

**PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2017
Time: 10.30 am
Place: Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN

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APPOINTED MEMBERS [12]

Tim Hall (Chairman)	Leatherhead and Fetcham East;
Keith Taylor (Vice-Chairman)	Shere;
Natalie Bramhall	Redhill West & Meadvale;
Stephen Cooksey	Dorking South and the Holmwoods;
Matt Furniss	Shalford;
Jeffrey Harris	Tadworth, Walton & Kingswood;
Edward Hawkins	Heatherside and Parkside;
Ernest Mallett MBE	West Molesey;
Bernie Muir	Epsom West;
Andrew Povey	Cranleigh & Ewhurst;
Mrs Penny Rivers	Godalming North;
Rose Thorn	Godstone;

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS (NON-VOTING) [4]

David Hodge CBE	Leader of the Council	Warlingham;
John Furey	Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity	Addlestone;
Peter Martin	Chairman of the Council	Godalming South, Milford & Witley;
Tony Samuels	Vice-Chairman of the Council	Walton South & Oatlands;

APPOINTED SUBSTITUTES [17]

Mary Angell	Woodham and New Haw;
Mike Bennison	Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott;
Chris Botten	Caterham Hill;
Nick Darby	The Dittons;
Jonathan Essex	Redhill East;
Angela Goodwin	Guildford North;
David Goodwin	Guildford South-West;
Richard Hampson	Haslemere;
Nick Harrison	Nork & Tattenhams;
Julie Iles	Horsleys;
Graham Knight	Horley East;
Yvonna Lay	Egham;
David Lee	Caterham Valley;
Cameron McIntosh	Oxted;
Chris Townsend	Ashtead;
Will Forster	Woking South;
Fiona White	Guildford West;

Register of planning applications: <http://planning.surreycc.gov.uk/>

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

To receive any apologies for absence and notices of substitutions under Standing Order 41.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETINGS

(Pages 1 - 32)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 18 October 2017 and 15 November 2017.

3 PETITIONS

To receive any petitions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 84 (please see note 7 below).

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To answer any questions received from local government electors within Surrey in accordance with Standing Order 85 (please see note 8 below).

5 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

To answer any questions received from Members of the Council in accordance with Standing Order 47.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter

- (i) Any disclosable pecuniary interests and / or
- (ii) Other interests arising under the Code of Conduct in respect of any item(s) of business being considered at this meeting

NOTES:

- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- As well as an interest of the Member, this includes any interest, of which the Member is aware, that relates to the Member's spouse or civil partner (or any person with whom the Member is living as a spouse or civil partner)
- Members with a significant personal interest may participate in the discussion and vote on that matter unless that interest could be reasonably regarded as prejudicial.

7 GU17/P/01585 COBBETT HILL EARTH STATION, COBBETT HILL ROAD, NORMANDY, GUILDFORD, SURREY, GU3 2AA

(Pages 33 - 74)

Change of use to waste paper and waste cardboard recovery and transfer facility; overnight HGV parking.

**8 DECISION ON PLANNING APPEAL REF:
APP/B3600/X/16/3160668, LAND WEST OF SHEEPWALK,
SHEEPWALK, SHEPPERTON**

(Pages 75 - 80)

The applicant appealed this decision to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government by way of the Planning Inspectorate. A copy of the appeal decision letter is attached for information purposes.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning & Regulatory Committee will be held on Wednesday 24 January 2018.

Julie Fisher
Acting Chief Executive
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NOTES:

1. The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for lunch from 12.45pm unless satisfied that the Committee's business can be completed by 1.15pm.
2. Members are requested to let the Regulatory Committee Manager have the wording of any motions and amendments not later than one hour before the start of the meeting.
3. Substitutions must be notified to the Regulatory Committee Manager by the absent Member or group representative at least half an hour in advance of the meeting.
4. Planning officers will introduce their report and be able to provide information or advice to Members during the meeting. They can also be contacted before the meeting if you require information or advice on any matter.
5. A record of any items handled under delegated powers since the last meeting of the Committee will be available for inspection at the meeting.
6. Members of the public can speak at the Committee meeting on any planning application that is being reported to the Committee for decision, provided they have made written representations on the application at least 14 days in advance of the meeting, and provided they have registered their wish to do so with the Regulatory Committee Manager no later than midday on the working day before the meeting. The number of public speakers is restricted to five objectors and five supporters in respect of each application.
7. Petitions from members of the public may be presented to the Committee provided that they contain 100 or more signatures and relate to a matter within the Committee's terms of reference. The presentation of petitions on the following matters is not allowed: (a) matters which are "confidential" or "exempt" under the Local Government Access to Information Act 1985; and (b) planning applications. Notice must be given in writing at least 14 days before the meeting. Please contact the Regulatory Committee Manager for further advice.
8. Notice of public questions must be given in writing at least 7 days before the meeting. Members of the public may ask one question relating to a matter within the Committee's terms of reference. Questions on "confidential" or "exempt" matters and planning applications are not allowed. Questions should relate to general policy and not detail. Please contact the Regulatory Committee Manager for further advice.
9. On 10 December 2013, the Council agreed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation so that:
 - All details pursuant (applications relating to a previously granted permission) and non-material amendments (minor issues that do not change the principles of an existing permission) will be delegated to officers (irrespective of the number of objections).
 - Any full application with fewer than 5 objections, which is in accordance with the development plan and national policies will be delegated to officers.
 - Any full application with fewer than 5 objections that is not in accordance with the development plan (i.e. waste development in Green Belt) and national policies will be delegated to officers in liaison with either the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Planning & Regulatory Committee.
 - Any application can come before committee if requested by the local member or a member of the Planning & Regulatory Committee.

