## **REGULATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 15th May, 2012

10.00 am

Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone





#### **AGENDA**

## **REGULATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 15th May, 2012, at 10.00 am Ask for: Andrew Tait Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Telephone 01622 694342 Hall. Maidstone

Tea/Coffee will be available15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

## Membership (17)

Conservative (15): Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman),

Mr A H T Bowles, Mr R E Brookbank, Mr C J Capon, Mr H J Craske, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr J A Davies, Mr T Gates, Mr W A Hayton, Mr S C Manion, Mr R F Manning, Mr J M Ozog, Mr R A Pascoe and

Mr J N Wedgbury

Liberal Democrat (1): Mr I S Chittenden

Independent (1) Mr R J Lees

## **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

1. Membership

To note the appointment of Mr I S Chittenden to the Committee in place of Mr S J G Koowaree.

- 2. Substitutes
- 3. Declarations of Interests by Members in items on the Agenda for this meeting.
- 4. Minutes (Pages 1 14)

(a) Committee: 24 January 2012

(b) Mental Health Guardianship Panel: 27 January 2012

(c) Member Panel: 20 March 2012

20 March 2012 16 April 2012

5. Mental Health Guardianship (Pages 15 - 26)

- 6. Home to School Transport (Pages 27 28)
- 7. Update from the Definitive Map Team (Pages 29 50)
- 8. Update from the Commons Registration Team (Pages 51 54)
- 9. The National Planning Policy Framework (Oral presentation)
- 10. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues (Pages 55 72)
- 11. Other Items which the Chairman decides are Urgent

## **EXEMPT ITEMS**

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

Peter Sass Head of Democratic Services (01622) 694002

## Friday, 4 May 2012

Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers maybe inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.



#### **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **REGULATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 24 January 2012.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman) Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman) Mr R E Brookbank, Mr H J Craske, Mr J A Davies, Mr T Gates, Mr W A Hayton, Mr P J Homewood (Substitute for Mr C J Capon), Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr R J Lees, Mr S C Manion, Mr J M Ozog, Mr R A Pascoe and Mr J N Wedgbury

ALSO PRESENT: Ms S J Carey, Mr A Sandhu, MBE and Mr M J Whiting

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M Overbeke (Head of Regulatory Services), Ms S Coventry (Public Rights Of Way Officer ( Definition )), Miss M McNeir (Public Rights Of Way and Commons Registration Officer), Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr R Gregory (Principal Planning Officer - Enforcement), Mr G Rudd (Assistant Democratic Services Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

## 1. Membership

(Item 1)

The Committee noted the appointment of Mr W A Hayton in place of Mr M J Whiting.

#### 2. Minutes

(Item 4)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 7 September 2011 and of the Member Panel meetings held on 11 November 2011, 15 November 2011 and 13 December 2011 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

## 3. Home to School Transport

(Item 5)

- (1) The Assistant Democratic Services Manager informed the Committee that future meetings would receive an updated table on the annual Home to School Transport appeals position.
- (2) Mr M J Whiting, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education, Learning and Skills offered to write to Mr W A Hayton setting out the position if a child became statemented during the school year.
- (3) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## 4. Update from the Commons Registration Team (*Item 6*)

- (1) The Public Rights of Way and Commons Registration Officer agreed to send all Members of the Committee the hyperlink (once it was published) containing all responses to the DEFRA consultation on its proposals to reform the system for registering new Town or Village Greens.
- (2) RESOLVED that the report be received.
- 5. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Public Rights of Way Diversions and Extinguishment Orders: Service Level Agreement with District and Borough Councils (Item 7)
- (1) The Chairman introduced the new Head of Regulatory Services, Mr Mike Overbeke to the Committee.
- (2) The Committee noted that the date set out in paragraph 5 of the report should read "18 May 2011" and that all references to "I" in the report should read "the Head of Regulatory Services."
- (3) RESOLVED that approval be given to the Head of Regulatory Services to enter into a Service Level Agreement on behalf of the County Council with any of the District and Borough Councils who express an interest in order to undertake the making of all Orders under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on their behalf.

## 6. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues (Item 8)

- (1) Miss S C Carey, Mr A V Sandhu and Mr M J Whiting were present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure Rule 2.21 and addressed the Committee on the active enforcement sites in their constituencies.
- (2) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported correspondence from Mr K A Ferrin and Mr R W Gough supporting the actions taken and contemplated in respect of active enforcement sites in their constituencies.
- (3) The Committee agreed to visit Shaw Grange, Charing before its next meeting.
- (4) RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the actions on the respective cases set out in paragraphs 5 to 34 of the report be endorsed together with those contained within Schedules/Appendices 1,2 and 3 of the report.

#### 7. Mr Alan Goodison

The Committee put on record its grateful appreciation of the work of Mr Alan Goodison, the Senior Planning Enforcement Officer. It wished him great success in all his future endeavours.

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# REGULATION COMMITTEE MENTAL HEALTH GUARDIANSHIP PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Mental Health Guardianship Panel held in the Swale 3, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 27 January 2012.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr R E Brookbank and Mr C P Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Absolon (Social Care Commissioner for Mental Health), Ms D Divine (Policy Officer - Mental Health), Ms M Brown (Administration Officer) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2011 (*Item 3*)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2011 were noted, having been previously approved at the Regulation Committee meeting on 17 May 2011.

## 2. Guardianship Register and Guardianship Review Panel (Item 4)

- (1) The Social Care Commissioner for Mental Health reported that since the new provisions of the Mental Health Act had come into force in 2007, there had been regular bi-monthly Guardianship Review Panel meetings to oversee the cases of every service user on the Guardianship Register and to consider potential new cases. Only one new application had been made in 2011/12.
- (2) The Policy Officer Mental Health reported that very good progress was being made in partnership with the clinical practitioners to improve the accuracy of the Register.
- (3) Work had also been undertaken to develop generic practice guidance and a proforma document for recording legal changes.

# **EXEMPT ITEMS**(Open Access to Minutes)

(Members resolved under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.)

(4) The Panel Members were shown an electronic version of the Guardianship Register and noted that since 1 April 2011, 11 service users had been removed from it. It was anticipated that a further 5 might be removed before the end of March 2012. This would leave only 17 names on the Register.

(5) The Panel agreed the recommendations set out in the report and also decided that, in order to avoid confusion with the Guardianship Panel, it would change its own name to "Regulation Committee Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee."

## (6) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report and the contents of the Guardianship Register be noted and that endorsement be given to:-
  - the development of an information leaflet for service users and carers detailing the statutory provisions under Section 7 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007) and the right of appeal to a mental Health Tribunal and to Local Social Services Authority Members respectively;
  - (ii) the introduction of an electronic guardianship register held on a secure database. It is envisaged that this will have the capacity for digital sign-off by members. The rationale is to improve efficiency by reducing the need to hold a paper record. While it is unlikely that all paperwork associated with the guardianship process can be eliminated, it will be possible to archive closed cases, the number of which currently stands at approximately 40; and
  - (iii) the Operational Support Unit following up published policy and practice guidance by surveying practitioners at intervals, receiving feedback and checking this against compliance rates; and
- (b) in order to avoid confusion with the Guardianship Panel, this Panel be renamed the Regulation Committee Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee.

## REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held in the Stour Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr H J Craske, Mr J A Davies, Mr S J G Koowaree and Mr R J Lees

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr C Wade (Countryside Access Principal Case Officer), Miss M McNeir (Public Rights Of Way and Commons Registration Officer) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

# 1. Membership and Substitutes (*Item 1*)

The Committee membership varied from that shown on the agenda by the inclusion of Mr H R Craske and Mr R J Lees instead of Mr A D Crowther and Mr T Gates.

- 2. Application to register a new Town or Village Green at The Booth Field, Harrietsham (Item 3)
- (1) Correspondence dated 19 March 2012 from Mr David Pegg, the applicant was tabled at the meeting. The Chairman agreed to accept this document.
- (2) The Principal Case Officer set out the history of the application under discussion. This had originally come forward in 2001 and had been objected to by the Booth and Baldwin Charity (the landowners). Following a non statutory Public Inquiry, a Panel had registered all the land except the tennis courts on 20 May 2004.
- (3) The decision to register was challenged in the High Court by the Treasury Solicitors (acting on behalf of the landowner which was a registered charity.) In the light of case law in force at that time, the County Council had accepted that the cricket field and tennis courts parts of the land were not capable of registration, whereas the situation was less clear in respect of the children's playground and the rough areas of grass around the cricket field.
- (4) On 24 January 2006, a High Court Order was made requiring the deletion of the land from the County Council's register. It was also agreed that the possible registration of the playground and the rough areas (Areas C and D) should be remitted to the County Council for reconsideration. This would initially take the form of a further non statutory Public Inquiry.
- (5) The Principal Case Officer referred to the subsequent High Court decisions in respect of the *Betterment* and *High Peak* cases. These cast doubt on whether the High Court had the ability to remit the case back to the County Council.

- (6) As a result of the two judgements, the Inspector for the non-statutory Public Inquiry advised the County Council that it should not proceed and recommended that advice on the implications of these judgements should be sought from Counsel.
- (7) The County Council had asked the applicant and the landowner for their views. The applicant had considered that an application should be made for the Order to be set aside and that the Village Green registration should remain as it was prior to the Order. The Landowner considered that it would not be appropriate to set the Order aside. The County Council then sought advice from Counsel.
- (8) The Principal Case Officer then set out the three options that had been considered by Counsel. The first of these (Option 1) was to arrange for a non-statutory Public Inquiry to reconsider the application for Areas C and D. Counsel's advice to the County Council was that in the light of the *Betterment* and *High Peak* judgements, it was unlikely that the County Council actually had the power to do so. In addition, the Order itself only required the deletion of the registration. The reconsideration of parts of the application was a private arrangement between the parties which did not form part of the Order.
- (9) The second possible option (Option 2) considered by Counsel was for the County County to apply to the High Court to set the Order aside. This would lead to all the land (except the tennis courts) being registered as a Village green with a formal decision needing to be made by the Court on the validity of the registration. Counsel had advised that this option would entail the County Council having to defend the registration by actively supporting the application (as the applicant himself had not been a party to the High Court proceedings). The implications of such action would be that the County Council would prejudice its impartiality in respect of Village green applications, and that this would not be an appropriate course of action.
- (10) The third option (Option 3) considered by Counsel was for the County Council to take no further action. Counsel considered this to be the most equitable solution because the County Council did not appear to have the power to reconsider the application and had no positive duty to take any further action to seek to have the Order set aside. This approach would comply fully with the wording of the Court Order. A decision to take this approach would also enable the applicant to take action through the various legal remedies available to him.
- (11) The Principal Case Officer was the asked by the Chairman to comment on the content of Mr Pegg's letter. He said that the initial view taken by Officers based on previous legal advice had been that it would be best to seek to set the Order aside. The "15 month hiatus" between October 2010 and February 2012 referred to by Mr Pegg had not been a period of inactivity. It had involved a great deal of consideration within the County Council, including legal advice. The opinion of Counsel had been sought as a result of internal discussions as a result of the Betterment and High peak judgements and following the recommendation of the Inspector who had initially been appointed to conduct the non-statutory Public Inquiry. Mr Pegg had been asked for his views. These had been taken into account, and had been one of the factors that had led to Officers seeking the advice of Counsel.
- (12) The Principal Case Officer replied to a question by saying that it would have been open to Mr Pegg to submit a fresh application up to the point where 5 years had elapsed. This option was now no longer available as any such application would now

be out of time. However, Mr Pegg could still himself apply to the High Court to have the Order set aside so that the Court could consider the matter.

- (13) The Principal Case Officer concluded his presentation by saying that a decision on how to proceed needed to take account of the risks to the County Council. Option 1 was strongly discouraged by Counsel whilst Option 2 would involve the County Council in having to present the case on behalf of the applicant. Counsel had therefore recommended that the Panel should resolve to take no further action. This would put the applicant in a position to decide how he wished to proceed with the application (including consideration of the legal remedies open to him) whilst enabling the County Council to maintain its neutrality.
- (14) Mr Davies noted Mr Pegg's comments that he had "been given such little time to review, consult, consider and properly respond to the turn of events." The Principal Case Officer replied that Mr Pegg had been given plenty of opportunity to put in his comments and that these had been incorporated in the recommendations. He accepted that Mr Pegg would have only become aware of Counsel's latest advice in the Council's letter to him of 21 February 2012. This advice, however, related to the County Council's own legal position rather than to the merits of the applicant's case.
- (15) Mr Richard Cook from the Booth and Baldwin Trust briefly explained that the land in question had been bought by the Trust in the 1920s for the benefit of the local School. The Tennis and Cricket Clubs rented their playing areas from them. It had cost the Trust a large sum of money to defend its interests during the application period and it would reluctantly need to do so again if Option 3 was not agreed.
- (16) Panel Members commented that if it were to agree to Option 2, the County Council would be placed in an invidious position of effectively becoming the applicant. The High Court Order had been perfectly clear that the land in question had to be deleted from the Register. There was no obligation upon the County Council to do anything else.
- (17) In agreeing the recommendations, the Panel asked the Principal Case Officer to provide Mr Pegg with a full written response to the points raised in his letter.
- (18) RESOLVED that:
  - (a) no further action be taken in relation to this matter; and
  - (b) Mr Pegg be provided with a full written response to the points raised in his letter of 19 March 2012.

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### **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

## REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held in the Stour Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr H J Craske, Mr J A Davies, Mr S J G Koowaree and Mr R J Lees

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr C Wade (Countryside Access Principal Case Officer), Miss M McNeir (Public Rights Of Way and Commons Registration Officer) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

## 3. Membership

(Item 1)

The Committee membership varied from that shown on the agenda by the inclusion of Mr H R Craske and Mr R J Lees instead of Mr A D Crowther and Mr T Gates.

