



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 16 July 2026
Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere GU27 2HG

Chair	Cllr Weldon*
Vice Chair	Cllr Davidson*
Councillors	Bridge*, Carter*, Keen*, Leach & Miller*

**Present*

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Sherriff, Deputy Town Clerk.

71/26 Apologies for absence

The committee accepted the absences of Cllr Leach (West Surrey County Council meeting).

72/26 Declarations of Interests

Cllrs Keen & Weldon declared non-registrable interests as members of the WBC Area Planning Committee. They all reserve the right to change the tone or content of their opinion when presented with further advice from WBC officers or other professionals.

Cllr Davidson declared non-registrable interests as a substitute member of the WBC Area Planning Committee. He reserves the right to change the tone or content of his opinion when presented with further advice from WBC officers or other professionals.

73/26 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 25 June 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

74/26 Representations by the public

None.

75/26 Planning applications

Reference	Location	Proposal	Comments
WA/2026/01181	LAND AT OAK HALL WISPERS LANE HASLEMERE, GU27 1AB	Erection of 9 dwellings and associated works with parking and landscaping.	No objection subject to comments below

WA/2026/01181 LAND AT OAK HALL, WISPERS LANE, HASLEMERE, GU27 1AB

The committee considered the application at some length. The proposal is for 9 dwellings (mix of terraced houses) on former tennis court and surrounding land. It is thought the tennis court is currently used informally for staff parking. The site is brownfield, within settlement boundary and in the National Landscape. The committee members noted the concerns raised by some objectors. Namely:

- 1) The only vehicular access to the site is via a single, narrow lane with limited passing places. The addition of nine new dwellings could increase congestion and create difficulties for existing residents and service vehicles.
- 2) No construction traffic management plan has been submitted with the application.
- 3) The proposed development of nine, three bedroomed dwellings are expected to generate a minimum of 18 additional vehicles, based on two cars per household. It is suggested that parking in the area is already at or near capacity, and there is concern that the development could lead to an increase on-street parking pressure as only 19 parking spaces have been provided for. Waverley's Parking Guidelines state it should be 2.5 parking spaces per 3 bed dwelling.
- 4) There are longstanding issues with low water pressure in this part of Haslemere. The additional demand from nine new dwellings could further reduce water pressure for existing and future residents unless adequate mitigation is secured. Thames Water is a statutory consultee and will have to provide an assurance that the system can cope.
- 5) Japanese Knotweed has historically been present on the site. While it is understood that treatment was carried out and the area has been left undisturbed for seven years, councillors request that the planning authority verify the current status and ensure that any necessary remediation is completed and certified before development proceeds.

The committee considered the objections and felt there was a balance to be had. Waverley is unable to meet its housing supply and Haslemere needs more smaller properties being built. Whilst it sits in the National Landscape it is an existing brownfield site.

The Committee considered application and raised **no objection** in principle, subject to the following concerns being addressed:

1. The Planning Authority is asked to consider the adequacy of the access lane, including the provision of passing places and the cumulative impact of additional traffic generated by the development.
2. The Council draws officers' attention to known water pressure issues in this part of Haslemere and requests that Thames Water, as statutory consultee, is satisfied that the local network can accommodate the additional demand.
3. The Council requests that the planning authority verifies the current status of Japanese knotweed on the site and secures appropriate remediation and certification prior to commencement of development.

Reference	Location	Proposal	Comments
WA/2026/01107	CHASE FARM, CHASE LANE HASLEMERE, GU27 3AG	Erection of extensions and alterations including installation of rooflights to existing outbuilding to provide ancillary annexe accommodation.	No objection
WA/2026/01108	CHASE FARM CHASE LANE HASLEMERE, GU27 3AG	Listed building consent for extensions together with external and internal alterations including installation of rooflights.	No objection subject to listed building officer approval
WA/2026/01131	CHASE END CHASE LANE HASLEMERE, GU27 3AG	Erection of single storey extensions and alterations.	No objection
TM/2026/01149	BRAMLEYS COURTS MOUNT ROAD HASLEMERE, GU27 2PP	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER HIND 14	No objection subject to tree officer approval

NMA/2026/01189	1 AND 2 LONGDENE COTTAGES HEDGEHOG LANE HASLEMERE GU27 2PH	Amendment to WA/2026/00360 full planning permission for additional walls to car port structures.	No response
WA/2026/01233	1 & 2 WELL LANE HOUSE 5 WELL LANE HASLEMERE GU27 2LB	Alterations to flats 1 and 2 to provide a single dwelling	No objection
NMA/2026/01229	SHENE LODGE 3 DELL CLOSE HASLEMERE GU27 1ES	Amendment to WA/2025/02172 Minor variation in design of the garden room, location to remain the same.	No response
TM/2026/01238	CROSSWAYS KEMNAL PARK HASLEMERE GU27 2LF	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 43/07	No objection subject to tree officer approval
WA/2026/01235	HERON HOUSE SCOTLAND LANE HASLEMERE GU27 3AB	Erection of a detached double garage with office/studio space above including an external staircase.	No objection
WA/2026/01207	28 TROUT ROAD HASLEMERE GU27 1RD	Erection of a single storey rear extension and construction of rear bay window.	No objection
WA/2026/01224	74 CHERRY TREE AVENUE HASLEMERE GU27 1JP	Erection of single storey extension and formation of steps to rear garden following demolition of existing conservatory.	No objection
WA/2026/01225	1 CHASE PLAIN COTTAGES PORTSMOUTH ROAD HINDHEAD GU26 6BZ	Erection of single storey and two storey extensions and alterations following the demolition of an existing lean-to side extension and of a rear outbuilding.	No objection

76/26 HTC representation at Waverley Planning Committee

None.

77/26 Decisions and Appeals

The list was noted.

78/26 WBC Local Plan Scoping Consultation

The committee noted the draft that had been circulated by the Chairman. All final responses to it are to be sent to the Chair and Clerk no later than 23 July, so the final response can be submitted to Waverley Borough Council by 27 July 2026.

79/26 Highways Update

Cllr Davidson updated the committee about 20mph for Beacon Hill Road.

Surrey Highways has agreed, and funds have been set aside for implementation, following a speeding survey (Spring 2026) with a 50%+ response rate. A draft traffic regulation order for Beacon Hill 20mph is to be prepared and advertised for statutory consultation by Surrey County Council.

There is an ongoing discussion to reduce the speed limit to 30mph and add a pedestrian crossing near pharmacy/school bus stop on the Churt Road, near the Beacon Hill Road junction.

80/26 Next meeting

20 August 2026.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Planning