

## **CONSERVATION AREA POLICY**

Folkestone Town Council's policy on planning applications for developments within conservation areas

1. Folkestone Town Council will oppose planning applications which are detrimental to the spirit of the conservation area or which will reduce the quality of the environment.
2. Folkestone Town Council will only support window and door replacements, particularly in locations visible to the public, if they closely copy the windows or doors appropriate to the district in details such as glazing bars.
3. Folkestone Town Council will oppose any planning application which is intended to legitimise any development already carried out that is against the spirit of the policy.
4. Folkestone Town Council will support any planning application for a development which seeks to reverse or lessen the impact of unsuitable changes made by previous owners, and will encourage Shepway District Council actively to promote such developments by offering development grants to householders or landlords.
5. Folkestone Town Council will work in partnership with Shepway District Council to develop standards and guidelines for the integration of modern materials and equipment (UPVC windows, satellite dishes, solar panels, wind-generators, mobile phone radio stations etc) within a conservation area.
6. Folkestone Town Council will recognise good design and renovation within conservation areas, and possibly good developments within the town in general, by introducing a range of non-monetary awards.
7. Folkestone Town Council will identify specific areas within a conservation area that have an identity or character of their own. It will work in partnership with Shepway District Council, local residents and other bodies to identify the characteristics that are particularly worthy of conservation.
8. Folkestone Town Council will address conservation area issues both in the consultation process and in the development of its town plan and it will generate appropriate projects.