



## **Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees**

**P 6694**

### **Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)**

#### **Horley High Street Precinct Issues**

The Clerk provided an update on the outstanding issues in the High Street Precinct.

She advised that the planters had arrived and were expected to be placed in the Precinct in early Spring. The Town Council would have prior input with RBBC on the selection of sustainable shrubs to be used and would then be responsible for their ongoing maintenance. She further reported that the Town Council was in the process of arranging to have a meter installed inside the electric cabinet at an estimated cost of £155 (plus VAT) and would need to carefully monitor the energy consumption for community events in the future.

#### **Additional Town Centre Signage:**

The Planning Chairman reported that the HTMG Wayfinding Party were told they would need agreement for the proposed siting of the new signage from the SCC Senior Highways Manager in order for monies to be released from RBBC's 'Mary Portas Fund'. He said that they were awaiting further feedback from RBBC following the submission of a business case. It had been made clear that the additional signage was under the aegis of the Horley Town Management Group, not the Town Council.

#### **Next HTMG Meeting**

The Clerk advised the next HTMG meeting would take place on 4 February 2020.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6695**

### **Determined Planning Applications**

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 13 December 2019 – 9 January 2020.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6696**

### **Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the period 13 December 2019 – 9 January 2020.**

**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.**

#### **Planning Appeals, during the period 13 December 2019 – 9 January 2020**

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There were none relevant to Horley during this period.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

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**North West Sector (Westvale Park)**

The Clerk advised that an enquiry had been made with the planning team at RBBC as to when the allotments would be developed and handed over to the Town Council. It was thought that an outline application was expected to be submitted in the next few weeks and further feedback was awaited.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6699**

**Town Centre Regeneration**

**Horley Regeneration Forum (HRF) / Horley Town Management Group (HTMG) Merger**

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by the RBBC Place Project Manager in regard to the previously proposed HRF/HTMG merger. She was told that the RBBC portfolio holder for Place and Economic Prosperity, Cllr Eddy Humphreys, was keen to establish a brand new 'Horley Place and Prosperity Partnership' with a more strategic focus on the regeneration of Horley. His view was that the partnership should comprise a strategic group of private, public and community sector partners by working together to build economic growth and prosperity in the local area. The revised proposals and Terms of Reference for the partnership would be provided by him for comment in due course.

The Clerk added that she had requested RBBC to ensure that the HTMG Chair would be kept informed about the proposals during the consultation stage since this was an outside body and not run by Horley Town Council. All HTMG members would need to be consulted and given the opportunity to consider the revised proposals for the new combined partnership, or alternatively, to continue as a separate entity. Even though it had been previously stated by Cllr Humphreys that it was not intended for the new partnership to replace HTMG as an established body, that these new proposals would undoubtedly contravene initial plans to combine both the HTMG/HRF groups which had previously been well received by both parties.

The Planning Chairman reminded Members that HTMG is a separate body, outside of the Town Council. A further update on the matter would be provided at the next Planning Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

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**Railway Matters**

There were no updates.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

## Highways Matters

P 6701

### SCC Engagement with local Councils on Highways Matters

The Clerk updated the Planning Committee on the recent joint meeting she attended with Cllr George and the Highways Cabinet Member, Cllr Matt Furniss, along with the Salfords & Sidlow PC Clerk and Councillors. In response a number of highways matters raised, Cllr Furniss gave the following information:

