

Chepstow Society – Town Planning Roundup for May - June 2022

Simon Maddison, 26th June 2022

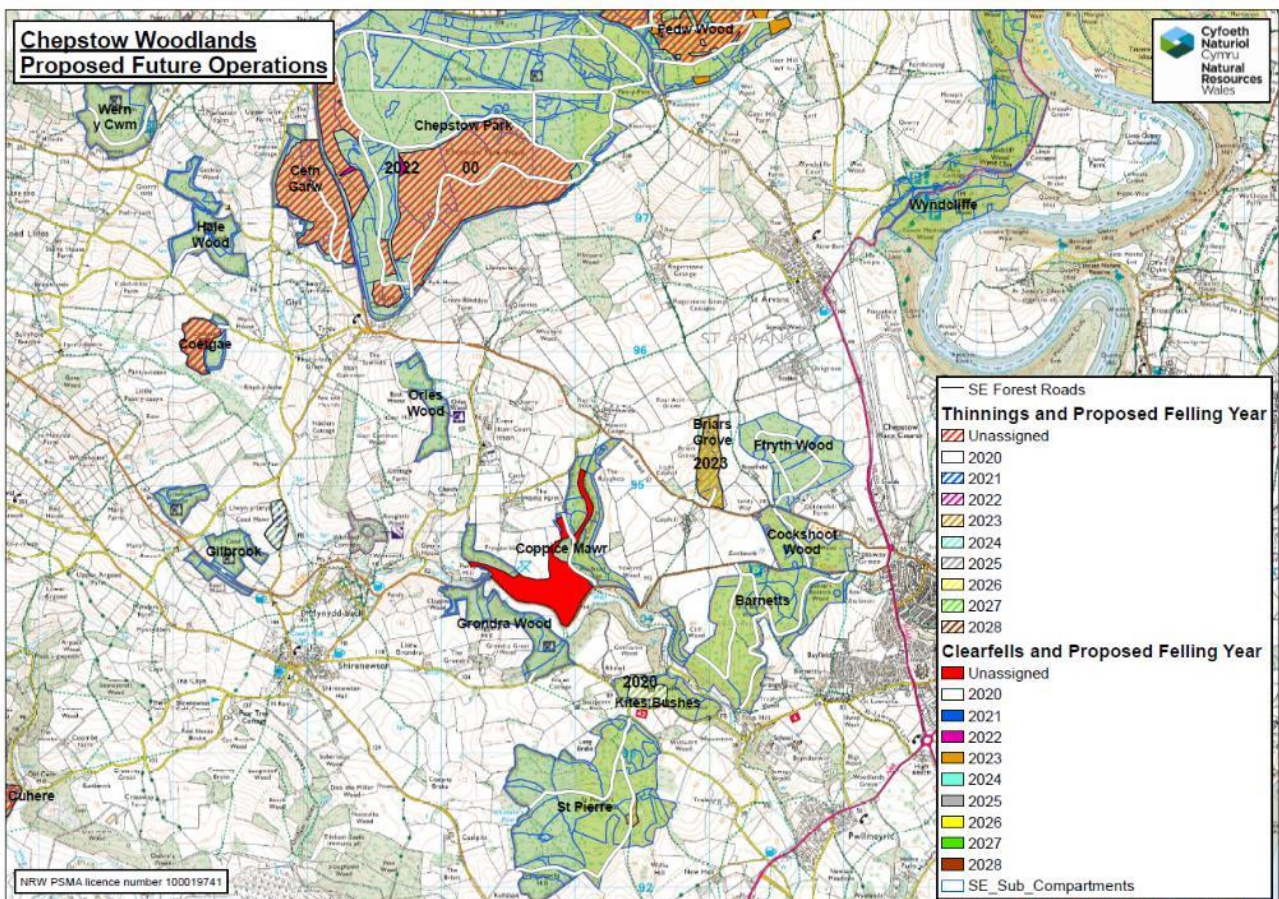
Introduction

This is a summary of planning and other items coming up in May and June. I'd be pleased to have any comments or feedback on these roundups.

Forestry Works in the Wye Valley

Consultations were held locally on 14th and 15th June about woodland management in the Wye Valley by Natural Resources Wales. This relates to the management of Ash dieback and other climate change driven tree diseases, as well as the control of invasive species. The web site has a lot of information including maps of tree works in the woodlands:

<https://ymgyngori.cyfoethnaturiol.cymru/south-east-wales-de-ddwyrain-cymru/upcoming-forestry-and-land-management-work-norther/>



Lidl Site, Bulwark

As reported recently in the South Wales Argus, the old Severn Bridge Club site has now been cleared, following the fires that badly damaged the buildings shortly after they closed. Also, the current Lidl site has been put up for sale. https://www.southwalesargus.co.uk/news/20162200.chepstow-lidl-sale-severn-bridge-club-site-cleared/?fbclid=IwAR2lFB_A7kSz5lc8llQtx2uzTSSDvpsS3FfArf99LUL_hMrUhQAdLV8_tzk

DM/2021/00196: Old Nat West Building, 1 Hocker Hill Street

Change of use and alterations to part of the ground floor from A2 (Financial and professional), to A1, A2 and A3 use. Conversion, change of use and alterations to the remaining building into 6 residential flats.

