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Planning Update: Covid-19

Dear Town & Parish Clerks

Further to my previous update on 23rd April 2020 please see below the latest on the service disruption from the Covid-19

New planning applications – suspension of site notices

We have reviewed the above and consider, providing that officers observe social distancing, it is safe to recommence the posting of site notices. On this basis we believe that members of the public will be able to view the notices as part of daily exercise (as advised by Government). We also know that a significant number of households have subscribed to “My Alerts” which includes a list of live applications in their vicinity.

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that posting of site notices will recommence from 30th April 2020 and cover all 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.

All Town & Parish Councils are encouraged to share this information with members of their community. I attach the **four weekly lists** of applications this covers for your information. There will also be a small number of other new applications which have been caught by the suspension.

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 on 23rd March & after)

From 30th April (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.

Site Assessment visits

Currently site assessment visits (currently separate to erecting the site notice) have been suspended since 23rd March 2020. We are currently reviewing this position and I will give Town & Parish Councils an update shortly.

Existing applications where publicity has expired before 23rd March (and the Case Officer has undertaken the site assessment visit)

These applications will be progressed to decision, unless the application is called to Committee*

**Rother Council has suspended all committees until further notice*

Planning Committees

This is currently under review and I will give Town & Parish Councils an update shortly

Where applications are delayed officers are continuing to request an extension of time with the applicants.

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

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

Yours faithfully

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