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Planning Update Covid-19

Dear Agent/Applicant

UPDATE: COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

Further to my letter dated 4th April 2020 I am writing to give you the latest update on how we are dealing with planning applications.

New planning applications – suspension of site notices

Following a review of the above I am pleased to inform you that posting of site notices will recommence from 30th April 2020 and cover all the new applications that have been held as a result of the 23rd March 2020 lockdown. Therefore, the publicity period for each of these applications (21 days) will be activated from the date the notice is posted.

Officers posting the notices will be observing the Government's social distancing guidance.

New applications will continue to be validated and allocated to a case officer, and the weekly list will be distributed electronically to Members and Town & Parish Councils as normal.

Existing planning applications (where publicity expires 23rd March & after)

From 30th April 2020 (the date that posting of site notices recommences) the publicity on a number of "live" applications, where the publicity was suspended (paused) on 23rd March 2020, will be reactivated to allow the remaining publicity period to run. If your application falls within this category the relevant case officer will be in contact with you to request an extension of time appropriate to the individual case, where this has not already been agreed.

Site Assessment visits

Currently planning officer site assessment visits (currently separate to erecting the site notices) have been suspended since 23rd March 2020. We are currently reviewing this position and I will give agents an update shortly.

Planning Committee

This is currently under review and I will give agents an update shortly

All other cases

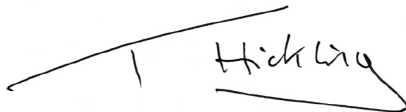
We are progressing these cases as normal. Where applications are delayed Officers are continuing to request an extension of time.

For any other information on Covid-19 service disruption please follow the link below:

<https://www.rother.gov.uk/news/coronavirus-covid-19-latest/>

I hope you find the above information positive and be rest assured Rother is doing its utmost to maintain the best service it can (within the current Government restrictions) to you and our community during this very difficult time.

Yours faithfully

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