, with the materials having very little impact on noise reduction. The report is challengeable as they have made 'assessment' from the kerb about the neighbouring properties windows and facades which are not likely to be acoustically deadening. They even do accept that windows would have to be open for ventilation which would make the disturbance worse. Where the report conclusions considers the increase in the ongoing background noise to be acceptable it does not take into account the repetitive nature of the peak noise and the staccato nature of the work which should be considered (the bang of tyres being bound to the wheel the pneumatic spanners used for tightening nuts etc.) A considerate neighbour would provide an better acoustic bay better designed to mitigate noise impact.