This building is being turned into flats with two commercial units in the old banking hall. Looks to be a good renovation and repurposing of what was a fine building in the centre of town. Images taken from the application documents. The planners have requested some details to be reinstated consistent with the original character of the building. Work on the refurbishment is now under way.



DM/2020/01422: Back of Herbert Lewis

The old buildings and garage to the back of Herbert Lewis have been cleared, except for the old chapel building which will be incorporated into the new development. A good reestablishment of residential use within the centre of the town.



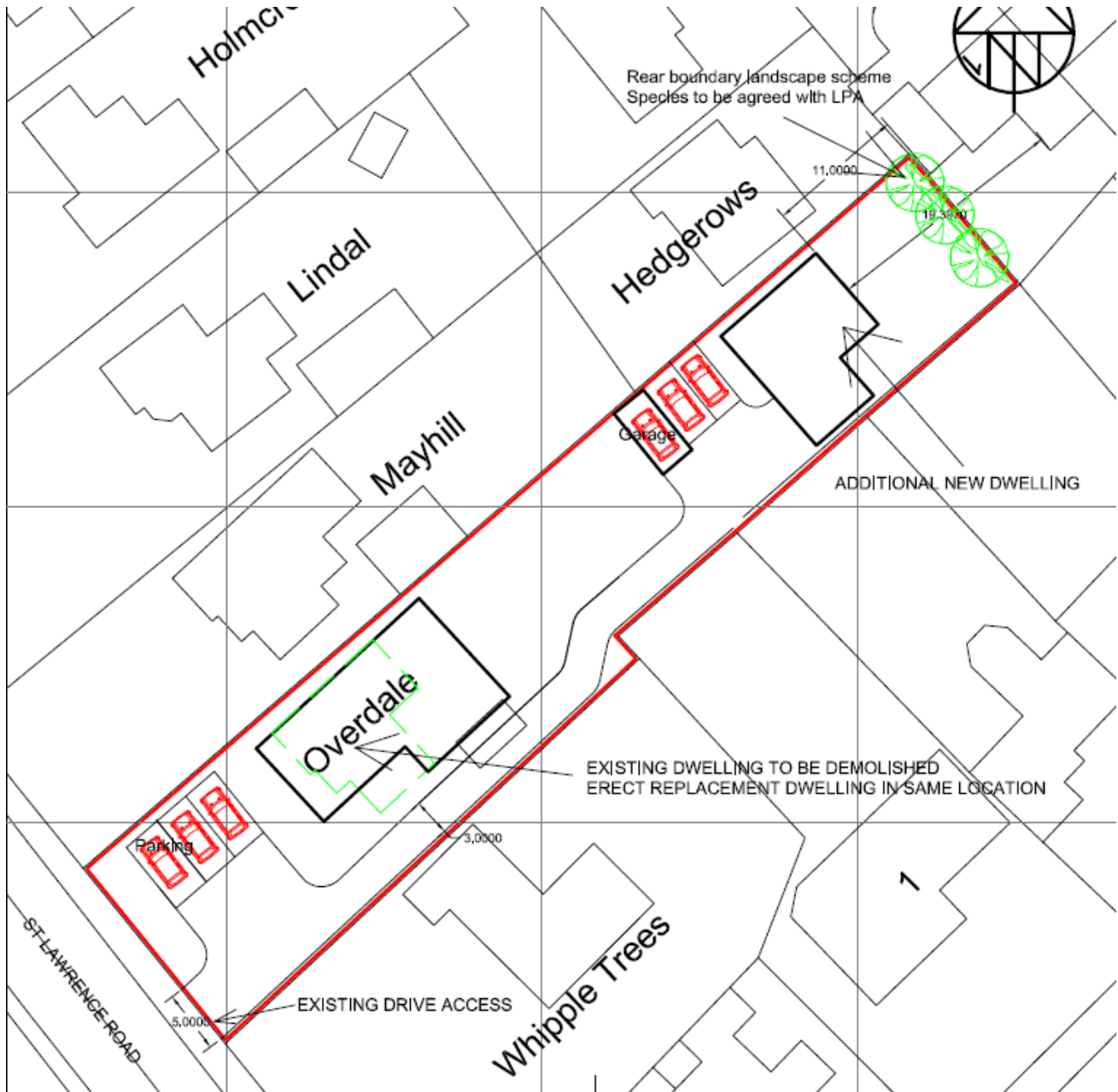
38 Lower Church Street

This property, badly damaged by an explosion and fire a couple of years ago is now up for auction on 6th July.

<https://www.aucspace.com/lots/60546-auction-house-south-wales-2022-07-06-38-lower-church-street-chepstow-np16-5hj>

DM/2021/01693 1 St Lawrence Road

This property, located near the A48/ High Beech Roundabout, probably from the pre-war period, has long been run down. It is now proposed to demolish and rebuild, splitting the property in two, with a second property to the rear.



DC/2015/01552: Grosmont, Mount Pleasant

Work is progressing on this site, with the roof nearly complete.



The Studio, Garden City Way

DC/2015/01209

I noted some time ago, that these well-built housing association flats, only completed around a year ago, had suffered a fire in an outside store.

I am glad to see that repairs are now complete, and presumably the upstairs flat is habitable again.

