

**PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, 26 March 2025
Time 10.30 am
Place: Council Chamber, Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8EF

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APPOINTED MEMBERS [11]

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| Ernest Mallett MBE | West Molesey; |
| Jeffrey Gray | Caterham Valley; |
| Victor Lewanski | Reigate; |
| Scott Lewis | Woodham and New Haw; |
| Catherine Powell | Farnham North; |
| Jeremy Webster | Caterham Hill; |
| Edward Hawkins (Chairman) | Heatherside and Parkside; |
| John Robini | Haslemere; |
| Richard Tear (Vice-Chairman) | Bagshot, Windlesham and Chobham; |
| Jonathan Hulley | Foxhills, Thorpe & Virginia Water; |
| Chris Farr | Godstone; |

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS (NON-VOTING) [4]

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| Saj Hussain | Chair of the Council | Knaphill and Goldsworth West; |
| Tim Oliver | Leader of the Council | Weybridge; |
| Tim Hall | Vice-Chair of the Council | Leatherhead and Fetcham East; |
| Denise Turner-Stewart | Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities | Staines South and Ashford West; |

APPOINTED SUBSTITUTES [09]

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| Stephen Cooksey | Dorking South and the Holmwoods; |
| Nick Darby | The Dittons; |
| Amanda Boote | The Byfleets; |
| David Harmer | Waverley Western Villages; |
| Trefor Hogg | Camberley East; |
| Riasat Khan | Woking North; |
| Mark Sugden | Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott; |
| Buddhi Weerasinghe | Lower Sunbury and Halliford; |
| Fiona White | Guildford West; |
| Keith Witham | Worplesdon; |
| Luke Bennett | Banstead, Woodmansterne & Chipstead; |
| Harry Boparai | Sunbury Common & Ashford Common; |

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

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 MEETING

(Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2025.

3 PETITIONS

To receive any petitions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 84 (please see note 5 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 6 below).

5 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

To answer any questions received from Members of the Council in accordance with Standing Order 68.

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 MINERALS/WASTE MO/2024/1975 - BROCKHAM WELLSITE, LAND AT FELTON'S FARM, OLD SCHOOL LANE, BROCKHAM, BETCHWORTH, SURREY, RH3 7AU

(Pages 5 - 40)

Importation and re-injection of non-site derived produced water into Portland Sandstone beds to support hydrocarbon production.

8 PROPOSAL WA/2024/01669 - WEYDON ACADEMY, WEYDON LANE, FARNHAM, SURREY GU9 8UG (Pages 41 - 68)

Section 73 application for the variation of planning Conditions 6 (hours of use of sports pitches) and 24 (hours of use of access onto Greenfield Road) of planning permission reference WA/2013/0829 dated 10 October 2013 which was for the demolition of single storey structure and construction of single and two storey extensions; elevational changes to existing buildings; reorganisation of playing field and construction of two synthetic turf pitches, 6 tennis courts and associated ground works, retaining walls and perimeter fencing; construction of new vehicular access from Greenfield Road with associated parking and landscaping (full permission); 2. Removal of other structures and erection of 5266 sq. m. floor space with new education buildings and laying out of 25 parking spaces with layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved (outline) to enable the use of the synthetic sports pitches up to 22.00 hrs on weekdays and to 20.30 hrs on weekends and bank holidays with access onto Greenfield Road also permitted during those hours.

9 PROPOSAL WA/2024/01525 - WEYDON ACADEMY, WEYDON LANE, FARNHAM, SURREY GU9 8UG (Pages 69 - 96)

Section 73 application for the variation of planning Condition 3 (hours of use of floodlights) of planning permission reference WA/2014/0471 dated 17 June 2014 which was for installation of floodlighting on two artificial surface sports pitches, together with a 2.5m high acoustic fence along part of the western boundary of the site.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee will be on 23 April 2025.

Terence Herbert
Chief Executive
18 March 2025

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Generally the public seating areas are not filmed. However by entering the meeting room and using the public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for webcasting and/or training purposes.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the representative of Legal and Democratic Services at the meeting

NOTES:

1. Members are requested to let the Democratic Services Officer have the wording of any motions and amendments not later than one hour before the start of the meeting.
2. Substitutions must be notified to the Democratic Services Officer by the absent Member or group representative at least half an hour in advance of the meeting.
3. 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. Members are strongly encouraged to contact the relevant case officer in advance of the meeting if you are looking to amend or add conditions or are likely to be proposing a reason for refusal. It is helpful if officers are aware of these matters in advance so that they can better advise Members both before and during the meeting.
4. 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 five days in advance of the meeting, and provided they have registered their wish to do so with the Democratic Services Officer no later than midday on the working day before the meeting. The number of public speakers is restricted to four objectors and four supporters in respect of each application.

5. 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 Democratic Services Officer for further advice.
6. 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 Democratic Services Officer for further advice.
7. 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 report.

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 Local Plan 2020 (for the period 2019-2033 and comprised of the Surrey Waste Local Plan Part 1 Policies and Surrey Waste Local Plan Part 2 Sites)
- Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan (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 Policy NRM6 and 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 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024 and subsequent updates; the March 2014 national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) and subsequent updates; National Planning Policy for Waste (NPPW) October 2014; Waste Management Plan for England 2021; 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 [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) was revised on 12 December 2024. The revised NPPF replaces the previous NPPF published in March 2012 and revised in July 2018, February 2019, July 2021, September and December 2023. It continues to provide 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), as amended, provides related guidance. The NPPF should be read alongside other national planning policies for [waste; traveller sites; 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 (paragraphs 10 and 11). The NPPF makes clear that the planning system has three overarching objectives in order to achieve sustainable development, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways in order to take opportunities to secure net gains across each of the different objectives. These objectives are economic, social and environmental.

The presumption in favour of sustainable development in 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 11) states that development proposals that accord with the development plan should be approved without delay. Where there are no relevant development plan policies, or the policies which are most important in determining an application are out of date, permission should be granted unless the application of policies in the NPPF that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a strong reason for refusing the development proposed or any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF as a whole, having regard in particular to key policies for directing development to sustainable locations, making effective use of land, securing well-designed places and providing affordable homes, individually or in combination.

The NPPF aims to strengthen local decision making and reinforce the importance of up to date plans. Annex 1 paragraph 231 states that the policies in the NPPF are material considerations to be taken into account when dealing with applications from the date of publication. And that plans may need revision to reflect the policy changes made by the NPPF. Annex 1 paragraph 232 states that existing policies should not be considered out of date simply because they predated the NPPF. 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).

Human Rights Act 1998

Guidance For Interpretation

The Human Rights Act 1998 does not incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into 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.

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.