The revised Scheme of Delegation came into effect as of the date of the Council decision.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – GUIDANCE ON THE DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

This guidance forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Planning Considerations section in the following committee reports.

Surrey County Council as County Planning Authority (also known as Mineral or Waste Planning Authority in relation to matters relating to mineral or waste development) is required under Section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) (1990 Act) when determining planning applications to “*have regard to (a) the provisions of the development plan, so far as material to the application, (b) any local finance considerations, so far as material to the application, and (c) any other material considerations*”. This section of the 1990 Act must be read together with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (2004 Act), which provides that: “*If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.*”

Development plan

In Surrey the adopted development plan consists of the:

- Surrey Minerals Local Plan 2011 (comprised of the Core Strategy and Primary Aggregates Development Plan Documents (DPD))
- Surrey Waste Plan 2008 (comprised of the Core Strategy, Waste Development and Waste Development Control Policies DPDs)
- Aggregates Recycling Joint DPD for the Minerals and Waste Plans 2013 (Aggregates Recycling DPD 2013)
- Any saved local plan policies and the adopted Local Development Documents (development plan documents and supplementary planning documents) prepared by the eleven Surrey district/borough councils in Surrey
- South East Plan 2009 Policy NRM6 Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (apart from a policy relating to the former Upper Heyford Air Base in Oxfordshire the rest of the plan was revoked on 25 March 2013)
- Any neighbourhood plans (where they have been approved by the local community at referendum)

Set out in each report are the development plan documents and policies which provide the development plan framework relevant to the application under consideration.

Material considerations

Material considerations will vary from planning application to planning application and can include: relevant European policy; the March 2012 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and updates; the March 2014 national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) and updates; National Planning Policy for Waste (NPPW) October 2014; Waste Management Plan for England 2013; extant planning policy statements; Government Circulars and letters to Chief Planning Officers; emerging local development documents (being produced by Surrey County Council, the district/borough council or neighbourhood forum in whose area the application site lies).

National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance

The March 2012 [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) and subsequent updates replaced 30 Planning Policy Statements, Planning Policy Guidance Notes, Minerals Policy Statements and Minerals Policy Guidance Notes and related Practice Guides, some Government Circulars and letters to Chief Planning Officers and provides consolidated guidance for local planning authorities and decision takers in relation to decision-taking (determining planning applications) and in preparing plans (plan making).

The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied and the associated March 2014 [Planning Practice Guidance](#) (PPG) provides related guidance. The NPPF should be read alongside other national planning policies on [Waste](#), [Travellers](#), [Planning for Schools Development](#), [Sustainable Drainage Systems](#), [Parking](#), and [Starter Homes](#).

At the heart of the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development which the document states "*should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan-making and decision-taking*" (paragraph 14). The NPPF makes clear the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development which has three dimensions: economic, social and environmental. These give rise to the need for the planning system to perform a number of mutually dependent roles: an economic role, a social role and an environmental role. The NPPF sets out 12 core land-use planning principles that should underpin both decision-taking and plan making.

The NPPF does not change the statutory principle that determination of planning applications must be made in accordance with the adopted development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The NPPF is one of those material considerations. In determining planning applications the NPPF (paragraph 14) states that development proposals that accord with the development plan should be approved without delay; and where the development plan is absent, silent or relevant policies are out of date, permission should be granted unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF as a whole; or specific policies in the NPPF indicate development should be restricted.

The NPPF aims to strengthen local decision making and reinforce the importance of up to date plans. Annex 1 paragraph 215 states that in determining planning applications local planning authorities should give due weight to relevant policies in existing plans according to their degree of consistency with the NPPF (the closer the policies are to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight they may be given). For emerging plans the NPPF (paragraph 216) states that, unless material considerations indicate otherwise, weight may also be given to relevant policies in emerging plans according to:

- *"The stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);*
- *The extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given), and;*
- *The degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in this Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given)."*

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998 – GUIDANCE FOR INTERPRETATION

This Guidance should be read in conjunction with the Human Rights section in the following Committee reports.

The Human Rights Act 1998 does not incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights in English law. It does, however, impose an obligation on public authorities not to act incompatibly with those Convention rights specified in Schedule 1 of that Act. As such, those persons directly affected by the adverse effects of decisions of public authorities may be able to claim a breach of their human rights. Decision makers are required to weigh the adverse impact of the development against the benefits to the public at large.

The most commonly relied upon articles of the European Convention are Articles 6, 8 and Article 1 of Protocol 1. These are specified in Schedule 1 of the Act.

Article 6 provides the right to a fair and public hearing. Officers must be satisfied that the application has been subject to proper public consultation and that the public have had an opportunity to make representations in the normal way and that any representations received have been properly covered in the report. Members of the public wishing to make oral representations may do so at Committee, having given the requisite advance notice, and this satisfies the requirements of Article 6.

Article 8 covers the right to respect for a private and family life. This has been interpreted as the right to live one's personal life without unjustified interference. Officers must judge whether the development proposed would constitute such an interference and thus engage Article 8.

Article 1 of Protocol 1 provides that a person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions and that no-one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest. Possessions will include material possessions, such as property, and also planning permissions and possibly other rights. Officers will wish to consider whether the impact of the proposed development will affect the peaceful enjoyment of such possessions.

These are qualified rights, which means that interference with them may be justified if deemed necessary in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

Any interference with a Convention right must be proportionate to the intended objective. This means that such an interference should be carefully designed to meet the objective in question and not be arbitrary, unfair or overly severe.

European case law suggests that interference with the human rights described above will only be considered to engage those Articles and thereby cause a breach of human rights where that interference is significant. Officers will therefore consider the impacts of all applications for planning permission and will express a view as to whether an Article of the Convention may be engaged.