



## Planning Matters

### **Revised BP Filling Station application**

The Rye Conservation Society has objected to the revised application. The single issue to be considered in respect of the revised planning application for a BP Filling Station and Shop is whether the changes made as part of the current application are sufficient to overcome the two reasons given by Rother for their refusal of the first application. The two reasons were firstly that the proposed petrol filling station would extend the development of Rye into open countryside beyond the clearly established town edge, introducing a discordant addition at the approach to the town, adversely affecting the rural character of the area and the entrance to the High Weald AONB. Given the surrounding topography, the new urban development would appear unduly prominent and have a significant intrusive impact on the wider rural character, being visible across a significant area beyond simply localised views. The second reason was that the use of the site over a 24 hour period with its associated illumination, in close proximity to neighbouring properties, would have a detrimental impact upon the residential amenities of these properties particularly at times when residents could reasonably expect their amenities to be safeguarded.

Rye Conservation Society believes that the minimal changes to the first scheme now proposed are not sufficient to overturn the original reasons for refusal and therefore has objected to the scheme.

Whilst additional retail development in Rye including a petrol filling station would be welcomed this development is in the wrong place.

*Julian Luckett,*

*Chairman, Rye Conservation Society Planning Committee.*

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A note for your diary: **Garden Party, Sunday 8 July, 2.30 - 5.00.**

**Little Orchard House, 3 West Street, Rye TN31 7ES**

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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RYE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

This year's A.G.M. will be held at 11.15 am on Friday 27 April 2018 in Rye Town Hall.  
The meeting is open to all but only Members of the Society may vote.

Full details will be in the Annual Report which will be available soon.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by the Society's Annual Luncheon  
to be held at The Mermaid Inn