

Clerk's report – Full Council Meeting 12th August 2025

10.2 Lewes District Parking Review – December 2025

For the 2024 Lewes District Parking Review, RPC submitted requests for which the outcomes are listed below:

Bishops Lane, junction with Lewes Road, Ringmer	Extension of Yellow lines	Yellow lines installed as part of last review
Elphick Road, Ringmer	Extension of Yellow lines	Lines already in place
Harrisons Lane, Ringmer	Extension of Yellow lines	Lines already present & with appropriate length
Lewes Road, Ringmer	Footway and Verge ban	Did not rank high enough

11.2 Temporary Road Safety Posters - ESCC is introducing a new working practice for temporary road safety posters. This new process allows a parish or town council to take ownership of installing and relocating temporary posters, following guidance from the Road Safety Team.

ESCC will no longer be able to install the temporary posters on behalf of a parish or town council. Should PC wish to go ahead with this new process, it will need to complete and sign a required form confirming agreement to the conditions of installation.

11.3 Road Naming – It was agreed at Full Council meeting in Aug 24 to offer some names for the roads at the Croudace development - LW/21/0937. Those that have now been agreed are Fitzherbert Drive, Huntley Crescent, Jenkinson Way, Poole Lane, Dodson Close, Simpson Road.

We have been approached by Macar to offer relevant suggestions for the 3 roads at their site (Land South of the Broyle - LW/22/0282)

11.4 Draft East Sussex Housing Partnership Strategy Survey https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/adult-social-care/housing-strategy/user_uploads/east-sussex-housing-partnership-strategy-1.docx

ESCC want to hear from people and organisations with an interest in housing, about what you think of the draft strategy for improving housing in East Sussex.

East Sussex Housing Partnership works to meet local housing needs in the county. The partnership is made up of the five local housing authorities, housing providers and partners from across health, social care, children's services, criminal justice and the voluntary and community sector.

To guide its work, the partnership has created a strategy that sets out the priorities it will focus on over the coming years. The priorities identified so far are:

1. Homelessness prevention
2. Housing, health and care integration
3. Housing and management standards
4. Creating new homes
5. Tackling climate change
6. Private rented housing

ESCC would like to hear views on the strategy, including the six priorities and aims for making improvements in those areas. Our feedback will help ensure the strategy reflects people's experience of housing in East Sussex and what's important to residents.

The strategy aims to improve housing in East Sussex and support the five local housing authorities' individual strategies. It will also guide future service planning, including opportunities to secure additional funding.

11.5 ACRE/NALC Survey on planning for flood resilience

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ACRE-NALC-survey-planning-for-flood-resilience/>

NALC has partnered with Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to launch a new survey designed to help parish and town councils enhance their flood resilience. The short survey will capture what information and support parish, and town councils need to better plan for flooding. The results will directly shape the development of practical resources tailored to local needs, ensuring that any future resources are genuinely helpful and relevant.

Alongside ACRE, NALC are particularly keen to ensure that the voices of parish and town councils are heard so that they can provide support that addresses real on-the-ground challenges. Member council participation will help both organisations deliver meaningful action that improves community resilience.

Parish and town councils are encouraged to respond to the survey by 23:45 on 29 August 2025. To ensure a broad and representative range of input, NALC request one response per parish or town council. This initiative supports Action 20 of the Rural Flood Resilience Partnership Action Plan, which aims to help communities plan for flooding.

- 11.6 **Consultation on boundary of Lewes District from April 2028 onwards** - <https://lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/LGR>
Brighton & Hove City Council has announced that as part of local government reorganisation it is looking to potentially grow the city boundaries and is looking at options to expand into parts of Lewes district, specifically Kingston ward, East Saltdean, Telscombe, Peacehaven and Newhaven.

General

i. Improving Recycling I Lewes Webinar – Clerk attended on 15th July

LDC cabinet approved alternating 2 weekly collections of refuse and recycling on 10th July. Food waste remains weekly.

Public engagement programme is underway including a survey to gain residents opinion although, this is for logistics rather than whether this will go ahead.