- 4. Application to register land at Culverstone Green, Mountfield Close at Meopham as a new Village Green (Item 3)
- (1) Members of the Panel visited the application site prior to the meeting. This visit was attended by Mrs L Boycott (a Gravesham Borough Councillor) and Mr M Ciuca (Gravesham BC Legal Services.)
- (2) The Chairman had been unable to attend the visit to the site owing to traffic congestion. He offered to vacate the chair in favour of one of the other four Panel Members. The Panel agreed that his absence from the site visit should not prevent him from either chairing the meeting or from in any other way participating in the decision making process.
- (3) Mr H R Craske informed the Panel that he was a Gravesham Borough Councillor. He had, though, at no stage been involved in discussions about this application and therefore did not have a personal interest in this matter.
- (4) The Commons Registration Officer introduced the application by saying that it had been made by a local resident, Mrs B Field under Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006 and the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008 and had been accompanied by 17 User Questionnaire forms. The site of the application was a discrete part of the Culverstone Recreation Ground, consisting of grassland and trees. It had been planted with daffodils which were in full flower when Members had visited the site.
- (5) The land in question was owned by Gravesham BC which also owned the rest of the Recreation Ground, having been acquired by the Borough Council from the

former Strood Rural District Council in March 1974. Gravesham BC had objected to the application on the grounds that the land had been acquired specifically for the purposes of public recreation and that use of the site had therefore taken place "by right" rather than "as of right."

- (6) The Commons Registration Officer then considered each of the legal tests. The first of these was whether use of the land had been "as of right." It was evident that people had been able to use the land freely and without hindrance. In order for the application to succeed, this use would also have needed to be without permission. Gravesham BC had claimed that it had acquired the land from Strood Rural District Council in exercise of powers contained in the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937. Although the Deed of Transfer between the two authorities was silent on this point, there was a significant body of evidence (set out in paragraph 21 of the report) in support of the Borough Council's contention.
- (7) The Commons Registration Officer explained that although there was no specific legal provision to prevent land held under the Physical Training and Recreation Act being registered, there were strong judicial precedents to suggest that this was the case. She referred to the *Beresford* and *Barkas* Court cases. In the second of these, the High Court had ruled that as the public were legally entitled to use the land, they should not be regarded as trespassing when they did so. As the Physical Training and Recreation Act enabled a local authority to provide such recreational authorities as it saw fit, the conclusion in respect of this application was that use of the land could only have been "by right" rather than "as of right" and that the application did not pass the first test.
- (8) The Commons Registration Officer moved on to consider the second test which was whether use of the land had been for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes. She said that some of the User Questionnaires had claimed that the land had been used for football and dog shows. This seemed unlikely, and suggested to her that there was a possibility of confusion over the land in question. It was quite possible that they were referring to the main Recreation Ground, which would be far more suitable for such events. This had been confirmed by Cllr Mrs Boycott at the site visit. Other users had given evidence of children playing and blackberrying.
- (9) The third test was whether use had been by a significant number of inhabitants of a particular locality or neighbourhood within a locality. The Commons Registration Officer said that the site was located in the Parish of Meopham. Culverstone could be categorised as a neighbourhood within the locality as it had its own Community Centre and Primary School. She agreed with a comment made by Mr Craske that the residents of Culverstone considered themselves as a coherent community. It was, though, not clear that the 9 households (all but two of which were situated in Mountfield Close) constituted a "significant number" of users, particularly as there was a question over whether some of them were describing activities on the land in question.
- (10) The Commons Registration Officer briefly considered the last two tests. Use of the site had indisputably continued up to the date of application and had taken place over a period of twenty years or more. Even this needed to be considered in the in the light of the questions about the accuracy of the user evidence; some of which could well have related to the main Recreation Ground rather than the application site.

- (11) The Commons Registration Officer concluded her presentation by saying that the questions surrounding the user evidence could have been clarified through the mechanism of a non-statutory Public Inquiry. However, the application had suffered a "knock-out blow" because the application site was held by Gravesham Borough Council under the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937 and that, in consequence, use of the land had been "by right" rather than "as of right."
- (12) Mr Marius Ciuca from Gravesham Borough Council said that he was in agreement with the recommendations. He noted that different users had identified the locality in different ways. It was variously described as "Culverstone", "Culverstone Green" and "Mountfield Close."
- (13) The Commons Registration Officer replied to Mr Ciuca's comments by saying that it was not unusual for descriptions of the locality to vary in this way. Such differences were unimportant in terms of determining the application as consideration of whether there was a qualifying locality was undertaken by Officers as part of their own investigations.
- (14) On being put to the vote, the recommendations of the Head of Regulatory Services were carried unanimously.
- (15) RESOLVED that the applicant be informed that the application to register land at Mountfield Close at Culverstone Green in the parish of Meopham as a Village Green has not been accepted.

# 5. Transfer of Rights of Common at Higham Common (CL86) (Item 4)

- (1) Mr H R Craske informed the Panel that regularly walked on the land in question. However, none of the parties concerned were known to him and he was able to approach this matter with a fresh mind.
- (2) The Commons Registration Officer said that this was an application that the County Council was able to consider as part of the Pilot Project. She explained that Common Land had been defined in the Commons Registration Act 1965 as land subject to traditional rights ("rights of common") or waste land of a manor not subject to rights of common. The most widely exercised rights of common (which legally went back to medieval times) was the right to graze animals. There were also other less familiar rights such as "pannage" (a right to turn out pigs in woodland to graze on acorns) or "piscary" (a right to fish).
- (3) The Commons Registration Officer then turned to the application itself. The land had been acquired from the University of Cambridge by ET Ledger and Son Ltd. Evidence of a Deed of Sale had been provided. The transfer of the Rights of Common associated with this land would not take place until it was entered on the Register.
- (4) On being put to the vote, the recommendations of the head of Regulatory Services were unanimously agreed.

(5) RESOLVED to inform the applicant that the application to amend the Register of Common Land to reflect the recent transfer of rights of common has been accepted and that the Register of Common Land for Unit CL86 be amended accordingly.

By: Andrew Ireland - Corporate Director, Families & Social Care

**To:** Regulation Committee Mental Health Guardianship Panel –

15 May 2012

Subject: Mental Health Guardianship

Classification: Unrestricted

**Summary:** This report explains the role of the Mental Health Guardianship

Sub-Committee in relation to the County Council's duties under

the Mental Health Act 1983.

#### Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to apprise Members of the work undertaken in relation to Kent County Council's duties under Sections 7 and 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007). Section 7 of the Mental Health Act 1983 provides for guardianship under the auspices of a Local Social Services Authority (LSSA) (or a named individual) on the recommendation of two doctors and an application by an approved mental health professional or nearest relative. Under Section 37 a court can also make a guardianship order.
- 1.2 Guardianship enables service users to receive care in the community where it cannot be provided without the use of compulsory powers. It provides a framework, as part of the overall care and treatment plan, for working with a service user to achieve as independent a life as possible. Guardianship can apply to those aged 16 years and above who are suffering from a mental disorder of a nature or degree which warrants reception into guardianship.
- 1.3 Section 8 of the Act sets out the three powers conferred on the guardian. These are:
  - The power to require the patient to reside at a specified place;
  - The power to require the patient to attend specified places for medical treatment, occupation, education or training;
  - The power to require access to a doctor, or approved mental health professional, or other specified person.

#### The Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee

2.1 In 2009 Kent County Council established a Mental Health Guardianship Panel (now Sub-Committee) for the purpose of quality assuring the guardianship process and data collection. This was required because under Section 23(2) an order for discharge can be made in respect of a patient who is subject to guardianship by the responsible clinician, by the Local Social Services Authority or by the nearest relative of the patient. Section 23 (4) sets out the framework for exercising the powers conferred by this section and Kent

County Council's Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee's arrangements conform to these provisions.

2.2 The LSSA is obliged to hold a register of those who are received into guardianship and must provide an annual report to the Department of Health detailing numbers of applications and renewals. The figures for Kent since the establishment of the Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee are set out in the table below.

Table 1

2009	48 cases
2010	44 cases
2011	32 cases
2012	19 cases

- 2.3 Table 1 shows a marked reduction in the number of guardianship cases held by KCC. This is reflective of a number of factors including the efforts undertaken by the Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee to improve data quality by implementing clear operational requirements for recording all activity associated with guardianship interventions, including discharges. Attached to this report at **Appendix 1** is the practice guidance that has been issued to seconded staff, including Approved Mental Health Professionals, working within the Kent and Medway Partnership Trust. A further piece of work in progress is an impact assessment of this practice guidance on practitioners in terms of whether it has been received and understood. The results, including analysis of data, will be complete and available in approximately four weeks.
- 2.4 The decline in the number of active guardianship cases is also indicative of the introduction of Supervised Community Treatment Orders under the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007), and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (amended 2007). Both represent alternative statutory frameworks for the provision of treatment and care of individuals within a community setting. However, the Mental Capacity Act 2005 would only apply where an individual is deemed to lack capacity in relation to a specific decision, for example where that individual will live.
- 2.5 In most cases the Mental Capacity Act 2005 will not apply when an individual is assessed as eligible under the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983, or where the invocation of a deprivation of liberty safeguards authorisation would conflict with an existing order under the Mental Health Act 1983. Nevertheless, there are examples of both Acts operating in conjunction in relation to one individual. A Kent service user on the current guardianship register is also subject to a deprivation of liberty safeguard. The latter gives authority to implement a very robust care plan that aims to protect members of the public. Without these arrangements the service user would in all likelihood require an admission to a secure unit that imposed even greater restrictions.
- 2.6 This case illustrates the least restrictive imperative, and it is clear that practitioners need to be conversant and able to engage with the most appropriate legislative framework when making complex decisions. This is because any interference by a public authority in the right to liberty under Article 5 of the Human Rights Act 1998 must be undertaken in adherence to a process prescribed by the law and this includes the right to appeal against a statutory decision that places restrictions on an individual, such as those imposed by order of guardianship under Section 7. To ensure that service users who are received into

guardianship by Kent County Council and their families and/or carers fully understand their rights to appeal, an information leaflet has been devised, based on a Department of Health exemplar. A copy is attached with this report at **Appendix 2** containing information regarding process for appeal, right to complain and right to have access to statutory advocacy.

- 2.7 A key function of the Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee involves scrutiny of statutory paperwork and quality assurance in relation to practice. Plans are in place to audit Approved Mental Health Professionals' reports which detail the decision-making process. The results of this will inform future training needs. For example, a particularly challenging area is the interface between the Mental Health Act 1983 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005, which remains somewhat difficult to navigate for practitioners in terms of understanding when the provisions of each statute should apply where they appear to overlap. The Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee has a critical role in monitoring any emerging themes of this nature, and works with health and social care good practice groups to promote professional competence across all sectors.
- 2.8 In conclusion the Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee continues to safeguard the rights and needs of vulnerable individuals who have been taken into guardianship by Kent County Council in the interests of their health, safety or for the protection of others. It is essential that there is a framework for overseeing the discharge of the LSSA's powers and duties under Sections 7 and 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended) in order to assure compliance with statutory provisions under applicable legislation, not least the Human Rights Act 1998.

#### Recommendation

3.1 The Regulation Committee is invited to Note the work of the Mental Health Guardianship Sub-Committee in ensuring the County Council's compliance with the Mental Health Act 1983.

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Background Documents: Mental Health Act 1983 and Amendments 2007.

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#### PRACTICE GUIDANCE

## GUARDIANSHIP ORDER - SECTION 7 OF THE MHA 1983 (REVISED 2007) FLOWCHART

### **Guardianship Order Invoked**

2 medical recommendations, one from the Responsible Clinician, plus AMHP application – decision reached following consultation with Nearest Relative, care coordinator, carers and any other interested party via CPA process. The guardian is the LSSA, i.e. Kent County Council. **DO NOT identify an individual practitioner as the guardian**.

## **Guardianship Order Received**

Original application sent to Interim Director Mental Health/Learning Disability (Penny Southern) c/o Mitzi Brown with accompanying proforma and social circumstances report. Register amended by Mitzi Brown and appointment made with Guardianship Review Panel for scrutiny. On receipt of the signed copy of paperwork the AMHP must advise the subject of the guardianship order of their legal status and of their right of appeal. The AMHP must also advise Nearest Relative of their respective rights including power to discharge. Please record the name of the service user's care coordinator/key professional and their contact details on the proforma, if different to the AMHP making the application. Please send a copy of the social circumstances report to the MHA administrator so that RiO can be up-dated.

#### Renewal

<u>Prior</u> to expiration of order – initially at six months, then at the end of a further period of six months, and annually after one year – a CPA review meeting to take place in order to consider formal status of service user and whether it is appropriate to continue under guardianship: note it is advised that the review is carried out at least four – eight weeks prior to expiration, and must include consultation with NR. A prompt will be sent to the *care coordinator* 6 weeks prior to the date of expiration to allow sufficient time for assessment arrangements and referral to AMHP if appropriate. *However, please do not rely on a reminder*. Renewal papers sent to Interim Director Learning Disability/Mental Health c/o Mitzi Brown. Additionally a proforma must be completed and sent to Mitzi Brown recording decision to renew, accompanied by an up to date social circumstances report. *Additionally the social circumstances report needs to be forwarded to the MHA administrator*.

#### **Guardianship Review Panel**

AMHP and/or care coordinator/key professional will be notified four weeks prior to appointment with Guardianship Review Panel and invited to attend. An up to date report will be requested, if not already forwarded. Process and decision-making scrutinised by Guardianship Review Panel and any decision will be given in writing along with feedback.

### Discharge

A guardianship order can be discharged by the RC as soon as it is no longer required. Those subject to guardianship can appeal to the MHRT. The Nearest Relative can also discharge the order under Section 23 of MHA. The LSSA has the power to discharge, in accordance with the process of review. It is best practice that guardianship orders are positively discharged, once no longer required, rather than allowed to lapse – as soon as a guardianship order comes to an end for whatever reason, including as a result of the death of the service user, a proforma must be completed and sent to Mitzi Brown so that the register can be amended. Additionally you will need to advise the MHA administrator so that RiO can be up-dated.

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## **GUARDIANSHIP**

(Section 7 of the Mental Health Act 1983)

Your guardian	Kent County Council
Name:	
Address:	Kent County Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Brenchley House 123 – 135 Week Street Maidstone Kent ME14 1RF
Telephone:	01622 694063
Your responsible local social services authority	Kent County Council

## What is guardianship?

Under section 7 of the Mental Health Act 1983, people who have a mental disorder can be given a guardian to help them, if two doctors say this is needed.