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- **Transport planning for impact of Gatwick Expansion:**  
It was agreed that this was a priority issue. SCC had already been reviewing the matter and working with other councils to consider strategies and a suitable way forward. It was noted that extensive feasibility studies and detailed surveys would need to be carried out and a series of public consultations would follow.
- **Traffic impact arising from North Gatwick Gateway Development, Bonehurst Road:**  
The principal authority can carry out their own traffic survey but it would need to be determined as severe for it to reject a planning application.
- **Heavy Vehicles using narrow side roads for access (eg. A23 via Cross Oak Lane):**  
It may be possible to impose height and width restrictions on certain roads to prevent access from heavy vehicles by liaising with divisional members and referring to the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee for consideration.
- **Longstanding traffic issues at A23, Bonehurst Road junction:**  
SCC Planners should be consulted initially and requested that all developments are looked at together to evaluate when the situation becomes critical. Sequential testing would need to be carried out for the wider area on future applications.
- **Cross Oak Lane/Orchard Drive junction:**  
Concerns should be raised with divisional members and taken up with the Reigate & Banstead Local Committee.
- **Congestion at Three Arch Junction, A23 Road impacting access to East Surrey Hospital:**  
Plans are in hand to improve the junction, subject to necessary funding being arranged.
- **Westvale Link Road – anticipated completion date:**  
Enquiries will be made with SCC Asset Management Team and communicated in highways bulletin.
- **Horley Pavement Audit Committee (HPAC):**  
This was welcomed as an excellent community initiative to identify pavements in a poor state and thereby creating access problems for mobility/wheelchair/pushchair users. *(The HPAC is advised to invite a Senior Highways Officer to become involved in project and inspect areas to prioritise the worst affected areas promptly.)*
- **Flooded A23/Victoria Road Pedestrian Crossing (outside the Air Balloon) due to collapsed drain:**

Already scheduled on latest SCC works programme and planned to be carried out during School half term week, commencing 17 February 2020, subject to satisfactory weather conditions. Comprehensive traffic management will be required along with extensive works to carry out the necessary repairs.

➤ **Replacement bollards, Court Lodge Road:**

Bollards are considered costly and can break easily so other solutions might be considered, such as, a 'bund wall'. Divisional members should be approached for further advice and to consider other possible solutions.

➤ **Draft Surrey New Tree Strategy:**

SCC's pre-consultation engagement with stakeholders on its Draft Surrey New Tree Strategy is about to be launched, in line with its commitment to facilitate the planting of 1.2 million trees by 2030 and protect the environment. Any organisation can get involved by planting trees (subject to approval) but will need to be responsible for watering it or be recharged by SCC for doing so. Divisional members should be consulted for advice on any plans for tree planting.

➤ **SCC Policy for cutting back vegetation around street lights:**

Skanska is the lighting contractor responsible and any light which is not working or has vegetation around it should be reported online to SCC in the first instance.

➤ **Highways Funding:**

In the next financial year (2020/21), there will be an additional £40m funding county-wide, giving a £92m budget for repairs to roads, pavements and cycleways.

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The Planning Chairman added that regular joint meetings on highways matters are held with SCC and RBBC representatives and it may be possible for Town and Parish Councils to become involved in these at some future point.

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**RESOLVED: noted.**

Cllr Saunders remarked that he planned to pursue ongoing concerns about the Cross Oak Lane/Orchard Drive junction with Cllrs Allcard and Hammond. He also hoped to present an alternative solution to the junction design for consideration by the Local Committee in due course. He added that he would also chase up the apparent slow adoption of some outstanding roads in 'The Acres' development.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

P 6703

**SCC Highways Bulletins**

**RESOLVED: that receipt be noted of the latest SCC Highways Bulletins (already circulated to members).**

**Airport Matters**

**P 6704 GATCOM: Gatwick Northern Runway DCO Process - Preparation of Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC)**

The Planning Chairman gave an overview of his response made to the consultation in his capacity as GATCOM representative, a copy of which had previously been circulated to all Members, for information.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6705 GATCOM: Weekly Newsletters & Updates**

These had previously been circulated to Members for information.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6706 GATCOM Meeting**

**P 6706)** It was noted that the next GATCOM meeting would take place on 23 January 2020. The agenda would include, inter alia, the Gatwick Airport Station Redevelopment Project; a Noise Management Board Update; an Airspace and Noise Progress Report; Airspace Updates - Departure Route 4; FASI South and Reduced Night Noise Trial;; Noise and Track Monitoring Advisory Group (NATMAG); and the Passenger Advisory Group's report.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6707 Recent Airport Communications**

