

will be 'appropriate' and of a high standard. There is no doubt that these new drainage runs will cause considerable disruption during construction, with Folkestone suffering more than Dover. It is to be hoped that the proposals will not require the digging up of the brand new A20!

It may seem somewhat illogical and wasteful of energy to pump the waste water up from Elizabeth Street, only for it to return down again after treatment but when the overall scheme is considered, this, we are told, is the most viable technical and cost option. It is hoped that some energy can be reclaimed from the gravity flow as the treated waste runs down to the sea.

The meeting convinced me that Southern Water are genuinely interested to hear and respond to the views of societies such as ours, and, despite the considerable difficulties involved, they are determined to reduce the environmental damage of the scheme to the minimum. They are currently undertaking a full environmental appraisal of the scheme to accompany planning applications. The first of several planning applications will be made in August this year and the Dover Society will have the opportunity to comment again as details are further developed. Construction is planned to take three years after planning consents are obtained so the earliest we can expect completion is towards the end of 1997.

The estimated cost of the combined scheme for Dover and Folkestone is a massive £124 million which represents more than 60% of the total budget for Southern Water's 'Operation Seaclean' and probably the largest single investment ever made in Dover. In this case, however, it is to be hoped that we don't see too much for our money! ♦

### **Monthly Report on the work of the Planning Sub-Committee**

by LAWRENCE GAGE, *Chairman*

#### **THE PLANNING WATCHDOG**

The Planning Sub-Committee has been very active in the past few months., All planning applications made to the District Council have been inspected and when considered necessary, written representations have been made on behalf of the Society. Sometimes we are able fully to support an application but inevitably many of the points raised are critical of what is being proposed, but we do aim to comment in a constructive way with suggestions on how a particular application could be improved.

We are also involved with some planning matters long before formal applications are made. The current scheme for the combined waste water treatment plant is a typical example of the Society's active involvement right from the start of negotiations. The Sub-committee works closely with Dover District Council, Dover Harbour Board, Impact and other relevant organisations.

Planning applications need to be commented upon within a week or so and although the Sub-committee meets regularly to discuss applications it is not always possible to consult the full membership on every issue. However the Sub-committee does try to ensure that any planning issues, such as the current proposals for the Western Docks redevelopment are given a good airing at general meetings of the Society.

The Sub-committee also aims to keep members informed of planning issues and of its own activities through the pages of the Newsletter.

The Planning Sub-committee welcomes the views of members on any planning issue and would like to receive any information you may have, whether factual or rumoured, that could assist in the 'watchdog' rôle of the Dover Society. *Please contact the Chairman of the Sub-committee, Lawrence Gage, during working hours on Dover 242749 or by calling at his office at 9 Castle Street.*

## SUMMARY OF RECENT PLANNING ISSUES

ISSUE	DOVER SOCIETY COMMENT
Whitfield by-pass and 2-level junction at Guston	Some reservations—particularly details of heights and landscaping details. Permission has been granted subject to further details.
Western Docks Redevelopment	General welcome. Criticism of details of Pearce Scheme. Improvements suggested. Consultation continues.
Cherry Tree Avenue Car Breakers	Despite hard-fought battle, K.C.C. have sold site to occupiers, who will remain.
Power Plant Buckland Paper Mill	Considerable reservations re number (3) and height (30m) of chimneys and possible pollution. Permission granted.
Listed Buildings. Western Docks	Recommending the listing of further buildings in this area. (i.e. Clock Tower, Old Custom House, Harbour Station, Interior of Cinque Ports Arms P.H.)
Waste Water Treatment Scheme for Dover and Folkestone. Treatment plant at Broomfield Bank, Farthingloe. (See separate report)	Society worried about economic viability of Scheme. Prefer platform site. Negotiations continue.
Temporary use of existing tunnel workers' village at Farthingloe for offices and training.	Opposed to this but permission granted.
Permission <u>not</u> to remove Eurotunnel road and re-instate landscape. Farthingloe.	Society would like to see the whole area reinstated but with permission to keep road open
Canopy, 10 High Street.	Objected. Unsuitable design and details.
Sweet shop and Tea Rooms, 7 Market Square	Strongly supported. <i>cont. overleaf</i>

Russell Street Multi Storey Car Park  
Renewal of expired permission

Objected. Permission likely to be confirmed to keep open the option of developing this site. Society pressing for 'master plan' for whole area.

Proposed Market, Adjacent Charlton Centre.

Prefer site(s) for market based around the Market Square. (several sites are under consideration)

Display Canopy – Old Flour Mill, Lorne Rd.

Too large, unsuitable design for listed building. Permission refused.

#### IMPACT

(Environmental Improvement for Dover)

Due to open at ex Martin Walter showrooms, Castle Street on 28th July.?

## Conundrums & Conviviality

### ANSWERS

1. The Emperor Claudius
2. 1962
3. Four shillings
4. 1736
5. 593 lbs.
6. The Basin (or Bason)
7. Love Lane
8. Lizzie
9. The Portsmen of the Cinque Ports
10. Bleak House
11. Emperor Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie
12. 1854
13. In Constable's Gate, Dover Castle
14. (a) 1605 (b) 1861
15. Elizabeth I
16. Thomas Wells (part of whose trial is recreated in the 'Town Hall Gaol').



*Cas Holmes' Workshop  
Pupil of St. Richard's  
Primary School*