Your guardian may be your local social services authority, or someone who has been approved by a social services authority. If your guardian is not a social services authority, they are called a "private guardian".

Your guardian has legal powers to tell you:

- Where you must live;
- To attend appointments for medical treatment, work, education or training at set places and at set times;
- To allow a doctor or another named person to see you.

Why do I need a guardian?

Two doctors think that you need help to live in the community as you have a mental disorder and you need a guardian for your own welfare or to protect other people.

## How long does it last?

Guardianship lasts for up to six months at first - unless the professionals involved think that the criteria for continued use of guardianship at any point no longer apply

Your guardianship may be renewed for a further six months, and again for a further year at a time, if your responsible clinician or your nominated medical attendant thinks this is necessary. They will talk to you about this nearer the time.

Your responsible clinician is the doctor, or other person, asked by the local social services authority to say whether you still need a guardian. If you have a private guardian, this will be done by a doctor called your "nominated medical attendant" instead.

## Can I appeal?

If you want to stop having a guardian, you should talk to your guardian, your social worker, your responsible clinician or your nominated medical attendant.

You can also write to the social services authority to ask them to end your guardianship. If you want to ask the social services authority to end your guardianship you can write to:

The Director of Operations Learning Disability/Mental Health Kent County Council 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Brenchley House 123 – 135 Week Street Maidstone Kent ME14 1RF

Someone from the social services authority may want to talk to you before deciding whether you still need a guardian.

Your nearest relative can end your guardianship by writing to the social services authority. This leaflet explains further down who your nearest relative is.

You can also ask a Tribunal to say that you should not have a guardian any more.

## What is a Tribunal and what happens?

The Tribunal is an independent panel which can decide whether you still need a guardian. It will hold a meeting with you and with staff who know you. This

meeting is called a "hearing". You can ask someone else to come to the hearing to help you, if you want. Before the hearing, the members of the Tribunal will read reports about you and your guardianship. One of the members of the Tribunal will also come to talk to you.

## When can I apply to the Tribunal?

You can apply to the Tribunal once at any time during the first six months of your guardianship. You can then apply again once during the next six months and then once in every year that you are still under guardianship.

If you want to apply to the Tribunal you can write to:

The Tribunals Service PO BOX 8793 5th Floor Leicester LE1 8BN

Tel. 0845 2232022

You can ask a solicitor to write to the Tribunal for you and help you at the hearing.

Your social services authority and the Law Society have a list of solicitors who specialise in this. You will not have to pay for help from a solicitor with this. It is free of charge under the Legal Aid scheme.

## Help from an independent mental health advocate

You are entitled to help from an independent mental health advocate if you want it. These advocates are independent of people involved in your care. They can help you get information about why you are under guardianship, what it means and what your rights are. They can come to see you and help you understand what you are told by people involved in your care. If you want, they can help you talk to these people or they can talk to them for you. They can also help you with the Tribunal.

You can contact the independent mental health advocacy service yourself. The telephone number for the advocacy service is:	

If you do not want to contact the advocacy service yourself, you can ask the person who gave this leaflet to contact the advocacy service for you. You can also ask your nearest relative to contact the advocacy service for you.

## Letting your nearest relative know

A copy of this leaflet will be given to the person the Mental Health Act says is your nearest relative.

There is a list of people in the Mental Health Act who are treated as your relatives. Normally, the person who comes highest in that list is your nearest relative. Your social services authority can give you a leaflet which explains this and what rights your nearest relative has in connection with your care and treatment.

In your case, we have been told that your nearest relative is:	

If you do not want this person to receive a copy of the leaflet, please tell your guardian, social worker or the person who gave you this leaflet.

If you do not think this person is suitable to be your nearest relative, you can apply to the County Court for someone else to be treated as your nearest relative instead.

#### Code of Practice

There is a Code of Practice that gives advice about the Mental Health Act to people involved in your care. They have to consider what the Code says when they take decisions about your care. You can ask to see a copy of the Code, if you want.

## How do I complain?

If you want to complain about anything to do with your guardianship, please speak to the person who gave you this leaflet. They may be able to sort the matter out. They can also give you information about your local social services authority's complaints procedure, which you can use to try to sort out your complaint. They can also tell you about any other people who can help you make your complaint, for example an independent mental health advocate. If you want to complain to the local social services authority please write to:

The Director of Operations Learning Disability/Mental Health Kent County Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Brenchley House

123 – 135 Week Street

Maidstone

Kent ME14 1RF

You can go to the Local Government Ombudsman as well, even if the local council is still looking into your complaint. If you have access to the internet, the Local Government Ombudsman website, <a href="www.lgo.org.uk">www.lgo.org.uk</a>, tells you how to complain about local councils. Or you can telephone them on 0845 602 1983.

You can also complain to an independent Commission. This is called the Care Quality Commission and it monitors how the Mental Health Act is used, to make sure it is used correctly and that patients are cared for properly while they are under guardianship. You can ask for another leaflet explaining how to contact the Commission.

## **Further help and information**

If there is anything you do not understand about your care, please ask your guardian, your social worker or someone else involved in your care. Please also ask them to explain if there is anything in this leaflet you do not understand or if you have other questions that this leaflet has not answered.

Please ask if you would like another copy of this leaflet for someone else.

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By: Head of Democratic Services & Local Leadership

To: Regulation Committee – 15 May 2012

Subject: Home To School Transport

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To provide Members with a brief overview on Home to School

Transport appeal statistics for the period between 1 January 2012

and 30 April 2012

#### 1. Introduction

The Chairman has requested that the Committee receive a brief update on Home to School Transport Appeals.

### 2. Transport Appeal Statistics – 2012

- (2.1) For the period between 1 January 2012 to 30 April 2012 a total of 18 Home-to-School Transport appeals were submitted to 5 Transport Appeal Panel meetings. 10 were successful, (55%) at least in part (eg, time-limited assistance).
- (2.2) 9 of the appellants had Local Member representation at their appeals and 9 different Members sat on the Transport Appeal Panels.
- (2.3) There are 8 appeals to date at various stages of the appeals process which will need to be heard by the Transport Appeals Panel.

#### 3. Statistic Details

(3.1) Details relating to the Admissions and Transport Home to School Transport appeals for Mainstream Pupils and Additional Educational Needs Teams in respect of Statemented Pupils are shown in the attached Appendix.

## 4. Recommendations

(4.1) Members are asked to note this report.

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# MAINSTREAM HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS (ADMISSIONS AND TRANSPORT)

### 1 JANUARY 2012 - 30 APRIL 2012

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	1	1	0
Distance	1	0	1	100
Not Attending NAS	5	4	9	55
16+	1	3	4	25
Hazardous Routes	1	0	1	100
Other	0	0	0	0
Low Income Criteria	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	8	8	16	50

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 8 - MID: 2 - EAST: 4 - O/S KENT: 2

# STATEMENTED PUPILS HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS (ADDITIONAL EDUCATION NEEDS)

## 1 JANUARY 2012 - 30 APRIL 2012

Grounds for Appeal	Upheld	Not Upheld	Total	% Upheld
Denominational	0	0	0	0
Distance	1	0	1	100
Not Attending NAS	1	0	1	100
16+	0	0	0	0
Hazardous Routes	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Low Income Criteria	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2	0	2	100

APPEALS BY AREA: WEST: 0 - MID: 0- EAST: 2 - O/S KENT: 0

## **Update from the Definitive Map Team**

A report by the Head of Regulatory Services to Kent County Council's Regulation Committee on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

#### **Recommendation:**

I recommend that Members receive this report.

## **Progress with Definitive Map Team applications**

1. Members have requested that a summary of the current position of applications to amend the Definitive Map and Statement (DMS) be provided annually to the Regulation Committee. A copy of the Register of Section 53 applications to amend the Definitive Map and Statement and the Register of applications to divert or extinguish public rights of way is therefore attached at **Appendix A**. The Registers are also available on line at:-

https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/environment-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/claims%20(website).pdf and https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/environment-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/diversion-schedule-for-web.pdf

- 2. The Registers are updated on a monthly basis to reflect progress with cases.
- 3. During the period April 2011 to March 2012, thirty one Public Path Orders have been confirmed and eleven Definitive Map Modification Orders. Also five routes have been created through agreement with the landowner. In total eight cases have been referred to the Planning Inspectorate resulting in three being determined by Public Inquiry and five being determined by written representations. Of these cases all but one were confirmed by an Inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate. There are two further Public Inquiries due to place over the coming months and a further six cases are due to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination.
- 4. There are currently twenty eight unallocated diversions/extinguishments and fourteen unallocated section 53 applications (claims). The average wait between receipt of an application and allocation to an officer is currently twenty four months for diversions and twenty four months for section 53 applications. The backlogs have remained the same for diversions and have slightly increased for section 53 applications due to a shift in priorities as explained by Graham Rusling at the meeting on 7 September 2011 and also due to the production of a new DMS (described below).

### **Production of a new Definitive Map and Statement**

5. The current version of the DMS has a relevant date of 1 April 1987. The Ordnance Survey (OS) base map upon which the public rights of way information is recorded dates from 1979. This was the most up to date OS information available at a scale of 1:10,000 at that time.

- 6. Considerable development and change in land use has occurred in the County since 1979. The current map fails to reflect this and is increasingly out of date and difficult to interpret in areas affected by development. Mapping technology has also advanced hugely during this period. It is imperative that the DMS is as up to date as possible as this is the legal and conclusive record showing public rights of way which people have to reply upon.
- 7. The Countryside Access Service is nearing the completion of a lengthy project to bring the DMS up to date, making full use of the mapping technology now available.
- 8. The project has involved the creation of an electronic record and the careful checking of that new data set. Any modifications i.e. diversions, extinguishments, additions, upgrades/downgrades which have been made to the 1987 Map will be incorporated within the new map.
- 9. During the summer months a consultation will take place providing the opportunity to examine a draft of the updated DMS and to raise queries about anything contained within it. All members will be informed of the consultation at that time.
- 10. Following the consultation it is anticipated that the updated DMS will be completed in December and circulated in the New Year.

#### Recommendation

11. I RECOMMEND Members receive this report.

### **Background documents:**

Appendix A – Registers of applications

## **Contact Officer:**

Laura Wilkins Senior Public Rights of Way Officer Countryside Access Service Tel: 01622 221517

Email: laura.wilkins@kent.gov.uk



Register of applications under the Highways Act 1980 Year 2006 For further information please call 01622 221568 Last updated 30/04/2012

	Details				Confi	Confirmation	
	Parish	Description	Date Received	Status (the stage the application has reached)	Withdrawn	Completed	Case Officer
П	Aldington	Extinguishment	27/02/2006	Order confirmed (SoS)		Completed	Laura Wilkins
П	Cranbrook	Diversion	02/03/2006			Completed	Maria McLauchlan
	Postling	Diversion	02/03/2006			Completed	Laura Wilkins
	Hunton	Diversion	21/03/2006			Completed	Maria McLauchlan
	Whitstable	Diversion	21/03/2006		Withdrawn		
	Гепһат	Diversion	05/04/2006			Completed	Sonia Coventry
	Sandhurst	Diversion	12/04/2006	Order Declined		Completed	Sonia Coventry
	Brenchley & Matfield	Diversion	23/05/2006	Order Confirmed (SoS)		Completed	Sonia Coventry
	Aldington	Diversion	24/05/2006	Order confirmed (SoS)		Completed	Laura Wilkins
	Hever	Diversion	02/06/2006	Order confirmed		Completed	Sonia Coventry
	Saltwood	Extinguishment	22/06/2006	Order Confirmed (SoS)		Completed	Sonia Coventry
				Inspector declined to			
	Hothfield	Diversion	21/07/2006	Confirm		Completed	Sonia Coventry
	Gouldhurst	Diversion	01/08/2006	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Sonia Coventry
	speeŢ	Diversion	08/08/2006	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Laura Wilkins
	Hildenborough	Diversion	02/06/2006	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Stewart Biggs
		Extinguishment					
	Aylesford	& Ceation	10/10/2006	Order declined		Completed	Sonia Coventry
	Aylesford	Diversion		Order Declined		Completed	Sonia Coventry
	Shipbourne	Diversion	10/10/2006	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Stewart Biggs
	Pluckley	Diversion	24/08/2006	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Stewart Biggs
	Woodchurch	Diversion	17/11/2006	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Maria McLauchlan
	Petham	Diversion	04/12/2006	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Laura Wilkins
	Pluckley	Diversion	03/10/2005		28/08/2006		
	Lenham	Diversion	21/06/2002			Completed	Laura Wilkins
	Sittingbourne	Diversion				Completed	Melanie McNeir





