



The application has been called to planning committee by Councillor Roy Dexter, to allow members to consider the potential impact of a cafe/restaurant use within the existing retail centre.

### **Principle**

The site lies within an area defined on the Thanet Local Plan Proposals Map as Westwood Town Centre. Paragraph 24 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that Local Planning Authorities should require applications for town centre uses to be located in town centres, and the definition of main town centre uses within the NPPF includes restaurants. The proposal complies with national guidance, and is therefore considered acceptable in principle.

### **Highway Safety**

The floor area of the unit is not increasing, and it is located within a town centre where a variety of units are visited during each trip to the centre. The proposed use is therefore unlikely to significantly increase vehicle movements or the need for parking. The impact on highway safety is therefore considered to be acceptable.

### **Conclusion**

The site lies within the town centre where town centre uses, such as cafes/restaurants are considered to be acceptable. There is considered to be no impact on highway safety. It is therefore recommended that members approve the application.

### **Case Officer**

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