

# Dentist's plans put on hold

A DENTIST has expressed concern that a handful of objections could scupper plans for a surgery in Walmer.

Dr Naishad Patel, who runs a successful practice in Hythe, has secured funding to provide NHS services in the area and has applied for permission to transform a house in Dover Road into a surgery.

It is hoped the clinic could provide care for up to 5,000 patients within five years - but only if the planning committee of Dover District Council gives it the go-ahead.

Dr Patel, who has had a surgery in Hythe for 16 years and is planning further facilities in Hawkinge and New Romney, told the *Express* there was a real need for more NHS provision in Walmer and he hopes the scheme will be approved.

He said: "There are some people who think we should not be there. Their objections are mainly things that are able to be dealt with, like where the bins are kept or noise, but we are not a nightclub and we don't make a real racket.

"It's a shame because there is a need for this service. The funding could be going somewhere else if it's turned down."