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1266	CC16	Canterbury	S116 Extinguishment	01/02/2007	Declined to make Order		Completed	Sonia Coventry / Chris Wade
1267	MR44	Snodland	Diversion & extinguishment	01/02/2007	On Hold			Sonia Coventry
1268	MR178	Offham	Diversion & extinguishment	02/03/2007	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Maria McLauchlan
1269	ZR105	Bobbing	Diversion	02/04/2007			Completed	Sonia Coventry
1270	CB177	Ickham & Well	Diversion	17/04/2007	Order made & confirmed			Maria McLauchlan
1271	WC75	Sissinghurst	TCPA Diversion	20/04/2007		Withdrawn		
1272	CC18	Canterbury	Diversion	02/02/2002	Awaiting new updated application			Laura Wilkins
1273	AW200A	Bethersden	Diversion	02/02/2002	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Maria McLauchlan
1274	AW217	Great Chart	Diversion	02/05/2007	Withdrawn	Withdrawn		
1275	SD246	Ash-cum-Ridley	Diversion	02/05/2007	Order Made & Confrimed		Completed	Matthew Garvey
1276	NS229A	Luddesdown	Extinguishment & Creation	24/05/2007	Declined to make Order		Completed	Matthew Garvey
1277	SU49	Sevenoaks	Diversion		Order made & confirmed		Completed	Maria McLauchlan
1278	AW5	Benenden	Diversion		Order made & confirmed		Completed	Laura Wilkins
1279	ZR219	Doddington	Diversion		Order made & confirmed		Completed	Laura Wilkins
1280	MR421	lghtham	Diversion	25/06/2007	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Matthew Garvey
1281	ZR449	Stalisfield	Diversion	26/06/2007	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Sonia Coventry
1281a	ZR420, ZR424	Throwley	Diversion	22/07/2007	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Laura Wilkins
1282	EE149	Preston	Diversion	21/06/2007		Withdrawn		Maria McLauchlan
1283	TM42	Westgate-on-Sea	Diversion	08/08/2007	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Sonia Coventry
1284	MT114	Hadlow	Diversion	01/08/2007	Declined to make Order		Completed	Maria McLauchlan
1285	TE33	Minster	Diversion	12/09/2007	Order made & confirmed		Completed	Laura Wilkins
1286	CH62	Reculver	Diversion & extinguishment	2002/60/20		Withdrawn		
1287	SU3	Sevenoaks	Diversion	12/09/2007	Declined to make Order		Completed	Sonia Coventry
1288	ZR32	Upchurch	Diversion		Submitted to Secretary of State - On hold			Maria McLauchlan

Matthew Garvey	Matthew Garvey
Completed	
MR108-Order made & confirmed MR108 (Oaken Wood) -Declined to make Order for part	23/10/2007   Order made & confirmed
24/09/2007	23/10/2007
Diversion	Diversion
Ditton	Staplehurst
MR108, MR488	KM290
	MR108-Order made & confirmed MR108   Completed   Com



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1292	ZU47	Milton Regis, Sittingbourne	Extinguishment	19/02/2008	confirmed by Secretary of State		Complete	Matthew Garvey
1293	MR350	Plaxtol	Diversion	21/02/2008	Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1293	MR392	Shipbourne	Diversions	21/02/2008	Inspector declined to Confirm Order		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1294	ZR439	Throwley	Diversion	28/02/2008		Withdrawn		Matthew Garvey
1295	MR430	lvy Hatch	Diversion	28/02/2008	Rejected			
1296	HE74	Elham	Diversion	29/04/2008	Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Colin Finch & Sonia Coventry
1297	NS185	Cobham	Diversion	01/05/2008	Order made & confirmed		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1298	MU3	Tonbridge	Diversion		Order made & confirmed		Complete	Maria McLauchlan
1299	TRX3	Ramsgate	Diversion		Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Maria McLauchlan
1300	KM43, KM42	East Farleigh	Diversion		Orders made			Sonia Coventry
1301	LE9	St Nicolas at Wade	Diversion				Complete	
					Order made, confirmed &			
1302	CW52	Whitstable	Diversion		certified		Complete	Laura Wilkins
1303	AE282	Brabourne	Diversion	16/06/2008	Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1304	KB17	Maidstone	Diversion	17/06/2008	Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1305	MR235	Wrotham	Extinguishment	30/02/2008	Order recinded		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1306	AW136	Westwell	Diversion	31/02/2008	Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1307	MR81	Birling	Diversion	13/08/2008	Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1308	CB86	Sturry	Diversion	26/08/2008	Order made & Confirmed		Complete	Maria McLauchlan
					Submitted to SoS for			
1309	ZR193	Tonge	Diversion	01/09/2008	determination			Matthew Garvey
1310	KB28	Maidstone	Diversion	10/12/2008	Order Confirmed			Matthew Garvey
1311	WC138	Cranbrook	Diversion	19/12/2008	Order made & confirmed		Complete	Matthew Garvey



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1312	WT297, WT299	Brenchley	Diversion	02/01/2009	Order made & confirmed			Maria McLauchlan
1313	SR396	Westerham	Diversion	30/01/2009	Report			Maria McLauchlan
1314	SR442	Penshurst	Diversion	16/02/2009		Withdrawn		
1315	AE515	Ruckinge & Bilsington	Diversion	09/03/2009	Order Made & Confirmed			Matt Garvey
1316	CB15	Blean	Diversion	01/04/2009	Under consultation			Maria McLauchlan
1316A	KH49	Bredhurst	Diversion		Order confirmed			Maria McLauchlan
1317	WC5A	Goudhurst	Diversion	07/04/2009	Under consultation			Maria McLauchlan
1318	KM119	Boughton Monchelsea	Diversion	23/04/2009	Order Confirmed		Complete	Laura Wilkins
1319	HM29	Brooklands	Diversion	29/04/2009	Under consultation			Edward Denne & Sonia Coventry
1320	CW15	Whitstable	Diversion	30/04/2009	Under consultation			Matt Garvey
					Order made,			
1321	MR184, MR177	Trottiscliffe	TCPA Diversion	02/07/2009	confirmed & certified		Complete	Sonia Coventry
1322	AU58A	Ashford	Extinguishment	16/07/2009	Under consultation			Matt Garvey
1323	CB442, CB432	Petham	Diversion	23/07/2009	Under consultation			Matt Garvey
1324	EE255	Eastry	Diversion	03/08/2009	Under consultation			Matt Garvey
1325	AW226. AW226A	Kingsnorth	Extinguishment & Creation	08/09/2009	Under consultation			Matt Garvev
1326	WC174	Hawkhurst	Diversion	08/09/2009	Under consultation			Laura Wilkins
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1328	1 E402 AW150	Minster, Trianet Phickley	Diversion	14/09/2009	Report		Complete	alira Wilkins
1329	CB151A	Littlebourne	Diversion	14/10/2009	Under consultation			Laura Wilkins
1330	KH555A	Chart Sutton	Diversion	14/10/2009	Awaiting allocation			
1331	AW318	Kingsnorth	Creation Order	01/08/2007	Declined	Withdrawn		Chris Wade
	HM4, HM117,		Diversion, Creation,					
1332IP		Lydd	Upgrade, Extinguishment	01/10/2009	Orders made			Matthew Garvey
1333	ZR24	Upchurch	Diversion	14/12/2009	Awaiting allocation			

		Borough Green &			Order made,		
1334	MR251	Wrotham	TCPA Diversion	22/12/2009	confirmed & certified	Complete	Matthew Garvey



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	Description	TCPA Diversion	Diversion	Diversion	Diversion	Diversion	Diversion	Diversion		Diversion		Diversion	Extinguishment	Extinguishment	Extinguishment	and Create by	Order	Extinguishment	Diversion		Diversion	Diversion &	Extinguishment	Diversion	۸iQ		Div & Ext	Div
Details	Parish	Frittenden	Staplehurst	Great Chart	Canterbury	Horsmonden	Hollingbourne	Newnham		Canterbury		Leysdown	Adisham & Barham	Wye			Eythorne	Tonbridge	Manston		Hothfield		East Sutton	Pluckley	Crockham Hill		Burham	Throwley
	Path No	WC256	KM318	AW217	CC57	WT347	KH210	ZR349, ZR350		CC17	ZS45, ZS53, ZS52,	ZS38	CB225, CB225A	AE110			EE351	MU12	TR31		AW170	KH541, KH544,	KH542	AW149	SR371		MR52, MR24	ZR432
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	Details				Confir	Confirmation	
Parish	Des	Description	Date Received	Status (the stage the application has reached)	Withdrawn	Completed	Case Officer
Charing	Ö	Diversion	07/03/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Chart Sutton	Ö	Diversion	11/03/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Charing	Ö	Diversion	24/02/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Newington (Ramsgate)   T	CP/	TCPA diversion	18/05/2011	Report			Maria McLauchlan
				Orders made &			
Charing	⊡	Diversion	13/05/2011	Confirmed			Laura Wilkins
Egerton	Ö	Diversion		Awaiting allocation			
Ш	Ϋ́	Extinguish &		Orders made &			
Newington (Swale)	Q	Creation		Confirmed			Laura Wilkins
	≔	Diversion	27/05/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Broadstairs D		Diversion	08/06/2011	Awaiting allocation			
				Order made &			
Paddock Wood Div		Diversion	12/08/2011	confirmed			Laura Wilkins
Offham Div		Diversion	11/08/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Nonington Div	_	Diversion	08/09/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Hollingbourne Div		Diversion	22/09/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Ulcombe Di	1.5	Diversion	30/09/2011	Awaiting allocation			
Hildenborough Di	100	Diversion	30/09/2011	Awaiting allocation			
	. ~	Diversion &					
Addington   Extir		Extinguishment	07/10/2011	Awaiting allocation			
				Order made &			
Dartford Extin	_,	Extinguishment		Confirmed		Complete	
ŅO	. ~	Diversion &		Orders made &			
Brabourne Extin		Extinguishment	01/06/2011	Confirmed			Sonia Coventry
Pluckley	∺⊟	Diversion	16/11/2011	Order made			Matt Garvey



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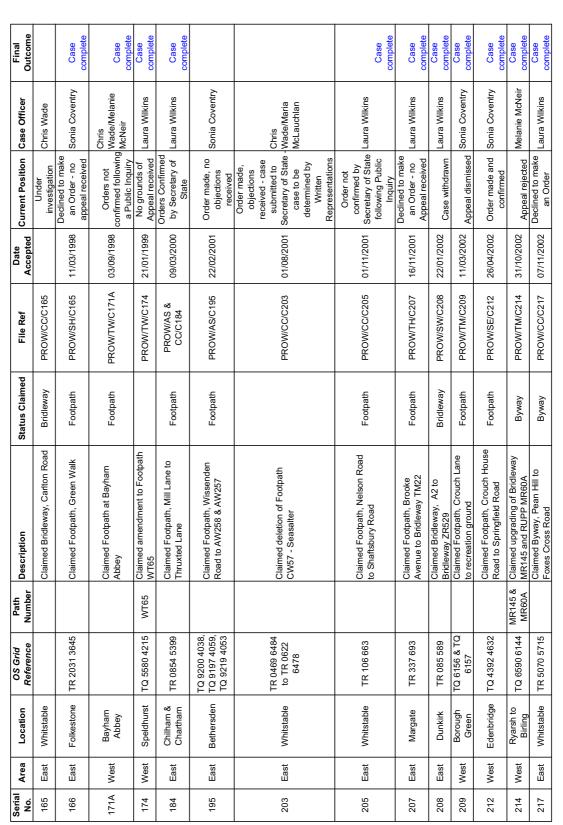
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		Case Officer	Melvyn Twycross			Colin Finch		Maria McLauchlan		Colin Finch				Chris wade									
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		Date Received	16/01/2012	16/01/2012		14/02/2012	31/01/2012	31/01/2012		01/03/2012	05/03/2012	08/03/2012			08/03/2012		10/04/2012						
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	Details	Parish	Preston	Hollingbourne	Gobmersham &	Chilham	Chart Sutton	Aylesford		St Nicholas at Wade	Bobbing	Lenham	Thurnham &	Hollingbourne	Brenzett		Sundridge with Ide Hill						
		Path No	EE153A	KH130		AE51, AE55, AE18	KH556	MR473		TE8A, TE9	ZU48, ZU48A	KH400		KH125	99WH		SR511						
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	Status (the stage the application has reached)	Order made & confirmed	Orders made & confirmed	Under Consultation	Report	Under Consultation	Under Consultation	Under Consultation							
	Date Received	12/08/2010	23/08/2010	22/09/2010	01/06/2011	15/09/2011	01/09/2011	12/12/2011							
	Description	Diversion	Diversion	Diversion, creation, stopping-up	Diversions	TCPA	TCPA	TCPA							
Details	Parish	Boughton Aluph	Pluckley	Sevington & Kingsnorth	Brabourne	Sevinginton	Kingsnorth	Goudhurst							
	Borough	Ashford	Ashford	Ashford	Ashford	Ashford	Ashford	Tunbridge Wells							
	Path No	AE210	AW150A	AE345, AE647, AE648, AW296	AE278, AE294	AU33	AW306A, AW325	WC66							
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	Case complete	Case	Case complete - Notices served incorrectly at Appeal		Case complete	Case complete	Case complete	Case	Case	Case	Case		Case	Case		Case complete
Chris Wade	Chris Wade	Maria McLauchlan	Sonia Coventry	Maria McLauchlan	Sonia Coventry	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Chris Wade	Melanie McNeir
At Appeal - Case with the Planning Inspectorate - directed to make an Order - Order made	Appeal dismissed	Order confirmed by Secretary of State	Appeal dismissed	Order confirmed by Secretary of State following a Public Inquiry	Declined to make an Order	Order made and confirmed	Order made & confirmed	Deed of Dedication - complete	Order made & confirmed	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Appeal dismissed	Under investigation	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Order confirmed	Under investigation	Appeal rejected
28/03/2003	14/04/2003	01/05/2003	06/08/2003	06/08/2003	28/07/2003	27/10/2003	16/10/2003	11/11/2003	15/12/2003	09/12/2003	23/02/2004	07/05/2004	25/06/2004	04/08/2004	01/10/2004	20/10/2004
PROW/CC/C222	PROW/MA/C224	PROW/TM/C225	PROW/SE/C226	PROW/MA/C227	PROW/DO/C228	PROW/SW/C230	PROW/SW/C232	PROW/SW/C233	PROW/SE/C234	PROW/SW/C235	PROW/GR/C236	PROW/SE/C238	PROW/TM/C239	PROW/SE/C240	PROW/AS/C242	PROW/DO/C243
	Byway	Вумау	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath		Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Byway	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Byway	Footpath
Claimed downgrading of part of CW38	Claimed upgrading of KH624	Claimed Byway, Pilgrims Way to Paddlesworth Road	Claimed Footpath, Edenbridge Town Station to Railway Cottages	Claimed Footpath, Deans Bottom Farm	Claimed Footpath, Telegraph Road to Cowdry Square	Claimed amendment of Footpath ZR359	Claimed Footpath, Mill Lane to Lower Hartlip Road	Claimed Footpath, Westmoreland Drive to Cumberland Drive	Claimed Footpath, Caxton Road to Gorsewood Road	Claimed Footpaths, lots 1-14	Claimed Byway, RUPP NS243	Claimed Footpath, from underpass opposite Dunton Green Primary School to Footpath SR105	Claimed Footpath, The Freehold to Carpenters Lane	Claimed Footpath, Hubbards Hill to Gracious Lane	Claimed upgrading of AE18 & AE429	Claimed Footpath, Droveway Gardens to Kenilworth Close
CW38	KH264	MR594				ZR359	ZR685		SD334		NS243				AE18 & AE429	
TR 127 658	TQ 834 443	TQ 6855 6215	TQ 4460 4655	TQ 864 603	TR 3677 5091	TQ 995 587	TQ 8420 6495	Lower Halstow TQ 8610 6711	TQ 6103 6842	TQ various	TQ 677 668 to TQ 678 667		TQ 6289 5017	TQ 523523 to TQ 528519	TR 077 526	TR 3639 4466
Whitstable	Headcom	Snodland	Edenbridge	Bredgar	Dover	Ospringe	Hartlip		Hartley	Hartlip	Luddesdown	Dunton Green	Hadlow	Sevenoaks	Chilham	St Margaret's Bay
East	West	West	West	West	East	East	West	East	West	East	West	West	West	West	East	East
222	224	225	226	227	228	230	232	233	234	235	236	238	239	240	242	243

