



Minutes Annex 1

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE – 18 July 2016

AGENDA ITEM 6

MEMBER WRITTEN QUESTION TIME

1. Mr Robert Evans will ask the following question:

"What is the current situation regarding plans for the Brooklands College site in Church Road Ashford and what provision has been made for additional school places?"

Julie Stockdale, SCC Head of Schools Commissioning and Admissions, will give the following answer:

"The proposal (ref 16/00972/FUL), which can be viewed on the Spelthorne Borough Council website, is for the redevelopment of the site for a total of 366 dwellings, with commercial floor space and educational floor space.

Spelthorne Borough Council Planning has, as of 14 July 2016, formally consulted the Education Authority in respect of this application.

The deadline for a formal response to Spelthorne Borough Council has been set as 4 August 2016.

Once the School Commissioning Officer has revised the housing data, which includes either specific housing development or revised borough trajectories, the School Commissioning Team will assess whether or not there will be sufficient school places in Ashford to mitigate the impacts of this development on local school place provision.

The School Commissioning Officer will give careful consideration to the impacts of this application upon local education provision and the formal response will be provided to Spelthorne Borough Council for consideration as part of the planning application process.

As Spelthorne Borough Council is now operating the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regime the Education authority is no longer able to secure s106 contributions to mitigate the impact of this development upon local education provision.

This is confirmed by the Regulation 123 List on Spelthorne BC's website wherein it states that such education provision can only be secured through CIL, there being no s106 exception for education.

The Transport Development Planning team at SCC is considering the application, and its impacts in highways and transport terms, and they will be formally responding with their views in due course."

2. Mr Robert Evans will ask the following question:

"What is the current situation regarding the proposed closure of Staines and Sunbury fire stations and the relocation to the new Fordbridge site?"

Clive Whitethread, Assistant Group Commander Spelthorne Borough, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, will give the following answer:

"The proposed merger of Staines and Sunbury fire stations to the new Fordbridge site is progressing.

Planning permission has been secured and the tendering process has been completed with a successful contractor having been identified.

The development will probably open in late 2017/ early 2018."

AGENDA ITEM 7

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTION TIME

1. Mr Andrew McLuskey will ask the following question:

“How can the Committee reconcile the recent decision of Surrey County Council not to renew sheltered housing in Sunbury’s round-the-clock service (allegedly because of financial pressures) with the simultaneous decision to lavish £100,000 on a private gym, also in Sunbury?”

Mr David Hodge, Leader of Surrey County Council, will give the following answer:

“The contract for the current care provider ended at the end of June 2016; the care hours provided have been replaced by personal support plans or individual budgets for tenants. The SCC Area Director for NW Surrey Adult Social Care is continuing to talk with tenants regarding the support provided to them from both the landlord A2 Dominion and the individual care arrangements that are needed. The 24 hour presence of care staff has remained in place.

Spelthorne Gymnastics is a successful sports club that has been based at Brooklands College in Ashford for over 30 years. Due to development at the site, a new facility is required and a site has been identified at Bishop Wand School in Sunbury. The London Diocesan Board for Schools is sponsoring the project that is aimed at serving the needs of the community, the school as well as Spelthorne Gymnastics. This is not a private club but will provide new specialist facilities for the benefit of the 1,000 pupils at Bishop Wand School during the day, as well as over 1,700 children use the Club each week. In addition, the facilities will be used by the children at the Manor Mead School in Shepperton, which is a special school for children with learning difficulties.

The County Council's contribution of £100,000 needs to be seen in the context of the total cost of the provision of £2.7m and the substantial fund raising the Club and the Schools have already achieved to fund this. This provides good value for money to the Council in meeting its corporate goals of wellbeing, economic prosperity and resident experience.

My cabinet and I were pleased that we could support this excellent project that so many children will benefit from for years to come.”

2. Mr John Seaman will ask the following question:

“On 9 December 2015 Surrey County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee was informed that the Health and Safety Executive would be consulted to obtain confirmation that both the design of the Eco Park and its future operations would comply with Health and Safety Legislation.

When did this consultation with the Health and Safety Executive begin and what is its current status?

The statement to the Planning and Regulatory Committee stated without reservation that the Health and Safety Executive would make these confirmations of compliance. Should the Health and Safety Executive not issue both confirmations of compliance will Surrey County Council allow the Eco Park to be commissioned and to be operated?."

Alan Stones, SCC Planning and Development Team Manager, will give the following answer:

"On 9 December 2015 the County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee (P&RC), acting as the County Planning Authority (CPA), resolved to grant planning permission for:

CHANGES TO THE PLANNING CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE CHARLTON LANE ECO PARK PLANNING PERMISSION (REF: SP13/01553/SCC DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 2014) IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AND CONTAINMENT DESIGN ASSOCIATED WITH THE TANK AREA LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF THE RECYCLABLES BULKING FACILITY AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITY BUILDINGS.

Planning permission was granted subject to the imposition of some 46 planning conditions, none of which required further information to be submitted to, or approved by, the CPA with regard to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The HSE had previously raised no objection on planning grounds to the development of the Eco Park which includes gasification technology. There is no record of an intention to undertake further consultation with the HSE in the minutes of the P&RC meeting on 9 December 2015.

Thus, since the planning decision in December 2015, the CPA has not consulted with the HSE or required any 'confirmation of compliance' by that body with regard to the Eco Park development.

Aside from the grant of planning permission by the CPA, an Environmental Permit and Permit variation have been issued by the Environment Agency, for which process the HSE was a consultee.

The HSE has a separate role to oversee and police health and safety legislation. The HSE is not an 'approving authority'. The site operator is required to comply with health and safety legislation, as a matter independent of planning legislation. The CPA must not seek to duplicate powers afforded to another statutory body or regime."