

MINUTES of the Meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE** held at the **Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock** on **MONDAY 20th APRIL, 2026** at **6.30pm**.

PRESENT

Councillor B Smith
Councillor G Parker

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Councillor Mrs A Johnson **Deputy Mayor ex officio.**

Councillors N Martin, T Munro and A Venning

IN ATTENDANCE

Administrative & Democratic Support Officer and member of the public

377. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence had been received from Councillors S Hipsey, Mrs J Hughes, A Lewis

378. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Management & Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 31st March, 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Appendix 1).

379. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made;

- Councillor Mrs A Johnson in respect of Minute No 384 (b)Mr A Beecham, Baker Estates Ltd, 33 Peartree Way, Tavistock, PL19 9FH, 0851/26/TPO by virtue of a personal relationship with the neighbours of the applicant.
- Councillor G Parker in respect of Minute No 384 (b)Ms B Turner, Glenside Cottage, Middlemoor, Tavistock, PL19 9DY, 0891/26/HHO by virtue of a personal relationship with the neighbours of the applicant.

380. DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (DNPA)

No items received.

381. TOWN PLANNING ISSUES

No items received.

382. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

No items received.

383. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman advised Members of an urgent matter received in respect of a variation application for a premises licence submitted by JD Wetherspoon Plc for the Queens Head, 79–80 West Street, Tavistock.

The application seeks to extend licensable hours as follows:

Supply of alcohol (on and off the premises): 09:00 to 01:00, Thursday to Saturday

Late Night Refreshment (indoors): 23:00 to 01:00, Thursday to Saturday

Opening hours: 07:00 to 01:30, Thursday to Saturday

RESOLVED THAT the Committee object to the application on the following grounds:

- Prevention of Public Nuisance – concerns were raised regarding patrons leaving the premises late at night, particularly in the absence of a police presence at those times, limited availability of taxis, and the location of the premises within a developing residential area.
- Public Safety – concerns were expressed regarding insufficient street lighting away from the main road, creating potential safety risks for individuals leaving the premises at the proposed hours.

384. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **Planning Decisions**

Planning Decisions reached by West Devon Borough Council were attached at Appendix A (Appendix 3).

b) **NEW Planning Applications**

New Planning Applications to West Devon Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED THAT the views of the Town Council, as listed in Appendix B, be passed to the Local Planning Authority for consideration (Appendix 4).

385. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Development Management & Licensing Committee would be held on Tuesday 12th May, 2026 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Drake Road.

The Meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed:

Dated:
CHAIRMAN

TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
 DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE – LIST OF PLANNING
 DECISIONS (Appendix A) FOR MEETING 20.04.2026

Applicant's Name, Site Location, P/App No.	Development Type	Town Council's Comments	Decision by Local Planning Authority	Date of Decision
<p>Ms S Boocock 21 Saxon Road, Tavistock, PL19 8JS</p> <p>P/A No. 0275/26/TPO</p>	<p>T001: Beech - lateral reduction on northern side of 3m, reduce loading on the decaying base. T002: Beech - truncate northern stem to approx. 2m in length to significantly reduce mechanical forces on decaying stem, reduce risk to neighbouring property to north, Ganoderma and significant decay present see resistograph results. T003: Sweet Chestnut – fell, limited structural wood remaining, close proximity to residential properties, replant with x1 10-12cm Sweet Chestnut in area recently cleared of laurel. T004: Elm – fell, dead, replace with x1 10-12cm Beech to be planted in area recently cleared of laurel. T005: Ash – fell, ADB 75% defoliated, replace with x1 10-12cm Hornbeam, to be planted in suitable canopy gap. A001: Sycamore –</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>Split Decision</p>	<p>30th March 2026</p>

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	<p>fell, weighted, leaning toward residential property, with no option to prune to provide sufficient gap. G002: Various species (mainly sycamore/goat willow) - laterally prune by up to 3m along property boundaries to provide sufficient gap of min 2m to dwellings. G003: Goat willow - coppice following number of branch breaks in recent years.</p>			
<p>Ms R Rowe Old Cemetery, Dolvin Road, Tavistock PL19 9EA</p> <p>P/A No. 0388/26/TPO</p>	<p>T0061 (TPO Ref: S220): European Weeping Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Pendula' – Crown reduction by approximately 5 meters to prevent failure of a major primary branch at its decayed junction. Please see accompanying report Ref: 378CTC0625 for full details.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Granted</p>	<p>30th March 2026</p>

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Mr J Clarence-Smith 25 Redmoor Close Tavistock PL19 0ER P/A No. 0507/26/TPO	TPO S52: T1, T2, T3: Beech – all over reduction by 5 metres to provide sufficient clearance to property.	Refer to tree specialist but note concerns to nesting birds and that the applicant is not the owner of the tree concerned	Refused	10 th April 2026

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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & LICENSING COMMITTEE - NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Appendix B) FOR MEETING 20.04.2026

Applicant's Name & Location	P/App Link	Proposal	Deadline to respond
<p>Ms S Walker Glenside Madge Lane Tavistock PL19 0DY</p> <p>P/A No. 0509/26/HHO</p>	<p>Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0509/26/HHO</p>	<p>Householder application for new slate roof and relocation of front entrance door to the centre of the principal elevation</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>Mrs W Wright Whitebriar 4 Grove Park Tavistock PL19 9HJ</p> <p>P/A No. 0454/26/TPO</p>	<p>Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0454/26/TPO</p>	<p>T5674: Sycamore – crown reduce by 2-2.5m, compression union at 800mm from ground level, no natural bracing, works to maintain a balanced form. G7: x2 Oak - remove deadwood, reduce branches overhanging property and public footpath by 2-3m, signs of low vigour and dropping large branches.</p>	<p>Neutral – Refer to tree specialist</p>
<p>Mr A Beecham, Baker Estates Ltd 33 Peartree Way Tavistock PL19 9FH</p> <p>P/A No. 0851/26/TPO</p>	<p>Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0851/26/TPO</p>	<p>TPO 1027; T20: Oak – crown height reduce by 5m, lateral crown reduction on N aspect by 3m, on S & E sides by 4m. T21: Oak – crown height reduce by 7m, lateral reductions on all side by 3m. Works due to trees growing</p>	<p>Neutral – Refer to tree specialist</p>

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		together, reduce risk of failure, increase habitat value.	
<p>Mrs K Elbrow Indescombe Barn Tavistock PL19 0JP</p> <p>P/A No. 0808/26/HHO</p>	<p>Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0808/26/HHO</p>	<p>Householder application for 8m x 4.5m conservatory to principal (south) elevation</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I & C Hoare & Wilson 29 Canons Way Tavistock PL19 8BJ</p> <p>P/A No. 0406/26/HHO</p>	<p>Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0406/26/HHO</p>	<p>Householder application for two storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory, including rear solar panels</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>Ms B Turner Glenside Cottage Middlemoor PL19 9DY</p> <p>P/A No. 0890/26/HHO</p>	<p>Planning Application: https://westdevon.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0890/26/HHO</p>	<p>Householder application for construction of a single storey utility room extension</p>	<p>Split decision-</p> <p>Support utility room</p> <p>Object patio as the plans have no measurements on them. The height suggests it would encroach on the neighbours privacy.</p> <p>Please refer to previous objections and inspectors report</p>