Case	Case		Case	SOS did not confirm the Order		Case complete	Case complete	Case	Case	Case complete linked with file PROW/TM42 /1283	Case	Case	Case	Case	Case
Chris Wade	Chris Wade	Chris Wade/Sonia Coventry	Melanie McNeir	Stewart Biggs	Melanie McNeir	Stewart Biggs	Stewart Biggs	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Sonia Coventry	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Melanie McNeir	Stewart Biggs	Melanie McNeir
Orders made and confirmed	Declined to make an Order - No Appeal received	Under investigation	Order made and confirmed	Order made and objections received	Under investigation	Appeal rejected	Order made and confirmed	Order made and confirmed	Order confirmed by Secretary of State	Order made and confirmed	Order confirmed by the Secretary of State, adding 3 footpaths and 1 bridleway	Order confirmed	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received
25/10/2004	26/10/2004	03/11/2004	14/12/2004	21/01/2005	08/02/2005	22/07/2005	05/08/2005	15/08/2005	23/08/2005	27/09/2005	10/10/2005	04/11/2005	04/11/2005	04/11/2005	04/11/2005
PROW/TH/C244	PROW/GR/C245	PROW/CC/C246	PROW/CC/C248	PROW/AS/C249	PROW/CC/C250	PROW/SE/C255	PROW/SW/C256	PROW/SH/C257	PROW/SH/C258	PROW/TH/C259	PROW/CC/C260	PROW/MA/C261	PROW/TM/C262	PROW/TM/C263	PROW/TM/C264
Footpath	Byway	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Byway	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Вумау	Byway	Вумау
Claimed Footpath across playing fields off Honeysuckle Road	Claimed upgrading of NU31A & NU33	Claimed Footpath, Reeves Beach to Footpath CW82 north of the Sportsman Public House	Claimed Footpaths, Grasmere Pastures	Claimed Footpaths, Ashford Road to AB5 and Heather Drive to footpath leading to A28	Claimed Byway, West Stourmouth to former B2046 through Heronsgate Farm	Claimed Footpath Terry's Lodge Farm	Claimed Footpath, Wing Road to Muswell Manor	Claimed Footpath, Encombe to Prospect Road	Claimed Footpath, Steele's Lane, A227 - NS285	Claimed Footpath, Allen Avenue to Dunstan Avenue	Four claimed Footpaths	Claimed Footpath, KM272 to Battle Lane	Claimed upgrading of MR48	Claimed upgrading of MR231	Claimed upgrading of MR60
	NS31A, NS33							HF64, HF65, HF66	NS360				MR48	MR231	MR60
TR 388 657	NU31A, TQ 642 691 to TQ 644 693 NU33 TQ 644 693 to TQ 652 692	TR 0627 6482 to 0980 6573	TR 1295 6606	TQ 588530 to TQ 135400	TR 265 633	TQ 588 606	TR 043 695	TR 201 351	TQ 6387 6486	TR 3155 6906	1) TR 218 533 2) TR 222 534 3) TR 219 526 4) TR 223 530	TQ 759 448	TQ 667 617	TQ 601 592	TQ 665 623
Ramsgate	Gravesham	Whitstable	Whitstable	Tenterden	Stourmouth	West Kingsdown	Leysdown	Sandgate	Meopham	Westgate-on- Sea	Adisham	Marden	Birling	Wrotham	Birling
East	West	East	East	East	East	West	East	East	West	East	East	West	West	West	West
244	245	246	248	249	250	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264

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Stewart Biggs	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Laura Wilkins	Laura Wilkins	Stewart Biggs	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Laura Wilkins	Laura Wilkins
Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Under investigation	Under investigation	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Under investigation	Under investigation	Under investigation	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received								
07/11/2005	07/11/2005	07/11/2005	07/11/2005	07/11/2005	07/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	29/11/2005	16/12/2005	16/12/2005
PROW/DO/C265	PROW/DO/C266	PROW/DO/C267	PROW/DO/C268	PROW/DO/C269	PROW/DO/C270	PROW/DO/C271	PROW/DO/C272	PROW/DO/C273	PROW/DO/C274	PROW/MA/C275	PROW/TM/C276	PROW/TM/C277	PROW/SW/C278	PROW/TM/C279	PROW/DO/C280	PROW/DO/C281
Вумау	Byway	Вумау	Byway	Вумау	Byway	Byway	Вумау	Вумау	Byway	Byway						
Claimed upgrading of ER76	Claimed upgrading of ER175	Claimed upgrading of ER177	Claimed upgrading of ER178	Claimed upgrading of ER184	Claimed upgrading of ER261	Claimed upgrading of ER89 & ER223	Claimed upgrading of ER179	Claimed upgrading of ER186	Claimed upgrading of ER224	Claimed upgrading of KH433	Claimed upgrading of MR311	Claimed upgrading of MR501	Claimed upgrading of ZR64	Claimed upgrading of WC230	Claimed upgrading of ER226	Claimed upgrading of ER225
ER76	ER175	ER177	ER178	ER184	ER261	ER89 & ER223	ER179	ER186	ER224	KH433	MR311	MR501	ZR64	WC230	ER226	ER225
TR 238 428	TR 269 435	TR 260 423	TR 268 429	TR 261 432	TR 271 422	TR 287 400	TR 257 418	TR 238 428	TR 263 393	TQ 904 522	TQ 606 550	TQ 697 544	TQ 858 635	TQ 765 283	TR 266 388	TR 276 393
Alkham	Ellinge	West Hougham	Lenham	lghtham	Wateringbury	Wormdale	Hawkhurst	Capel-le-Feme	Capel-le-Feme							
East	East	West	West	West	East	West	East	East								
265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281

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	Case		Case				Case complete	Case	Case	Case
Laura Wilkins	Maria McLauchlan	Sonia Coventry	Laura Wilkins	Sonia Coventry	Sonia Coventry	Sonia Coventry	Maria McLauchlan	Laura Wilkins	Laura Wilkins	Maria McLauchlan
Directed to make an Order by Secretary of State Order made - objections received - case submitted to Secretary of State	Declined to make an Order - Appeal withdrawn	Order made	Orders made and confirmed for an extinguishment and creation	Directed to make an Order by Secretary of State - Order made - objections received - case will be submitted to Secretary of State	Under investigation - case linked to PROW/SE/C337	Order made		Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Order confirmed with modifications following Public Inquiry
19/12/2005	26/01/2006	28/02/2006	03/03/2006	15/03/2006	28/03/2006	08/08/2006	09/08/2006	14/08/2006	30/08/2006	04/09/2006
PROW/SE/C282	PROW/SH/C283	PROW/DO/C284	PROW/SW/C285	PROW/MA/C286	PROW/SE/C287	PROW/MA/C288	PROW/GR/C289	PROW/DO/C290	PROW/DO/C291	PROW/AS/C292
Bridleway	Вумау	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath			
Claimed upgrading of Public Footpaths, SR331 (part) and SR332	Claimed upgrading of Footpaths HL4, 37 & 38 and Restricted Byways HL39, 40 & 41	Claimed amendment to Footpath ES9	Claimed Footpath from Orchard Drive to the Recreation Ground	Claimed Footpath running along Roughlands Lane	Claimed Footpath, Tinkerpot Lane to SD283	Claimed Footpath, KM240 to Milebush Lane	Claimed Footpath, Beaumont Road and Dover Road	Claimed addition to the particulars relating to Bridleway ER121	Claimed addition to the particulars relating to Bridleway ER121	Claimed addition to the particulars relating to Footpath AW108
ER225	Footpaths HL4, 37 & 38 38 Restricted Byways HL39, 40 & 41	ES9						ER121	ER121	AW108
TQ 453 568	TR 055 185	TR 325 581	TQ 853 645	TQ 735 437	TQ 575 609	TQ 751 461	TQ 864 603	TR 242 448	TR 242 448	TQ 934 466
Westerham	ррб	Sandwich	Newington	Marden	West Kingsdown	Marden	Northfleet	Lydden	Lydden	Little Chart
East	East	East	East	West	West	West	West	East	East	East
282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292

Case	Case	Case complete	Case			Case	Case	Case	Case	Case	Case complete	Case
Laura Wilkins/Matt Garvey	Melanie McNeir	Stewart Biggs	Laura Wilkins/Matt Garvey	Melanie McNeir	Melanie McNeir	Laura Wilkins/Matt Garvey	Melanie McNeir	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan
Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Declined to make an Order - Appeal received. Case with the Planning Inspectorate - Appeal dismissed	Order made and confirmed	Order made and confirmed	Under investigation	Under investigation	Order made and confirmed	Declined to make an Order - Appeal received. Case with the Planning Inspectorate - Appeal withdrawn	Order made and confirmed	Order made and confirmed	Order made and confirmed	Order made and confirmed	Declined to make an Order - Appeal received. Case with the Planning Inspectorate - Appeal dismissed
05/10/2006	31/10/2006	29/01/2007	20/02/2007	27/03/2007	27/03/2007	07/06/2007	04/07/2007	20/07/2007	20/08/2007	20/08/2007	06/09/2007	06/12/2007
PROW/TH/C293	PROW/MA/C294	PROW/SW/C295	PROW/CC/C296	PROW/CC/C297	PROW/CC/C298	PROW/CC/C299	PROW/MA/C300	PROW/DA/C301	PROW/SH/C302	PROW/CC/C303	PROW/SH/C304	PROW/MA&TW/C30 5
Footpath	Вумау	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Restricted Byway	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Restricted Byway
Claimed Footpath, Yew Tree Gardens to Neame Woods	Claimed Byway, Tilden Lane to Footpath KM229	Claimed Footpath, ZR234 to ZR234	Claimed Footpath, Middle Wall to Cornwallis Circle	Claimed Footpath, CB150 to The	Claimed Footpath, CB152 to The Hill	Claimed Footpath, Glebe Way to the level crossing	Claimed Restricted Byway, Sherenden Lane to Harts Heath	Claimed Footpath, Pilgrims Road	Claimed Footpath, The Parade to Merritt Road	Claimed Footpath, Lackenden to Garrington	Claimed Footpath, Belcaire Close to Harman Avenue	Claimed Restricted Byway, Goudhurst Road to Queen Meads
												Includes path numbers FP KM261, FP KM258, FP WT333, FP WT332, &F WT332, &F
TR 304 692	TQ 744 474 to TQ 744 477		TR 106 664	TR 1984 5725 to TR 2060 5758	TR 1910 5656 to TR 2060 5758	TR 105 659	TQ 717 417 to TQ 751 411	TQ 605 750	TR 0808 2288	TR 2002 5677 to TR 2054 5629	TR 120 351	TQ 738 422 to
Birchington	Marden	Teynham	Whitstable	Littlebourne	Littlebourne	Whitstable	Marden	Swanscombe	Greatstone	lckham	Lympne, Hythe	Marden & Horsmonden
East	West	East	East	East	East	East	West	West	East	East	East	West
293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305

Case		Case		Case		Case	Case		Case	Case complete
Matthew Garvey	Sonia Coventry	Matthew Garvey	Matthew Garvey	Matthew Garvey	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Melanie McNeir	Matthew Garvey	Matthew Garvey	Laura Wilkins
Declined to make Matthew Garvey an Order - no Appeal received	Accelerated in line with Statement of Priorities - under investigation	Order Confirmed (Public Footpath status) by Secretary of State following Written Representations	Directed to make an Order by Secretary of State-Order made objections received - case will be submitted to Secretary of State	Order made and confirmed	Order made, objections received - Public Inquiry to be held on 26 June 2012	Order made and confirmed	Case withdrawn	Order made, objections received	Order made and confirmed	Order made and confirmed
05/02/2008	04/04/2008	01/05/2008	05/06/2008	10/06/2008	18/06/2008	22/07/2008	06/08/2008	29/08/2008	06/10/2008	13/10/2008
PROW/DA/C306	PROW/TM/C307	PROW/MA/C308	PROW/SE/C309	PROW/MA/C310	PROW/SE/C311	PROW/TH/C312	PROW/CC/C313	PROW/TM/C314	PROW/TM/C315	PROW/SE/C316
Footpath	Footpath	Bridleway	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath
Claimed Footpath, Tile Kiln Lane to Calvert Drive	Claimed Footpath running between Footpath MR44 and another connection with Footpath MR44	Claimed Bridleway from Bull Hill to Footpath KH405, Lenham Heath	Claimed Footpath from New Road to Bridleway SR259, Sundridge	Claimed Footpath from Greenway Court Road to B2163, Hollingbourne	Claimed Footpath from Hever Avenue to Church Road, West Kingsdown	Claimed Footpath from Knockholt Road to The Ridings, Margate	Claimed Footpath from Gorrell Wood via Benacre Wood to St Andrews Close and returning to Gorrell Wood	Claimed Footpath from Birling Road to Bingley Close	Claimed Bridleway from MT50 to MT50	Claimed Footpath from Maidstone Road to St. Mary's Church
TQ5097/7241 to TQ5104/7264 to TQ5098/7273	TQ7119 6131 to TQ 7131 6102	TQ 9101 4995 to TQ 9128 4985	TQ 4808 5345 to TQ 4814 5346	TQ 8422 5482 to TQ 8434 5501	TQ 5732 6325 to TQ 5739 6317	TR 3885 7196 to TR 3887 7113	TR 1072 6479 to TR 1098 6499	TQ 7003 6183 to TQ 7008 6184	TQ 5894 5093 to TQ 5894 5089	TQ 5147 5624 to TQ 5147 5620
Dartford	Snodland & Larkfield	Lenham	Sundridge	Hollingbourne	West Kingsdown	Margate	Whitstable	Snodland	Shipbourne	Riverhead
West	West	West	West	West	West	East	East	West	West	West
306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316

