

Lydden Circuit

TAG/MACLAREN PROPOSALS

The Society has been eagerly awaiting this outline application and wishes to support strongly this scheme with the added assurance that the Council is commissioning an independent environmental assessment.

The proposals put forward by the developer reflect the 'world-class' reputation the company enjoys with an excellent package of environmental impact-limiting measures included in the very prestigious scheme. The extensive facilities for visitors to the improved circuit must be mentioned as of particular importance as an additional visitor attraction to the district.

However, the most significant impact on the local area is the employment opportunities that will not only be provided directly but also as a resulting spin-off. This is directly in line with all development plans for the district.

The Society does recognise that some noise nuisance may be experienced by closely neighbouring communities regardless of whatever measures are taken to minimise this and we therefore particularly welcome the Council's independent assessment of this potential problem area to ensure that 'all possible' provisions are taken.

In short, the employment opportunities and visitor attractiveness together with the international prestige of such a quality development must make this scheme a real shot in both arms (and probably legs as well!) for the district.

ADRIAN GALLEY
Chairman, Planning Committee

The Draft Dover and Western Parishes Plan for the next 10 years

Extracts from Dover District Council's publicity leaflet.

WHY WE NEED A PLAN

There are major questions ... about the future of Dover and its countryside:

- ◇ Where should land for new businesses be provided to replace the jobs lost at the Port because of the Channel Tunnel?
- ◇ How can the local economy be strengthened?
- ◇ Where should new houses be built?
- ◇ What must be done to protect and improve the environment?

◇ How should the demands for building near major roads be dealt with?

The challenge is to encourage growth while protecting and improving the best of the town and the countryside.

DOVER COUNCIL'S SUGGESTED PLAN

The 'Draft Dover and Western Parishes Local Plan' suggests where new building may take place. The map shows where it applies. The Plan contains many ideas, but its main concerns are how to create jobs and prosperity through new industry and tourism while

protecting our environment. Copies of the Plan are on view, and for sale, (£20) at the Council's offices.

THE PLAN

The main ideas are:

◇ **Businesses** - Expand Dover Business Park and allow building at Capel and Farthingloe (Channel Tunnel Workers' Camp).

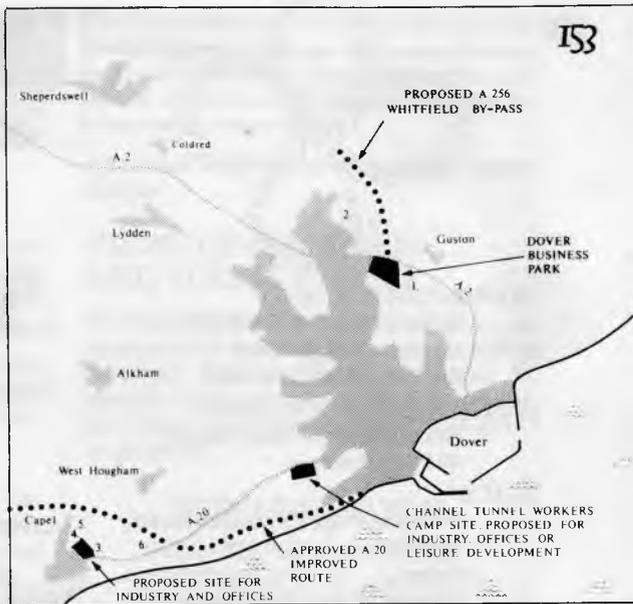
◇ **Local Economy** - Support the Port and the construction of new main roads, attract visitors to the area and improve the town as a shopping and service area.

◇ **Housing** - Most houses should be built in the Dover area, although a few could be built in villages if the right places can be found.

◇ **Environment** - Protect and improve important buildings, public spaces, streets and the countryside. Protect important plants, wildlife and archaeological remains.

◇ **Stop unwanted building.** The Plan thoroughly considers the area's needs so it should stop development in the wrong places, particularly near new roads in the countryside.

You can find out more by ringing 0304821199. Ask for Mike Ebbs (ext. 5083) or Mark Mortimer (ext. 5083). Or write to them at the



Forward Planning Section, Dover District Council, Honeywood Road, Dover CT16 3PG.

We hope that members saw the exhibition in the former Nationwide-Anglia B.S. premises in the Market Square or at the Council Offices at Whitfield.

We propose to include a commentary/evaluation in the next Newsletter.

EDITOR

Memories of Dover

Many of our Members have lived in Dover all, or a large part of, their lives.

Some have indicated on application forms an interest in, and knowledge of, Old Dover.

It is intended to include in the next issue of the *Newsletter* a miscellany of memories of Dover. If you can contribute one or two paragraphs on your most lasting, most interesting or most vivid memories of Old Dover, please send them to me for *Newsletter No. 11*. Old photographs may also be useful.

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