National target for recycling (inc. food waste) is 55% increasing to 65% by 2035

LDC's figure is currently 42.2%. and performs particularly poorly re food waste.

From 2026 food waste across the country will be mandatory.

Larger/extra bins will be available

LDC slide re alternate weekly collections (AWC):

Why are we looking at AWC?

1. A proven way to increase the amount of household waste recycled
2. Reduce the amount of waste sent for incineration
3. Encourage more use of weekly food waste collections
4. Make residents more conscious of what they buy, use, throw away
5. Fewer collection vehicles on the road
6. Simpler calendars: same refuse / recycling collection day of the week
7. Save £1m over four years
8. Brings collections in-line with almost all other councils in the UK
 - Taking a flexible approach where weekly refuse is needed
 - We know from experience residents quickly adapt to the new arrangements

- ii. **The Green Man – Asset of Community Value** – A letter has been sent to Greene and King's solicitors to request confirmation that additional land will be given for car parking, as a replacement for the land proposed for sale. No response has been received to date.
- iii. **New Tree Preservation Order** – TPO (no.8) 2025 Howells Bank Farm, Broyle Lane has been confirmed.
- iv. **Thakeham 2 – LW/23/0752** – We have been advised by the developer that they will be conducting some test digs on this site for one or two days in early September. These are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September. These digs will inform the design of the temporary access into the site, and the services diversions required for the widening works they are discussing with the local authority as part of the s278 agreement.
- v. **Village Green Playground** – The dual swing was reported damaged (the metal frame had snapped). This is being investigated as a claim for free replacement with Kompan. The agility trail has a split in the wood which is covered under warranty and will be repaired. At the same time Kompan will tighten all fixings for this equipment to remove the “give” in the supports.
- vi. **Village Green Path** – The concerns regarding the footpath have been reported to East Sussex Highways, who have clarified that it does not fall under their responsibility. The Clerk is obtaining quotes for the required repair work to the footpath.

Planning Decisions

Description	RPC Decision	LDC Decision
LW/25/0169 - 8 Bellamy Gardens Lewes Road BN8 5ES. Single storey side extension to create garage space	No objections	Withdrawn (11/07/25)
LW/25/0170 - 1A Penlee, Lewes Road. BN8 5QH. New driveway, vehicle access and dropped kerb	Strongly objects	Withdrawn (16/07/25)
LW/25/0195 - Dower House, Lewes Road. BN8 5QD. Prior Notification under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A for a single storey rear extension with flat roof incorporating a rooflight, brickwork on the neighbours side and bi-fold doors on the other two elevations to measure 4.00m total length, 3.00m eaves height and 3.50m total height	No comment	Approved (30/06/25)
LW/25/0294 - 1 Lower Clayhill Cottages Uckfield Road. BN8 5RU. Change of use from a self-contained annexe to a dwelling house	Support	Approved (14/07/25)
LW/25/0298 - 7D The Holdings Old Uckfield Road Ringmer. BN8 5RY. Single storey front porch extension	No objection	Approved (22/07/25)
LW/25/0302 - Land Adj to Turnpike Farm, The Broyle. EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 5(4) of the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 for residential development of up to 180 homes with access, public open space, landscaping and other works	No comments sent	EIA Not Required (15/07/25)
LW/25/0309 - Land North of Lewes Road Ringmer. Non-material amendment of application LW/23/0752 to change plots 61, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71, 75 and 88 into two storey dwellings	Not Considered	Approved (04/07/25)
LW/25/0354/CD - Land North of Lewes Road Ringmer. Discharge of condition 16 (Contaminated Land) relating to approval LW/23/0752	No comment	Approved (23/7/25)
LW/25/0356 - Land Opposite Bishops Close Ringmer. Non-material amendment of application LW/21/0694 for Condition 17, to remove the prior to occupation requirement, and that the condition should reference Condition 6 Archaeology, instead of Condition 5 Grading Details of the Site	Not considered	Approved (23/07/25)
LW/25/0364/CD - Site to the Rear Of 2 - 16 Broyle Close. BN8 5PL. Discharge of condition 5 (Sustainability) relating to approval LW/24/0562	Not considered	Approved (29/07/25)