	Case	Case	Case	Case	Case	Case	Case	Case
Laura Wilkins	Laura Wilkins	Maria McLauchlan	Laura Wilkins	Matthew Garvey		Matthew Garvey	Matthew Garvey	Maria McLauchlan
Application has been accelerated in line with Statement of Priorities (development), Order made, objections received	Order made and confirmed for 2 of the claimed routes	Order made and confirmed	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Order confirmed with modifications following submission to Secretary of State Matthew Garvey	Application does not comply with legislation	Declined to make an Order - no Appeal received	Order made and confirmed	Order made and confirmed
20/11/2008	24/11/2008	24/04/2009	14/05/2009	25/05/2009	11/06/2009	07/07/2009	13/08/2009	27/08/2009
PROW/TW/C317	PROW/TM/C318	PROW/TH/C319	PROW/SH/C320	PROW/TW/C321	PROW/AS/C322	PROW/CC/C323	PROW/CC/C324	PROW/SW/C325
Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Restricted Byway	Footpath	Footpath
Claimed Footpaths from Clanricarde Road to Mount Pleasant Road and Church Road	Claimed Footpaths from Bridleway MT52 to Public Footpath MT37 to another connection with Public Footpath MT37 and from Bridleway MT52 to Public Footpath MT37 and from Bridleway MT52 to Public Footpath MT37	Claimed Footpath from Monkton Road (start of TE34) to its junction with Footpath TE33	Claimed Footpath from the end of Valebrook Close to the northern end of Public Footpath HF43	Claimed Footpath from the Top Gate of Grosvenor Park to Quarry Road	Claimed downgrading to a Footpath the Restricted Byway AT164 running from Redbrook Street to Harbourne Lane	Claimed upgrading to a Restricted Byway part of Public Footpath CB485 running from Whitehall Road to its junction with the North Downs Way	Claimed Footpath from Green Lane to Harwich Street	Claimed Footpath from Middletune Avenue to Vicarage Road
					AT164	CB485		
TQ 5838 3937 to TQ 5840 3945 and TQ 5844 3938	TQ 581 491 to TQ 582 492 and TQ 580 488 to TQ 580 493 and TQ 580 488 to TQ 579 486	TR 3057 6472 to TR 3047 6456	TR 1903 3618 to TR 1909 3609	TQ 5896 4039 to TQ5893 4045	TQ 9069 3645 to TQ 9229 3664	TR 129 573 to TR 129 9577	TR 1082 6571 to TR 1084 6580	TQ 9006 6503 to TQ 9011 6494
Tunbridge	Hildenborough	Minster	Cheriton, Folkestone	Tunbridge Wells	High Halden	Harbledown	Whitstable	Milton Regis, Sittingbourne
West	West	East	East	West	East	East	East	East
317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324	325

Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Maria McLauchlan	Matthew Garvey	Matthew Garvey	Maria McLauchlan				
Order made and objection received submitted to Secretary of State for modification	Order made	Order made and confirmed	Under investigation	Under investigation	Under	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation
07/12/2009	29/12/2009	05/01/2010	17/02/2010	02/03/2010	23/03/2010	25/03/2010	26/04/2010	27/04/2010	01/06/2010
PROW/AS/C326	PROW/DO/C327	PROW/TM/C328	PROW/SH/C329	PROW/DO/C330	PROW/TM/C331	PROW/SE/C332	PROW/SE/C333	PROWIMA/C334	PROW/DO/C335
Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Restricted Byway	Footpath	Restricted Byway	Footpath		Bridleway	Footpath
Claimed Footpath from Church Road to Public Footpath AE285	Claimed Footpath from The Avenue to Footpath ER8	Claimed amendment to the alignment of part of Public Footpath MT43	Claimed Restricted Byway running from A259 to Botolph's Bridge Road	Claimed Footpath from Public Footpath ER80/81 (Moorland Road) to Public Footpath ER83	Claimed upgrading to Restricted Byway status Public Footpaths MR465, MR459, MR459, MR454 MR454 (part) and the addition of four Restricted Byways	Claimed Public Footpath from Azalea Drive to Ladds Way	Claimed Public Footpath running from one public roadside footpath to another in front of the White Hart Public Huuse (Tonbridge Road)	Claimed Bridleways known as Green Walks:- 1-Northpole Road to KM333 Route 2 - Route 1 to Livesey Street Northpole Road to KM333 and Route 3 Route 4 Route 4 Route 1 to KM333 and Route 3	Claimed Footpath from Eythorne Road to Church Hill
		MT43			MR465, MR459, MR430 & MR454 (part)				
TR 0766 4014 to TR 0740 4042	TR 3759 4811 to TR 3771 4811	TQ 5778 4750 to TQ 5773 4739	TR 1275 3191 to TR 1215 3317	TR 2591 4779 to TR 2594 4752	TQ 7169 6199 to TQ 7247 5904	TQ 5095 6815 to 5094 6814	TQ 5354 5291 to TQ 5354 5296	Route 1 TQ 6978 5482 to 7017 5439 Route 2 TQ 6980 5465 to 6980 5465 to 6991 5479 to 7017 5459 Route 4 TQ 7006 5443 to	TR 2584 4805 to TR 2587 4798
Brabourne	Ringwould with Kingsdown	Hildenborough	Dymchurch & Burmarsh	Shepherdswell with Coldred	Aylesford & Burham	Swanley	Sevenoaks	Testo	Shepherdswell with Coldred
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	Sonia Coventry				Maria McLauchlan					
Awaiting investigation	Application has been accelerated in line with Statement of Priorities - case linked to PROW/SE/C287	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting	Accelerated in line with Statement of Priorities - under investigation	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation	Awaiting investigation
29/07/2010	11/08/2010	17/11/2010	22/02/2011	18/07/2011	13/10/2011	28/11/2011	03/01/2012	26/01/2012	09/02/2012	02/03/2012
PROW/DO/C336	PROW/SE/C337	PROW/MA/C338	PROW/DA/C339	PROW/DA/C340	PROW/AS/C341	PROW/DA/C342	PROW/TW/C343	PROW/TM/C344	PROW/TM/C345	PROW/GR/C346
Footpath	Restricted Byway	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Bridleway	Footpath
Claimed Footpath from Connaught Road to Footpath EBX9 (Godwyne Path) running alongside the property known as Castle Rise	Claimed Restricted Byway from Tinkerpot Lane to Pilgrims Way and St Clere Hill, including the upgrading of parts of Public Footpaths SD283 & SD284	Claimed Footpath from Lenham Road, Kingswood, ME17 1LZ to Footpath KH312 and Footpath KH313A	Claimed Footpath from the High Street to the Foreshore adj. to the Sir John Franklin P.H.	Claimed deletion of part of Footpath DS10 running from the steps through the gardens of 73, 71, 69 & 67 Valley View and the addition of a footpath running from the steps in a southerly direction and easterly to Valley View	Claimed Public Footpath from All Saints Church to Rectory Close	Claimed Public Footpath from Brent Lane to Princes Road	Claimed Public Footpath from Burslem Road to Greggs Wood Road	Seven claimed Public Footpaths at West Peckham	Claimed upgrade of part of MR52 and the claimed addition of a bridleway running from MR52 to Old Chatham Road	Claimed Public Footpath from the junction of Footpaths NS317 & NS318 to the northern end of Queens Farm Road
				DS10					MR52	
TR 3199 4221 to TR 3203 4218	TQ 5751 6095 to 5747 5934 & 5781 6040 to 5807 6067	TQ 8426 5066 to TQ 8414 5015	TQ 5862 7515 to TQ 5862 7519	Deletion - TQ 5881 7419 to TQ 5883 7419 Addition - TQ 5881 7419 to TQ 5885 7416	TQ 9419 3493 to TQ 9412 3490	TQ 5534 7341 to TQ 5534 7336	TQ 6008 4113 to TQ 6012 4108		TQ 7449 6204 to TQ 7474 6163	TQ 6946 7371 to TQ 6946 7365
Dover	West Kingsdown & Kemsing	Kingswood	9	Swanscombe & Greenhithe	Woodchurch	Dartford	Tunbridge Wells	West Peckham	Aylesford & Burham	Shorne
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#### **Update from the Commons Registration Team**

A report by the Head of Countryside Access to Kent County Council's Regulation Committee on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

#### **Recommendation:**

I recommend that Members receive this report

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#### **Progress with Village Green applications**

- Members have requested that a summary of the current position of applications to register Town and Village Greens be provided at meetings of the Regulation Committee. A copy of the Schedule of Village Green applications is therefore attached at **Appendix A**.
- 2. So far this year, 2 such cases have been considered at two separate Regulation Committee Member Panel meetings held in March and April, one of which was successful in part (and resulted in the registration of a smaller area of the application site as a new Village Green) and one of which was not successful.
- 3. The Public Inquiry into the Grasmere Pastures Village Green application (which has had to be adjourned on several occasions due to unforeseen circumstances) did take place as planned last month, but the complexity and volume of paperwork in relation to this application meant that progress at the Inquiry was slower than originally envisaged and it was not possible to hear all of the evidence within the scheduled six-day period. The Inquiry will therefore reconvene on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and will continue, as necessary, over the following days.
- 4. Further Public Inquiries will take place in the coming months in relation to applications at Cranbrook (commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012), Lyminge (commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012) and Wickhambreaux (commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012).
- 5. There are currently 20 applications awaiting determination, of which 13 are currently under investigation. The number of Public Inquiries and the delay in holding the Inquiries in respect of certain cases has increased the backlog of applications slightly, but Officers still aim to begin work on all applications received within six months from the date of receipt.

#### Recent case law

6. The long awaiting decision in what has become known as the Newhaven Beach case (Newhaven Port and Properties Limited v East Sussex County Council [2012] EWHC 647 (Admin)) has recently been issued by the High Court. The case concerned a 15 acre area of tidal beach; although the beach was wholly covered for 42% of the time and wholly uncovered for only a few minutes each day, the local residents had used the land for more than 20 years for various lawful sports and pastimes. The landowner ("the Port Authority") challenged East Sussex County Council's decision to register the land as a Village Green.

- 7. A number of points were argued before the judge and the judgement deals with some interesting issues. The Port Authority argued that a Village Green could only be registered if it had the character and appearance of a traditional Village Green (which a tidal beach did not), but the judge rejected this argument saying that there was nothing in the legislation to impose a restriction on the character of land that could be registered as a Village Green. In relation to the contention that the beach was covered by water for most of the time and as such could not be used for lawful sports and pastimes during those times, the judge held that it was not necessary for recreational use of the application site to be non-stop, to extend to every part of the land or to be the dominant use of the land.
- 8. The only point on which the Port Authority succeeded in its arguments related to the manner in which the land was held by the Port Authority. The judge agreed that registration as a Village Green would be inconsistent with the statutory regime under which the beach was held by the Port Authority because, although there was no immediate conflict (since the beach was not currently being used for harbour purposes), it was reasonably foreseeable that there might a conflict in the future should the Port Authority decide to use the beach for harbour purposes (in which case the Victorian statues which protect Village Greens would make it unlawful to interrupt the recreational use of the beach). On this point alone, the judge quashed East Sussex County Council's decision to register the land as a Village Green.

#### Consultation on the registration of new Town or Village Greens

- 9. At the last Committee meeting in January, it was reported that the County Council is still awaiting further news from DEFRA regarding the consultation carried out last Autumn regarding the proposals to reform the system for registering new Town or Village Greens under section 15 of the Commons Act 2006.
- 10. The County Council is still awaiting the outcome of this consultation from DEFRA and there is no indication as yet as to when DEFRA intends to publish its conclusions. These will of course be reported to the Committee in due course.

#### Recommendation

11. I RECOMMEND Members receive this report

#### **Background documents:**

Appendix A – Schedule of Village Green applications

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## APPENDIX A: Schedule of Village Green applications

# Applications resolved by the Regulation Committee since last report (24<sup>th</sup> January 2012)

Description	Parish	Member(s)	Outcome
Broadstairs Cricket Ground	Broadstairs	Mr. B. Hayton Mr. R. Bayford	ACCEPTED in part and registered on 16/04/12
Land at Mountfield Road	Meopham	Mr. M. Snelling	REJECTED on 20/03/12

### **Forthcoming Public Inquiries**

Description	Parish	Member(s)	Details
Grasmere Pastures at	Whitstable	Mr. M. Harrison	Reconvenes on 18/06/12 at
Whitstable		Mr. M. Dance	Whitstable Castle
Land known as Long Field	Cranbrook	Mr. R. Manning	Commences 04/09/12 at
at Angley Road*			Unity Hall, Hawkhurst
Seaton Meadow	Wickhambreaux	Mr. M. Northey	Commences 12/11/12 at
			Ickham Village Hall
Land at Woodland Road	Lyminge	Ms. S. Carey	Commences 01/10/12
			(local venue TBC)

<sup>\*</sup>Note that this case has been referred to the Planning Inspectorate for determination.

