

Planning & Regulatory Committee 26 January 2022

UPDATE SHEET

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL MO/2021/1912

DISTRICT(S) MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Land at Headley Court, Headley Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT18 6JW

Erection of a modular building and retention of existing modular building, marquee, hoarding, infrastructure and plant for the temporary use of the site for a body storage facility.

Officer Report - Addendum

Addendum to "The Proposal" section and the "Summary Report".

Paragraph 12 (the proposal section) which is echoed in the "Summary Report" states: Headley Court was permitted under part 12A "Development by Local Authorities and Health Service Bodies" Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus)(England)(Amendment) Order 20201 which came into force in April 2020 and was then subsequently amended in November 2020. Part 12A allows for certain types of work carried out by a Local Authority to take place without needing to apply for planning permission this being development for the purposes of: A) Preventing an emergency B) Reducing, controlling or mitigating the effects of an emergency; or C) Taking other action in connection with an emergency.

Under paragraph 13 (the proposal section): The establishment of a temporary mortuary at Headley Court is considered necessary to reduce, control and mitigate the effects of the current Coronavirus pandemic. S11243 allowed for these temporary permitted development rights until 31 December 2021.

On the 1st January statutory instrument 2021/1464 came into force which amended Part 12A (development by Local Authorities and Health Service Bodies), Paragraph A.2(b) (conditions) to substitute December 2021" for "31st December 2022.

This statutory instrument has therefore extended the Permitted Development rights for Local Authorities for Emergency Development until 31st December 2022.

For the purposes of Class A—

"emergency" means an event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare in a place in the United Kingdom;

Surrey County Council has the statutory responsibility for providing services for the Surrey Coroner. This includes responsibility for the storage of the deceased that come within the Coroner's jurisdiction.

The recent COVID19 pandemic has highlighted the continuing need for a facility for the storage of the deceased in Surrey as there was insufficient capacity during that time. The applicant is seeking temporary planning permission for this development in the event that the shortfall in body storage capacity does not fall under the definition of emergency and the permitted development rights cannot be fully relied upon for making this development lawful.

Officer Report

Paragraph 58. - Insert - “The proposal is therefore considered to accord with Policy CS15 of the Mole Valley Core Strategy and Draft Policy EN9 of the Draft Mole Valley Plan 2020-2037”