



## WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 9.30am in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

Present:	Councillors:	Mr P Ashley (PA) - Chairman Mrs L Bird (LB) Mr D Le Breton (DIB) Mrs L Rodgers (LR)
In attendance:	Town Clerk:	Mrs A Howells (AH) One member of the public Mr B Curtis – WTP

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr Marsh – Business commitment	
2.	Declarations of Interest not previously declared None	
3.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2015 were signed as a true record.	
4.	Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda None	
5.	Planning Applications• SE/15/03943/FULEntre Nous Lingerie, Market Square House, 22A Market Square, Westerham TN161ARChange of use of Unit 2, ground floor (formerly Entre Nous) to financial and professional service use (A2).WTC objects to this application under SDC policy TLC4 as "a net loss of shopping service uses will not be permitted unless evidence is provided to the council to show that the operation of the facility is no longer financially viable and where there are no other realistic proposals for retail or services uses on the site, including through Community Right to Buy."This unit is mirrored by No22 Market Square. It was formerly a successful retail outlet, which upon termination of its lease relocated in the Town. The shop is now empty. There is no evidence that the owners have undertaken any marketing of the shop for an alternative occupier, as it is understood that the Financial Services Company has already been identified as a new tenant for	

both this and No 22.         The two units form part of the same ground floor property frontage and provide valuable small shops for independent retailers. The Market Square and Westerham Green are central to the shopping services of the Town providing a range of independent retailers.         • SE/15/03952/FUL         Market Square House, 22 Market Square, Westerham TN16 1SR         Change of use of Unit 1, ground floor occupied by "Hunters Estate Agents" to financial and professional service use (A2).         WTC objects to this application under SDC policy TLC4 as "a net loss of shopping service uses will not be permitted unless evidence is provided to the council to show that the operation of the facility is no longer financially viable and where there are no other realistic proposals for retail or services uses on the site, including through Community Right to Buy."         We understand that the property owner withshes to relocate the office users currently in Grange Lodge to this unit and requires change of use to achieve this. This unit mirrors in size and frontage the design of 22A Market Square and is to all intent part of the same property. It has been accupied by Hunters for approximately 25 years and acts as a service company and lefting agency to local property owners rother than a traditional estate agency. It is understood that Hunters wish to remain in the premises.         • SE/15/03941/LBCALT         Grange Lodge, Market Square, Westerham TN16 1AR         Change of use of existing offices from B1 use to C3. Division of internal space and alterations to layout to provide two flats. Extension of existing lead covered link roof.         This application and the previous two applications reference SE/15/03943/F		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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The meeting was concluded at 10.30 am

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

## Chairman