#### Outstanding applications to be resolved

Description	Parish	Member(s)	Status
Round Wood at	Boxley	Mr. P. Carter	On hold at applicant's
Walderslade			request
The Downs	Herne Bay	Mrs. J. Law	Awaiting Inspector's report following Public Inquiry
Land known as Fisherman's Beach	Hythe	Mr. C. Capon	Under investigation
Scrapsgate Open Space	Minster-on-Sea	Mr. A. Crowther	Under investigation
The former airfield	Lympne	Ms. S. Carey	Under investigation
Rammell Field	Cranbrook	Mr. R. Manning	Under investigation
Chaucer Field (at the University of Kent campus)	Canterbury	Mr. G. Gibbens	Under investigation
Sandgate Escarpment	Sandgate	Mr. T. Prater	Under investigation
Land at Duncan Down	Whitstable	Mr. M. Harrison Mr. M. Dance	Under investigation
Land at Cockreed Lane	New Romney	Ms. C. Waters	Under investigation
The Glebe Field	Goudhurst	Mr. A. King	Awaiting investigation
The Cricket Field	Marden	Mrs. P. Stockell	Awaiting investigation
Land at Ursuline Drive	Westgate	Mr. R. Burgess	Awaiting investigation
Land at Bishop's Green	Great Chart	Mr. J. Wedgbury	Awaiting investigation
Land at Four Acres	East Malling and Larkfield	Mrs. T. Dean	Awaiting investigation
Land at Mount Pleasant	Hildenborough	Mrs. V. Dagger	Awaiting investigation
Land at Willow Road	East Malling and Larkfield Pag	Mrs. T. Dean ge 53	Awaiting investigation

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#### **Update on Planning Enforcement Issues**

Item 10

Report by Head of Planning Applications Group to the Regulation Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Summary: Update for Members on planning enforcement matters.

Recommendation: To endorse the actions taken or contemplated on respective cases.

Local Member: Given by case in Appendices 1 to 3

Unrestricted

#### Introduction

- 1. This report provides an update on enforcement and monitoring work carried out by the Planning Applications Group since the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Regulation Committee.
- 2. Summary schedules of all current cases have been produced (see Appendices 1, 2 and 3). They cover unauthorised breaches of planning control and those occurring on permitted sites, primarily waste-related. The emphasis is on live and active cases along with those resolved between Meetings. Those cases resolved or sufficiently progressed to be removed from our immediate workload are highlighted in bold.

#### **Report Format**

- 3. Cases have been summarised in the appended schedules and presented in this report under the following categories:
  - Achievements / successes [including measurable progress on existing sites]
  - New cases, especially those requiring Member endorsement for action
  - Significant on-going cases
  - Other cases / issues of interest and requests by Members
- 4. Members may wish to have verbal updates at Committee on particular sites from the schedules, (ideally with prior notice) or reports returned to the next Meeting. The report continues to give details of general site monitoring and progress on chargeable monitoring for minerals development.

#### **Meeting Enforcement Objectives**

Continuing change in work emphasis

- 5. I reported to the last Meeting on the division of work between those sites with no form of planning control needing urgent and sustained enforcement action (i.e. the type of cases normally quoted under Schedule 1 / Appendix 1 of these papers) and sites already with planning permission (Schedules / Appendices 2 and 3) that need to be returned to compliance.
- 6. As anticipated, the pressure of work in the first category has continued to ease. I suspect that this may be due in large part to the recession and the deterrent effect of the

cases that we have successfully enforced.

- 7. A third element is the new Environment Agency (EA) Permitting régime. This seeks to capture waste activities previously exempted from such controls. The activation date was 6<sup>th</sup> April.2012. A number of unauthorised sites (under planning and EA legislation) have started to emerge. LanceBox Ltd and Sheerness Recycling Ltd (Schedule 1, Appendix 1 No. 3 and 11, respectively) are two examples. The response in each case to such scrutiny has been the submission of applications for Lawful Use. These will need to be processed, with any apparent breaches of planning control addressed under established protocols. I have suggested contingency positions for each case within the attached schedules. There may be a short-run surge in this type of work given the tightening of the Environment Agencies controls. I shall need to monitor the situation but for the moment this new business pressure is being absorbed within normal workloads.
- 8. As a precursor to a tightened control régime, the Environment Agency has assigned enforcement specialists to the worst waste cases. That should help in turn to prevent such cases from spiralling into more intractable problems. EA resourcing has also been increased in this frontline area and the courts have responded with more meaningful levels of fines, particularly in higher profile cases.

Response to changes in work emphasis

- 9. The changes to work emphasis mentioned under paragraphs 5 to 8 above are continuing. I am using this opportunity to free some resources along the sliding scale of enforcement from the more challenging unauthorised end towards compliance matters on permitted sites. This switch is reflected in the cases reported within the attached Schedules and in the absence again of any green confidential reports on more expansive and complex cases.
- 10. A different enforcement style is needed in relation to permitted sites. On-site problems should be kept in perspective and any intervention has to be proportionate to off-site amenity impacts. It is also important to take into account the current economic difficulties that the business community face. Of equal importance in my view however, is a related need to ensure that an equal and compliant 'playing field' exists for all businesses. Without such planning discipline, non-compliant operators would be able to gain an unfair competitive advantage.

#### Co-ordinating and Advisory Role

11. I am continuing to offer advice on a number of district enforcement cases. That includes case strategies, project management and guidance on the wider controls and powers available. County Officers have adopted a supportive role and acted in a co-ordinating capacity where appropriate. The 'Bartonlea' case in Canterbury (see no. 2 of Schedule 1 / Appendix 1) is a good advisory example. 'Keith Cornell's' in Shepway (no. 6 of Schedule 1 / Appendix 1) and Milton Creek in Sittingbourne (no. 9 of Schedule 1 / Appendix 1) are other examples of the pooling of expertise and powers between regulators. Landowners and operators, tend to yield and co-operate when faced with a united enforcement front.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

12. The Government's streamlining of national planning guidance came into effect on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Previous Planning Policy Guidance (PPGs), Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) and related supplementary guidance, is now essentially within one all-embracing and simplified document – the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This document replaces PPG 18 'Enforcing Planning Control', though PPS10 'Planning for Sustainable Waste Management' has currently been retained. A verbal presentation on this important new national policy context is intended for this Meeting.

#### Policy Position

- 13. One of the key concerns conveyed by this Authority to Government when consulted upon the impending NPPF was the potential for a policy vacuum to develop within the planning enforcement field. Whilst the aim of streamlining national planning policy was acknowledged, a detailed body of guidance, relied upon by staff engaged in enforcement action, was due to be lost. That has transpired, with the removal of PPG 18 'Enforcing Planning Control'. In return, planning enforcement is barely mentioned within the NPPF document. That mirrors limited mention within the newly assented Localism Act.
- 14. Nevertheless, Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) Policies (which in the case of Kent, is the South-East Plan) will remain in force (probably until the end of 2012), pending completion of the RSS revocation procedures integral to the Act. That is alongside 'saved' policies within the Kent Waste Local Plan.
- 15. The NPPF may also be viewed as an opportunity rather than a constraint within the planning enforcement field. Having anticipated this situation, I have previously reported to this Committee that the County Council has the ability to use in combination, the emerging Minerals & Waste Development Framework (MWDF), our agreed Enforcement Protocol, any 'saved' waste local plan policies and any other relevant material considerations to conduct its planning defence work.
- 16. In the case of the MWDF, a draft enforcement policy is already in place as a potential vehicle for developing a 'local replacement' version of the displaced- PPG18 (Enforcing Planning Control), expanded to include case law precedents and examples of good practice gleaned from peer group networks. The Regulation Committee would have a key role in marshalling and endorsing future local planning enforcement guidance.

Consultation on proposed revisions to the registration of New Town or Village Greens

17. Village Green Policy comes under the remit of this Committee and has general planning aspects. Members may recall that under the Chairman's guidance a response was made to DEFRA on the recent proposed revisions to the registration of New Town or Village Greens. The response was jointly prepared by the Planning Applications Group and Public Rights of Way and on Commons Registration and signed-off by the respective Cabinet Members. So far, there has been no stated outcome on the position by DEFRA. I shall however keep Members informed.

Case focus

18. Since the last Meeting resources have been focussed on 2 sites where formal enforcement action has been taken, 5 cases where investigations are underway and a further 3 cases have been satisfactorily progressed.

#### Achievements / Successes [including measurable progress on sites]

Shaw Grange, Charing (Member: Richard King)

- 19. Initial restoration is now complete with attendant control of leachate. Tree-planting and related landscaping is planned. The aim is to create within available means, a landscape asset drawn from a former contravention site, close to local residents. The ideal outcome in the longer term would be for the site to be made available for low-key recreational use. Summary particulars are given under Appendix 1, Schedule 1, No.1.
- 20. Members have shown an interest in visiting the site to see first hand the progress being made on site. A provisional date of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012 has been set.

#### New Cases, especially those requiring action / Member support

21. Three new cases have arisen since the last Meeting.

**Appendix 1** / **Schedule 1**: Bartonlea Cottage (see entry no. 2); LanceBox Ltd (see no. 3) and Sheerness Recycling Ltd, Isle Of Sheppey (no. 11).

22. These alleged contraventions have been (or are being) investigated and addressed as summarised within the attached schedules.

#### Significant on-going cases

23. I would refer Members to the 'Achievements' section from paragraphs 19 and 20 above. Shaw Grange is in the final landscaping phase and Four Gun Field, Upchurch has significantly not warranted an entry.

#### Other cases / issues of interest and requests from Members

24. I would refer Members to the extended section on 'Meeting Enforcement Objectives' between paragraphs 5 to 16 of this report, concerning a change in work emphasis and a growing advisory and co-ordinating role in complex multi-agency cases. Also, the arrival of the new National Planning Policy Framework.

#### **Monitoring**

#### Monitoring of permitted sites and update on chargeable monitoring

25. In addition to our general visits to sites as a result of planning application work, we also undertake routine visits to formally monitor sites. Since the last Regulation Committee, we have made a further 21 chargeable monitoring visits to mineral and waste sites and 5 non-chargeable visits to sites not falling within the chargeable monitoring regime.

#### Resolved or mainly resolved cases requiring monitoring

- 26. Alongside the chargeable monitoring regime there is also a need to maintain a watching brief on resolved or mainly resolved enforcement cases which have the potential to recur. That accounts for a significant and long-established pattern of high frequency site monitoring. It is worth drawing attention, to the central importance of this often overlooked and integral feature of planning enforcement in its most challenging form.
- 27. Cases are periodically removed to make way for others when the situation on site has been stabilised; restoration or acceptable restoration has been achieved, a district or Environment Agency (EA) remit confirmed (or with action being a realistic possibility by them). Another occasion is where a planning application would address the various issues and there is the realistic prospect of one being submitted. Cases then go onto a 'reserve' data base, with an in-built monitoring commitment; ready to be returned to the Committee's agenda should further enforcement issues emerge or a positive planning solution becomes available. An example this time is Woodgers Wharf, Upchurch (see Schedule 1, Appendix 1 and No.12).
- 28. There is a running list of sites which fall within this category, against which priorities are drawn and enforcement monitoring checks are made.

#### Conclusion

29. This report confirms an apparent and continuing change in emphasis from uncontrolled and overt enforcement cases to some of the more pressing compliance work on permitted sites. A re-tightening of site management controls by the Environment Agency under their new Permitting régime is likely to consolidate this trend. The successful resolution and the removal of larger cases such as Four Gun Field from these papers and the current nature of unauthorised activities, is allowing room for our emerging consultative and advisory work with other bodies. The County Council's enforcement workload will always take precedence but closer working with other regulatory bodies can bring benefits to all parties, particularly when we able to bring our project management and strategic enforcement skills into play.

#### Recommendation

#### 30. I RECOMMEND that MEMBERS:

(i) ENDORSE the actions taken or contemplated on the respective cases set out in paragraphs 5 to 29 above and those contained within Schedules / Appendices 1, 2 and 3.

Case Officers: Robin Gregory 01622 221067

Background Documents: see heading

## **Active Enforcement Cases**

## **Schedule 1**: Contraventions on (part) unauthorised sites

		Site & Case Reference	Alleged Breach	Objectives / Actions	<u>Progress</u>	Notes / Remarks
Page 61	1	Ashford  DC3/AS/03/COMP/0090 Shaw Grange, Charing  (Member: Richard King)	Previous multiple breaching of landfill permissions, Enforcement Notices and High Court Injunctions.	To secure restoration of the site in the public interest.	The site has now been restored and is being monitored. and landscaped.	A site visit by Members to view the overall progress reached is being arranged for Friday 13 July 2012.
	2	Canterbury  DC3/CA/12/COMP Bartonlea Cottage Lower Harbledown Canterbury  (Member: John Simmonds)	A report from Canterbury City Council (CCC) on the depositing and stockpiling of large volumes of used motor vehicle tyres on land to the rear of Bartonlea Cottage in Willow Woods.	To investigate and establish whether the reported activity falls within the County Council's planning enforcement remit.	Over 10 years ago about 5,000 used tyres were imported and deposited on the land to form an enclosure for quad-bike racing. Over time the tyres became lost within undergrowth and screened from view. The present landowner had uncovered the tyres to create a hand-stacked perimeter tyre bund to enclose his land.	The site, whilst falling within a designated local wildlife area, does not impinge upon the PROW network and is screened from public view. CCC is content with the presence of this means of enclosure. Details have been forwarded to the Environment Agency and it is intended to maintain a 'watching brief' pending their investigation.

	Site & Case Reference	Alleged Breach	Objectives / Actions	<u>Progress</u>	Notes / Remarks
	Dartford				
3	KCC/DA/0123/12 LanceBox Ltd Plot 14 Manor Way Business Park, Swanscombe  (Member: Richard Lees)	LanceBox Ltd has recently submitted an application for a Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) for 'the receipt, storage, processing of construction/demolition and excavation of waste materials'. The application seeks lawful status for these alleged breaches of planning control.	To process the application and test the veracity of the lawful use claim.  In the alternative, to seek interim controls while a planning application is prepared, covering the disputed uses on site enclosed within an enhanced recycling centre.	A '4-point' plan has been devised, in return for KCC reserving enforcement action. The terms include:  a) Return of the LDC; b) Submission of delayed planning application; c) Continued trading only under tight KCC / EA interim controls. d) Reduction of stockpiles / 'stand-off' distance from adjoining chalk cliff face. Agreement is awaited from LanceBox Ltd.	Should agreement on the '4- point' site control and action plan not be reached, by the date of the Meeting, I would seek Member support for the taking of enforcement action. That would include the serving of an Enforcement Notice; underwritten if necessary by a County / High Court Injunction. The action would apply to any alleged unlawful activities, established under the LDC application process.

