

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 21 November 2023, at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Hannah Avery* Lynnette Easterbrook Martin Saunders
Keith Barlow Mike George Tom Turner
Michael Blacker* Jerry Hudson Steve Wotton
Victoria Chester* Cec Hughes

* Absent

**In Attendance Remotely

Also Present Rachel Botcherby (Planning Officer)
Sophie Mandak (Administrative Assistant)

P 7584 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Avery, Cllr Blacker and Cllr Chester.

RESOLVED: Noted.

P 7585 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr George and Cllr Hudson declared a non-pecuniary an interest in planning application SCC: 2023-0170 Land at Hookwood Waste Management Centre as the applicant is known to them.

Cllr Hudson is a member of the Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Planning Committee and therefore the views expressed by him at this meeting may change.

RESOLVED: Noted.

P 7586 Approval of Minutes

Planning & Development Committee held on 24 October 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be approved.

P 7587 Planning Updates

Crawley Borough Council Local Plan Examination

The Planning Officer advised the Committee that the Programme Officer has confirmed that the Local Plan Inspector will be provided with all the Regulation 19 responses to the Crawley Borough Council Local Plan and that they give full consideration to all the Regulation 19 representations. The Programme Officer confirmed that all written representations carry equal weight to oral representations. The Planning Officer and P&D Chairman agreed that no further submission or attendance at the Examination was necessary as all our points had been set out for the Inspector in the Regulation 19 submission.

RESOLVED: Noted

Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees**i) Horley Town Management Group**

The Planning Officer advised that the HTMG met virtually on 7th November for a presentation from SCC regarding the Wayfinding proposals. SCC advised they are still trying to make contact with 3rd party landowners to obtain permission for the placement of some signs including dialogue with southern rail who operate the Horley Train Station building. A draft of the mapping document has been sent to the P&D Chairman and Planning Officer for initial comment which we have done.

The next HTMG meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 28th November where updates on the action plan projects will be provided. The Planning Chairman added that this would also include the Phase 2 Wayfinding to cover Highway Signage on the approach to the Town Centre.

ii) Horley Access Group

The Horley Access Group has provided an update which is appended to the minutes from this meeting.

The Planning chairman advised that the group had held a meeting earlier in the evening and that the Group had decided to change its name to 'Accessibility Horley'. He also advised that the Group discussed the possibility for Meath Green Lane/ Horley Row Junction crossing as well as the phasing of lights along Horley Row. The Chairman also advised that concerns were raised regarding the lack of drop kerbs near the Best Western Hotel which means vehicles are blocking the pavements and causing accessibility issues. It was noted that a resident had fallen in Albert Road due to the state of the pavements and that the Group had considered an initiative being trialled in Edinburgh preventing parking on pavements.

iii) GATCOM

The Planning Chairman advised that GATCOM had hosted its away day at Worth Hotel where they were considering the Groups structure and how it functions/ operate. HTC's response to the DCO Relevant Representation process has been circulated to Officers at SCC. It was also noted that GATCOMs key messages had been circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED: All Updates Noted.

Determined Planning Applications

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 19th October 2023 to 16th November 2023.

RESOLVED: Noted.

P 7590 Registered Planning Applications

Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the period 19th October 2023 to 16th November 2023.

RESOLVED: *That the Town Council's comments, as appended to the signed copy of the minutes and available on the Town Council and Borough Council websites, be approved.*

P 7591 Ongoing Planning Matters

Highways Adoption at The Acres Residential Development

Cllr Saunders advised the Committee that the JLES repairs to roads and pavements in the Acres along the Spine Road were nearing completion which will unlock the Phase 3 area for adoption. They can then start on the repairs along the side roads in the earlier phases which are expected to be completed by Feb/March 24.

RESOLVED: *Noted.*

Network Rail and Subway Flooding

The Planning Officer advised that HTC are still progressing matters with RBBC, SCC and Network Rail to progress the drainage works and any remedial works in relation to the flooding in the subway. Network Rail have raised a concern about Highway Surface Water management and have now requested a meeting with the LLFA which SCC are coordinating.

RESOLVED: *Noted.*

P 7592 Horley Subway Artwork

The Planning Officer advised the Committee that the Council had received the latest draft Artwork proposals for the Subway and that these have been circulated to all Members, with feedback requested to be provided to the planning officer by Friday 1st December.

RESOLVED: *Noted.*

P 7593 Transport & Highways Matters

Highways and Parish Council's Focus Group

The Committee were advised that SCC has produced a Highways Guide for Parish and Town Council Clerks which we are awaiting to receive through the SALC circulation. The Committee were advised that the focus group were hoping to reconvene in the New Year which the Planning Officer is hoping to be able to attend.

RESOLVED: *Noted.*

P 7594 Airport Matters

Update on the Northern Runway DCO Application

The Planning Officer updated the Committee that HTC had submitted our Relevant Representation Statement in order to register as an Interested Party for the

Examination, which has been accepted. The Planning Officer is now awaiting to hear on the next steps for the Public Inquiry.

It was agreed that all Members who had volunteered would continue to review their topic sections. Cllr Saunders advised that he now had the ChatGPT if any Members wanted to use it.

Airspace Changes

The Planning Chairman advised that the Airspace Change: CAP1616 was being updated but that it was going a bit quiet on the Airspace Modernisation (north and south version).

RESOLVED: Noted

P 7595 Thames Water Horley Sewage Treatment Works

Cllr Barlow advised the Committee that he had received an invitation from Thames Water to visit the Horley Sewage Treatment Works and that he, Cllr Chester and Cllr Wotton would be attending on 1st December.

He advised that he was in contact with Rover Mole River Watch, the EA and Thames Water and was requesting further information regarding sewage events around the 29th October and since, as well as requesting information on reporting practices.

The Planning Officer advised that further to HTC's information request regarding investment that Thames Water has confirmed that *"we'll be taking into consideration the current and projected population growth, when designing upgrade options for Horley STW. Gatwick Airport will also be included in that assessment and we're in discussion with the relevant third party, so we can understand the impact of any proposed expansion of the airport"*.

RESOLVED: Noted and MS requested that it be added to the Borough Liaison Meeting.

P 7596 Communications Received

From	Subject	Date	Action
Local Resident	Concerns regarding Planning application for HMO in Church Road.	25.10.23	Response issued by the Planning Officer on 31.10.23.

P 7597 Diary Dates

28th November – HTMG at 6pm

28th November – Code Of Conduct Training at 7pm

9th December – HATS Horley Town Christmas Fair & Cllrs Hospitality

12th December – Full Council Meeting at 7.30pm

RESOLVED: Noted

P 7598

Press Release

RESOLVED: that comments on Planning Application be released to the press and placed on the Town Council website.

Meeting closed at 20.50pm

Date of next meeting: 19 December 2023