| From                               | Subject  | Received               | Action |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------|
| GATCOM                             | Weekly Newsletters & Updates   | 20.12.19)<br>10.01.20) | Noted  |
| GATCOM                             | Runway Closures Rev 0<br>Runway Closures Rev 1   | 20.12.19)<br>13.01.20  | Noted  |
| Gatwick Airport<br>Community Trust | Funding Help for local<br>causes – press release   | 13.01.20               | Noted  |
| GATCOM                             | TfSE – Draft Strategy<br>Response  | 13.01.20               | Noted  |
| GATCOM                             | Report of the CAA's Draft<br>Decision on the Post<br>Implementation Review of<br>London Gatwick's Airspace<br>Change Proposal – Runway<br>26 Route 4 RNAV-1 Standard<br>Instrument Departure<br>Procedures | 13.01.20               | Noted  |
| GATCOM                             | Gatwick Northern Runway<br>Proposal – Preparation of<br>Draft SOCC - Response  | 13.01.20               | Noted  |
| GATCOM                             | Meeting notification   | 14.01.20               | Noted  |

**P 6708 TfSE: Draft Transport Strategy Consultation (Closing Date: 10 January 2020)**

The Clerk advised that, as previously requested by the Planning Committee, the issue of the challenges when travelling to the east of Horley had been added to the response by the Town Council which was submitted to TfSE, on 8 January 2020. A copy was previously circulated to all Members.

***RESOLVED: that the response submitted by the Town Council on 8 January and appended to the signed copy of these minutes, be ratified.***

**P 6709** NALC Engagement with Local Councils on Home Office Consultation - Strengthening Police Powers to tackle Unauthorised Encampments (NALC Closing Date: 19 February 2020)

***RESOLVED: that the Town Council's formal response to the above Home Office consultation, through NALC, on Strengthening Powers to tackle Unauthorised Encampments, be approved and forwarded to NALC. (A copy is appended to the signed copy of these minutes).***

**P 6710** Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Barn and Farm Conversions SPD, Historic Parks and Gardens SPD, and Reigate Shopfront SPD Consultation - (Closing Date: 8 February 2020).

The Planning Chairman proposed that the Town Council had no comments to make on the Barn & Farm Conversions SPD; Historic Parks & Gardens SPD; and Reigate Shopfront SPD since there was nothing of particular relevance to Horley. Members present were in agreement. Cllr George further proposed the draft response to the Affordable Housing SPD element be considered for approval and this was agreed.

***RESOLVED: that the Town Council's responses to the above SPD Consultations be approved and forwarded to RBBC. (A copy is appended to the signed copy of these minutes).***

**P 6711** Planning Applications Sub-Committee

***RESOLVED: that Cllr Baker will replace Cllr Chandler on the Planning Applications Sub-Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.***

**P 6712** Letters Received

| <b>From</b> | <b>Subject</b>  | <b>Received</b> | <b>Action</b>   |
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| SCC         | Surrey's New Trees Strategy – Draft for Consultation and accompanying documents | 13.01.20        | <b><i>In view of the short deadline for comment of 24 January 2020, a draft response to be prepared by the Planning Chairman for ratification at the next Leisure Meeting</i></b> |

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| CAGNE      | Your Action is Needed   | 14.01.20 | <b>Noted</b>  |
| A Resident | Leaves and detritus on the pavement and in the drains on Station Approach   | 13.01.20 | <b>Members instructed officers to contact the Head of Neighbourhood Services at RBBC to try to resolve this longstanding issue.</b> |
| WSCC       | Waste and Minerals Draft <a href="#">Soft Sand Review</a> of the <a href="#">West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan</a> , Consultation closing 6 March 2020. | 9.01.20  | <b>No action required, noted.</b>   |

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6713            Diary Dates**

**RESOLVED: that upcoming events summarised in the latest Town Council's Information Bulletin, including the Residents' Forum meeting on 5 February 2020, be noted.**

**P 6714            Items for Future Consideration**

No matters were raised.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**P 6715            Press Release**

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

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Date of next meeting: 18 February 2020



