

1.0 Thomas Peacocke site. Plutus Developments RR/2017/1778/P

Full conditional approval was granted on 23 December 2020.
No further progress

2.0 Bridge Point Studios. Martello Developments RR/2019/789/P

Consent granted.

Works on site did not commence in April as local residents were advised.

Letter sent by JFL to Rother regarding the potential need for a change of use application for Bridge Point Studios to operate as a commercial film studio. Telephone call from Edwin Corke, RDC Planning case officer, asking if our letter can be sent on to Martello. I agreed. RDC has not considered the need for a change of use as yet as the studios are only being marketed online from May 2022. Such marketing is not illegal and, until the studios are actually used, no infringement of the current use has occurred. **We should wait until either we or Rother receive a response from Martello.**

3.00 Rye College. New all-weather illuminated pitch RR/2019/785/P

No change

Letter of objection submitted.

Sports England does not object subject to conditions

Rother Environmental Health does not object on grounds of noise or light pollution but recommend a reduction in the hours to 8pm M-F, 6pm Sat and none on Sunday and BH.

Decision still awaited

4.00 Old NatWest Bank RR/2019/2577/L

Covers change of use. Undecided

We remain concerned at the stripped woodwork being exposed to the weather.

It is presumed that this awaits evidence of unsuccessful marketing over 18 months as required by RNP or just the standard Rother planning delay.

5.00 48 Ferry Road Approval RR/2018/1828/P

Internal opening-up work underway

Contact has been established with the developer, who has appointed new architects and engineers.

Letter sent offering support to a revised scheme which would meet our stated objectives as set out in our responses to Rother. In addition we would support the omission of the two shop units if it resulted in the retention of the historic cast iron structure and better vehicular access.

No further contact with developer.

Confirmation received by neighbours that planning consent is NOT to be varied

6.00 George Hotel RR/573/P

Revised drawings submitted January 2021 by RX Architects

Ptolemy Dean appears to have been replaced.

The change in the design team and the extent of changes to the application set out in the latest drawings have resulted in significant delay to the consideration of the application, which is not helped by the current situation in Rother's planning department as well as a result of Covid.

I have spoken to Tanya Szendeffy, Conservation Officer, who is leaving due to overwork and stress, following Mike's email about the painting of The George's front façade. She confirmed that all the works are being carried out without formal planning or listed building approval. She agreed to send me the report from The George's historic consultant on which the colour is based but it has not yet arrived. She also said that she would put on the website all the email correspondence but that too has yet to appear. I suspect that it won't before she leaves.

In the end what The George has done is likely to be consented on the basis that any damage to the listed fabric is not sufficiently significant to overcome the social and economic advantages of The George to Rye.

7.00 Land adjacent The Globe Military Road RR/2020/493/P

Resubmission of revised scheme following refusal. No objection subject to neighbours but would prefer simpler workshop approach rather than domestic. ESCC Highways did not object to previous scheme on grounds of access or loss of parking.

8.00 Flood Works East Bank Rother RR/2020/1572/P

Wall to protect King's Avenue housing and relocation of flood bank opposite Fish Quay. Discussions are on going between EA and Natural England on Habitat Assessment.

9.00 Mill Lane/Ferry Road RR/2019/840/P Mill Lane/Ferry Road

Outline: Development of 6 dwellings

Appeal against refusal lodged.

10.0 No 86 High Street RR/2021/140/P

Our concerns as to the necessary ventilation for the bakery have been addressed by the following note attached to the consent.

'Planning permission and listed building consent is required for the installation of any ventilation or ducting system at the premises that may be required in relation to the use as a bakery/café.'

11.0 Tide View, New England Lane RR/2020/2532/P

Application revised to conform with the slope stability report.

12.0 Bethel Chapel, Military Road RR/2021/324/P

Application refused because there is insufficient evidence that it had been marketed as a 'community use' for 18 months as required by the RNP or that it could not be used for a viable 'community use'.

This will of course also apply to the Methodist Church in Church Square.

13.0 Peer review of Rother Planning Department

In February RDC commissioned a peer review of the service provided by the Planning Department which has reported, as confirmed in the RDC cabinet minutes. I was interested to find out what if any changes were likely to result so wrote to the Chairman of the RDC Planning Committee, copied to the RDC Chief Exec and Tim Hickling. I have now been invited to talk to the Chief Exec, Malcolm Johnston, on 21 July by Zoom which is encouraging. I will put together a few points when I come back from Manchester and send it round for you to add anything you would like to raise.

14.0 Future Housing in Rye

The recent article in Rye News stated that RDC had identified eight sites in Rye for housing, potentially to be designated in the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). These are sites capable of providing five or more dwellings. Six sites are identified in the RNP H3-H8 and another must be Cyprus Place particularly as Rother wishes to develop it. Another could be the 40-house site in Rye Harbour but, if it's not, there's clearly one other site being considered, location currently unknown. **Rother is under great pressure to allocate suitable sites to meet the central government revised and up-lifted housing requirement.**

One thing to bear in mind is that the housing allocation in the RNP is in excess of that required within the current Rother Local Plan. The current figure, allowing for the actual consented number on the Thomas Peacocke site plus 10 dwellings on Cyprus Place is 182 which is well in excess of the 67-112 required under the 2014 Core Strategy. There is also in my opinion scope for increasing the number on

Winchelsea Road West if it is designated purely for housing. Add to this the remaining land in Rock Channel H4 if Rother was to agree with Jempson's to transfer the employment element of the mixed development to Rye Harbour.

We need to find out when we will learn of the additional sites and what say Rye will have in their potential inclusion in the HELAA. I consider this as part of Rother's consultation requirements and I will raise it on 21 July in the meeting with Malcolm Johnston.