		Site & Case Reference	Alleged Breach	Objectives / Actions	Progress	Notes / Remarks
Page 63	4	Sevenoaks  DC3/SE/11/COMP/ Marwood House Crockenhill  (Member: Roger Gough)	The importation, depositing, land raising and storage of waste materials on agricultural land.	To investigate and establish whether the reported activity falls within the County Council's planning enforcement remit. If not, to advise and assist in brokering a solution to the site given its scale and impact.	Counsel has confirmed that Sevenoaks DC (SDC) retain jurisdiction, given the site's mixed-use status (equestrian development, caravan park, builders' merchants, ancillary storage) and that the EA regard current site inputs as re-useable rather than waste materials.	Sevenoaks DC are still fielding local complaints over traffic movements and soil spillage on the road. The EA continue to monitor the site, should they need to become involved again.  KCC officers remain available to SDC for planning, enforcement and technical advice.
3	5	SE/10/03196/FUL. Brasted Sandpits Brasted  (Member: Richard Parry)	Delayed restoration of a former sand quarry with some unauthorised infilling.	To achieve restoration to original levels, in compliance with the County Council's confirmed Enforcement Notice.	The EA pursued the errant tipping through the courts, resulting in the site being sold to the adjoining Golf Club. A planning application has since been submitted to SDC for a 9 hole par 3 Golf Course, completion of restoration and a Golf Academy.	County Council officers were consulted by SDC on the original and revised set of proposals. We have commended both as creative solutions to delayed restoration of a former sand quarry. Unfortunately, the application was refused, though revised proposals are awaited.

		Site & Case Reference	Alleged Breach	Objectives / Actions	Progress	Notes / Remarks
Page 64	6	Shepway  DC3/SH/10/COMP/A02 Keith Cornell Waste Paper Ltd, Lympne Industrial Park, Lympne  (Member: Ms Susan Carey)	Alleged unauthorised waste-related recycling use on industrial land, resulting in noise complaints and related disturbance from local residents.	To achieve a reduction in the current amenity impacts through voluntary restraint, pending determination of an application for retention of the use.  Processing has revealed noise-related impacts, which would be difficult to fully attenuate. A meeting of regulators (including the local EHO) has agreed that further enclosure of site activities represents the most appropriate solution to the noise issue.	The applicant has been asked to amend the application to make provision for further enclosure, supported by a noise addendum report.  The applicant hopes to be in a position to submit the amended details before the date of the Meeting.	Revised proposals involving extended site enclosure are awaited.  I shall inform Members at the Meeting on progress.  Service of an Enforcement Notice may prove necessary should the required scheme not have been sufficiently progressed by the 5 <sup>th</sup> September Regulation Committee.
	7	DC3/SH/11/COMP Johnsons Recycling Ltd, Unit 1 Park Farm Close, Folkestone (Member: Richard Pascoe)	Shepway DC reported that an alleged unauthorised waste scrap metal recycling use was taking place in this Industrial estate, near other independent waste uses.	To investigate and establish whether the reported activity falls within the County Council's planning enforcement remit.	It was established that the current operator had relocated to this site from a residential area in Folkestone.	In line with enforcement guidance, a retrospective planning application is expected in an attempt to regularise the use. I am currently prompting submission of the required scheme. I shall keep Members informed on progress.

	Site & Case Reference	Alleged Breach	Objectives / Actions	Progress	Notes / Remarks
8	Swale  DC3/SW/11/COMP/ APM Metals Sittingbourne  (Member: Mike Whiting & Alan Willicombe)	Unusual site traffic movements disrupting peakhour flows.  Essential site improvements, required by the EA have generated the temporary off-traffic issues.	To urgently alleviate the problem.	Swale BC hold jurisdiction but the operator was contacted by County officers and a practical solution found. Phased use of the site was organised by radio, using remote parking spots.	The works are being brought to completion as quickly as possible. I intend to remove from these schedules but inform Members when site operations return to normal.
Page 65	DC3/SW/11/COMP/ Milton Creek Sittingbourne.  (Member: Mike Whiting & Alan Willicombe)	Over stacking and stockpiling of site materials causing collapse to the banks of the creek, resulting in blocked water flow within the creek and obstruction to navigation. This partly involves an alleged trespass onto Medway Ports Authority land.	To see whether enforcement of the district planning permission for production of 'growing media' (i.e. soilbased compost) at the site, warrants the further intervention of the County Council?	A multi-agency approach has been advocated (i.e. KCC, Swale BC, the Environment Agency and Medway Ports Authority (MPA). The County Council for its part has negotiated submission of a planning application, for a revised version of the original permission. It will include a scaling down of activities and repair to the land and navigation. The agent intends to submit the scheme to the Borough Council. KCC would be consulted, allowing technical advice to be given.	From the information available, I conclude that the mixed-use activities on site mean that this is not a matter that KCC is in a position to lead-on. That would be a role for the Borough Council to assume. The intended regularising application is I understand due to be submitted to them, consolidating the point. The owner / occupiers would otherwise be exposed in the ultimate to concerted action from SBC, KCC, the EA and MPA.  I shall keep Members informed on this case.

		Site & Case Reference	Alleged Breach	Objectives / Actions	Progress	Notes / Remarks
Page 66	10	KCC/SW0194/2011 SITA UK Limited Unit 15A Ridham Dock Industrial Estate  (Members: Mr M.Whiting & Mr A.Willicombe)	Alleged unauthorised woodshredding.	To seek to regularise the onsite activity breaches through submission of a retrospective planning application.	SITA secured the use of the site earlier last year and stopped the activity. The use has since been granted retrospective planning permission at the 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 Planning Applications Committee. The <b>stockpile</b> is currently being rundown. However, SITA now wish to retain the site's holding capacity for their own use. They suggest that they enjoy dock-related permitted development rights.	I would need persuading on any permitted development rights, given the interrelationship with their new permitted waste site. To settle the matter I am seeking Counsel's opinion. I shall advise the company accordingly. They in the meanwhile have given notice of their intention to start using the site. I shall insist on restraint, pending legal advice. I would seek Members support in conveying this message to SITA.
	11	KCC/SW/0136/12 Sheerness Recycling Ltd Unit 34 Klondyke Ind Est Queenborough (Member: Ken Pugh)	Sheerness Recycling recently submitted an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for current importation of construction/ demolition waste and its subsequent processing by means of mechanical screening to produce soil and aggregates.	To process the application to test the veracity of the claim. This type of application is determined on legal as opposed to planning merits. It is currently invalid.	A site visit will ascertain the extent of any alleged breach. An assessment can also be made on whether a retrospective planning application should be invited or not?	I shall report further at the Meeting on any updates.  As a <b>contingency</b> and to assist in site negotiations, I should seek Member's support in principle for the <b>service of an Enforcement Notice</b> .

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Page 67	SW/05/COMP/0016 Woodgers Wharf, Horsham Lane, Upchurch (Member: Keith Ferrin)	Unauthorised use of marine wharf for screening and crushing of imported concrete beams and alleged related waste management breaches.	To arrest the alleged breaches and return the site to its lawful wharf-related use.  A County Council confirmed Enforcement Notice (EN) requires restoration of the site, largely through the direct removal of the central stockpile of concrete beams.  Crushing of the greater quantity of waste beams for sale to the open market is prohibited under the EN.	Potential sea defence contracts offered the prospect of complete removal by barge. However, the contracts have failed to materialise.  Independent advice organised by the County Council through Remade South-East, has similarly failed to find alternative outlets for removal of the beams as they stand.  In all the circumstances, negotiation has now switched to active pursuit of an 'on-site' solution i.e. using the beams in whole, broken or in a highly specified crushed form to create a hard-surface platform.	An 'on-site' solution would ensure that any amenity impacts arising from 'off-site' haulage were avoided. This represents a potentially sustainable solution, within the spirit and purpose of the new National Planning Policy Framework. Subject in this case, to nature conservation interests being adequately safeguarded.  The parking of boats has been suggested as a Borough Council controlled surface use, compatible with the wharf. Any surplus beams could potentially be used to reinforce the access area into the site.  I shall keep Members informed on this promising development, whilst reserving action under the Enforcement Notice.

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1 Page 68	Ashford  DC3/AS/COMP/ Ripleys Scrap Metal Recycling Tennyson Road Ashford  (Member:George Koowaree)	Over-stacking of permitted metal stockpiles and related additional noise and disturbance.	To bring the stockpiles back down and in compliance.	The company Managing Director has taken personal ownership of the points of issue at the site, meeting with local residents in person.  The stockpiles were reduced on last inspection and permission has been granted for an enhanced 'buffer-strip', with adjoining residents, including road surfacing, improved landscaping and gated private access.	The over-stacking issue is being addressed more directly through the acceleration of investment into more modern and capable machinery.  The voluntary 'side' (i.e. buffer-strip) improvements are well-advanced and the high site block wall has been extended as a further amenity benefit.  Remote-controlled gates now secure a small and sedate enclave for the benefit of adjoining residents. Improved landscaping and resurfacing will complete the works.  I shall now remove from the schedules.

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		Dartford				
Page 69	2	DA/10/1232 Easy Load Ltd Dartford Heath  (Member: Jan Ozog)	Alleged unauthorised use of soil screener on site.  Also, the cross-sectional height of plant & machinery has been breached, creating a potential noise, dust and visual problem.	To have the screener removed.  To assess the alleged additional amenity impacts being caused, to see if they are acceptable within planning terms. Failing that, to ensure that permitted elevations are honoured.	The screener has now been removed off-site.  The operators have acknowledged the use of plant different to that approved under their planning permission, admitting contravention.  They submitted a fresh application incorporating the new plant. I am reporting this to the 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 Planning Application Committee, recommending permission.	Retrospective planning permission would address the breaches on site. However, in the event that permission is not granted, I would seek Members continued support for the service of Breach of Condition Notices to correct any site irregularities.  I shall inform Members of the outcome of the planning application at the Meeting.
	3	DC3/DA/11/COMP Waste Recycling Centre 2-8 Little Queen Street, Dartford  (Member: Avtar Sandhu MBE)	Complaints from local residents regarding the use of large goods vehicles damaging and blocking the approach route to the site in alleged contravention of the lawful Established Use Certificate for the site, granted on appeal in 1993.	To help KHS, Dartford BC, the Traffic Commissioners and the Police in alleviating the problem of damage to the highway, pavements, street furniture and buildings when LGVs approach and exit the site. At the same time, encouraging re-location of this historic use.	We have met with the operator and his planning consultant and impressed upon them the sensitivity of the site and the Company's responsibility towards local residents. They have agreed to institute tighter operational procedures.	The Company has responded positively to our intervention. Discussions have now turned to the subject of relocation. I am attempting to broker this more permanent solution to the problem.  I shall keep Members informed of progress.

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4 Page	Swale  DC3/SW/11/COMP Sweeep Kuusakoski Ltd Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) recycling, Gas Road, Sittingbourne  (Member: Mike Whiting & Alan Willicombe)	Alleged breach of operational procedures at this waste recycling facility, which was granted permission in 2007. Complaints of noise and related disturbance have been received, along with an allegation and admission of 'out of hours' working.	To use an existing and planning application to review the activity in the context of proposed site revisions, including an extension to operating hours.	The noise issues raised within a petition prompted by the application were taken account of in the overall planning assessment of the case.	Retrospective planning permission was granted at the 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 Planning Application Committee. All outstanding breaches have been addressed, and the site will be monitored to ensure compliance.
ge 70	SW/10/1436 Countrystyle Recycling Ltd, In -Vessel Composting (IVC) and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), Ridham Dock Road, Iwade.  (Member: Mr Whiting / Mr Willicombe)	A number of breaches were reported to the last Meeting, including: open/broken roller shutter doors; external storage / processing of wood waste; dust control problems and containment issues; a concrete pad outside of the permission area and some minor alterations to the approved site layout.	To assess any additional amenity impacts being caused and whether they are acceptable within planning terms  To seek redress thorough means of a retrospective planning application.  The Environment Agency is conducting a parallel scrutiny of the site, given its poor operation.	Both doors were immediately repaired on Health & Safety grounds.  Planning applications have been submitted to address the various breaches. They are currently being processed.	Should permission not be granted or breaching resume, I would seek contingency support from Members for immediate service of Breach of Condition Notices to correct any site irregularities and an Enforcement Notice in relation to the concrete pad.

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Page 71	66	Tonbridge & Malling  DC3/TM/08/COMP/0013 Aylesford Metals Co. Ltd, Mill Hall, Aylesford  (Member: Peter Homewood)	Complaints from local residents of out of hours working and visual amenity impacts from the overstacking of scrap.	To ensure compliance with the base planning permission and related Enforcement Notice.  Relocation has always held the key to resolving issues on site.	Planning Permission was granted by the Planning Applications Committee in January 2012 for the company to relocate to New Hythe Lane, Aylesford. Under an associated Section 106 legal agreement the current Mill Hall activity must cease within 6 months of any new operation in New Hythe Lane.	The site will continue to be monitored during the planned relocation.  The site benefits from an outline planning permission for housing, granted by TMBC. Following relocation, housing remains the current and preferred redevelopment option for the Mill Hall site.  I shall keep Members informed on progress.

## **Schedule 3: Alleged breaches on Permitted County Council Developments**

## Appendix 3

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Page 72	1	Swale  KCC/SE/0472/2011 Seal CEP School, Seal  (Member: Nick Chard)	A timber-framed modular building sited within the school grounds adjacent to the existing built envelope, has been erected without planning permission.  The purpose was to provide suitable teaching accommodation for pupils with Special Educational Needs.	The School was invited to make a planning application to regularise the development.	A planning application was received on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2011 and was granted permission under delegated authority on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2012.	With the breach having been addressed, I shall now remove from these schedules.