

Report on the work of the Planning Sub-Committee

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RECENT PLANNING ISSUES

summary of the views of our Planning Sub-Committee

Proposed Business Park Farthingloe	Strongly opposed to any such development in this area of 'outstanding natural beauty' - especially as there appears to be little demand for the existing business park at Whitfield.
Old Dover-Deal Turnpike Road	The historic gutter in Laureston Place is being seriously damaged. For some time we have been trying to find a way of preserving this important relic. It cannot be listed as it is not a building. We believe it should be restored at a higher level but as this looks unlikely, we are pressing for it to be, at least, repaired.
Hoardings York Street Roundabout	There have been a number of applications to retain the existing hoardings and to install new ones. We have objected to all hoardings on this site which is effectively Dover's front door.
Kwiksave	We have asked the company to improve the appearance of the Castle Street frontage and to plant the 'planter'. They say they will think about it! - we will keep pressing until something is done
Old Park	The MoD want to develop this important large site. We have suggested a Regional Sports Centre with training facilities and there is support for the idea. If there is the will - the way is there.
Dover Sea Angling headquarters Snargate Street	Supported (with reservations on design). Permission given.
Cruise Liner Terminal part of Western Docks Station	Strongly supported application. Listed Building Consent now given. DHB to press ahead. Very good news for Dover.
Seafront improvements Impact/DHB	Written to express our considerable reservations - i.e. traffic flows, road closure, design of shelters, entry to Churchill Hotel, concentration in only one area. Original application refused. Revised application without the shelters now submitted. Winner of seafront 'Public Art' competition - Ray Smith with his Swimmers 'on the crest of a wave'.

65 & 67 Folkestone Road

Dover's new 'gap'. Having investigated they had demolition consent! Council favour new flats. Access and parking implications. Owner says he has no intention of doing anything at present. No action can be taken by DDC except to insist demolition is properly completed on safety grounds. 11

Dualling of A2

Consider proposed route is wrong and suggest a better solution. Written to Highways Agency, KCC, DDC and David Shaw asking for a fresh appraisal of whole issue. However a change of route looks unlikely at this late stage.

White Cliffs Business Park,
Phase II

In favour of use for business, general industrial and warehousing but strongly opposed to any further retail outlets. The so-called 'factory outlet shopping centre' is, we believe, a ruse to circumvent recently published planning guide lines to stop the further erosion of our town centres by further 'out of town' shopping centres.

Girls' Grammar School
New Music and Drama Dept.

Rather dull but harmless. No comment sent.

New Pub at Guston

Ye olde English style – pure Disneyland! this is the first English building that millions of visitors will see, what a shame it is not a good example of good modern design.

DOVER'S BID FOR MILLENNIUM MONEY

Readers of the Newsletter will have followed, in these pages, the progress of our Millennium plans since the Dover Society called a public meeting on 12 May 1994.

Following that meeting a Steering Committee was set up to discuss and plan Dover's application to the Millennium Commission. One member of the Dover Society, Lawrence Gage, who had instigated the public meeting, became a member of this Steering Committee, and subsequently its chairman: the other members of the Steering Committee are Ian Gill, General Manager, East Kent Initiative; John Moir, Chief Executive, Dover District Council; David Shaw, MP for Dover and Jonathan Sloggett, Managing Director, Dover Harbour Board.

Now, almost a year later, after numerous meetings and discussions, the proposal for a grant towards a project in Dover has been submitted to the Millennium Commission.

In view of the importance of this issue, the full letter of application is included here.