

# FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Planning Committee Details of Delegated Comments December 2025

Decisions can be delegated to the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) plus two other members if agreed by the Chairman.

The following decisions were made under delegated authority by Trishia Blewitt (Chairman), David Jenner and Keith Brandon. (The Chairman has the casting vote in any tie).

- **WD/2025/2484/F – Proposed single storey side extension. Highfields, Chapel Lane, Blackboys TN22 5LB.**  
<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/2484/F>

The Parish Council supports the application. The proposed extension will make the building more streamlined and provide a larger bedroom and living room area. There are no privacy issues as no one will be overlooked and the proposals are not intrusive on the surrounding countryside.

- **WD/2025/0789/F – Conversion of double garage to habitable accommodation including extension to provide kitchen and extension to provide first floor. Proposed bollards. Proposed fence to rear boundary. Land adjacent to Weavers, Framfield Road, Blackboys TN22 5LS.**  
<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/0789/F>

The Parish Council objects to this application. The proposal is a speculative attempt to create a new dwelling on a cramped corner of the site. The design is out of keeping with the rural character of the area, and the building's position and small footprint result in a cramped and incongruous form. The application describes a "conversion," but the extent of works adding a first floor and a kitchen extension, suggests a near full rebuild from the footings and in the extension area where there are none - not a modest conversion.

The proposed building works increase the size of the garage significantly, both upwards and sideways. It is situated in the front garden and although it will be screened by trees, it is not suitable for the area. The screening by mature conifers is referenced as mitigation, but these trees could easily be removed in the future, leaving the development fully exposed.

Another point concerns the existing house - it is deemed unsuitable to improve the floors and walls, I assume therefore that the owners will demolish it and rebuild at a later date? This 'justification' regarding the original dwelling's refurbishment costs is unconvincing and does not constitute a valid planning reason.

There is no reference to water supply, foul water discharge, or sustainable drainage or any ecological impact assessment due to the nature of the application. Claims regarding rainwater runoff are unsupported.

Overall, this is overdevelopment on a constrained site, harmful to the character of the area, and should be refused.

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