**Planning & Development Committee**  
**Declarations of Interest**

**Date of Meeting: 14 January 2020**

| <b>Councillor(s)</b>  | <b>Pecuniary<br/>or<br/>Non-Pecuniary</b> | <b>Reference</b>             | <b>Location</b>   | <b>Details</b>  |
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| <b>George</b>         | <b>Non-Pecuniary</b>                      | <b><u>19/02132/HHOLD</u></b> | <b>21 Harvestside Langshott Horley Surrey RH6<br/>9UH</b> | <b>The applicant is known</b>                               |
| <b>Simon Marshall</b> | <b>Non-Pecuniary</b>                      | <b><u>19/02519/HHOLD</u></b> | <b>49 Castle Drive Horley Surrey RH6 9DD</b>              | <b>Member of the Castle Drive Residents<br/>Association</b> |
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**List of Planning Comments**  
**Registered by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council**  
**During the period 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**  
**To see plans please CTRL+click on the application number to follow the link**

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| <b>01. RBBC Letter Dated: 16/12/19</b>                                    | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02132/HHOLD</a></b>                                      |
| LOCATION:   | 21 Harvestside Langshott Horley Surrey RH6 9UH   |
| DESCRIPTION:  | 2 storey side extension and ground floor rear extension. Loft conversion with rear dormer. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>ratified at meeting, 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>   |

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| <b>02. RBBC Letter Dated: 16/12/19</b>                                    | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02486/CLP</a></b>                 |
| LOCATION:   | 33 The Meadway Langshott Horley Surrey RH6 9AW                      |
| DESCRIPTION:  | Loft conversion with hip to gable extension and rear dormer window. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>ratified at meeting, 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>  |

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| <b>03. RBBC Letter Dated: 17/12/19</b>                                    | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02521/TPO</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:   | 17 Vicarage Lane Horley Surrey RH6 8AR   |
| DESCRIPTION:  | T9 Japanese Cedar- <b>FELL</b> -Tree is small in comparison to surrounding trees and is being suppressed by larger Oak tree and is not visibly from roadside so has low amenity value. This was brought up in a recent survey (T10 on Survey included with application documents) removal will stop interference with more mature Oak. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>ratified at meeting, 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections, subject to no adverse comments from the Tree Officer.</b>  |

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| <b>04. RBBC Letter Dated: 17/12/19</b>                                    | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02509/HHOLD</a></b> |
| LOCATION:   | Clavadel 151 Smallfield Road Horley Surrey RH6 9LR    |
| DESCRIPTION:  | Proposed two storey and single storey extensions.     |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>ratified at meeting, 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>                                  |

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| <b>05. RBBC Letter Dated: 18/12/19</b>                                    | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02519/HHOLD</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:   | 49 Castle Drive Horley Surrey RH6 9DD  |
| DESCRIPTION:  | Glazed lantern to the rear extension and two rooflights to the front roof to allow light into the existing loft. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>ratified at meeting, 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>   |

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| <b>06. RBBC Letter Dated: 18/12/19</b>                                    | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02518/ADV</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:   | Portland Vets 8 Sangers Mews Horley Row Horley Surrey  |
| DESCRIPTION:  | Proposed new signage following dismissed appeal; 2 signs located to the front of the site 1.4m x 1.6m, at Portland Vets, Sangers Mews Horley |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>ratified at meeting, 14/01/20</b> | <b>We note the concerns of the Conservation Officer &amp; support his reasons for objecting</b>  |

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| <b>07. RBBC Letter Dated: 20/12/19</b>                                    | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02399/HHOLD</a></b> |
| LOCATION:   | 38 Clarence Way Langshott Horley Surrey RH6 9GT       |
| DESCRIPTION:  | Single storey extension at rear of detached property. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>ratified at meeting, 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>                                  |

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| <b>08. RBBC Letter Dated: 31/12/19</b>                       | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02540/S73</a></b>   |
| LOCATION:  | Mole End 1 Church Road Horley Surrey RH6 7EY  |
| DESCRIPTION:   | Proposed new 4 bedroom detached dwelling to rear plot of 1 Church Road and associated works. Variation of conditions 1 and 5 of permission 19/01845/F. Variation to ground floor layout kitchen layout which has altered ground floor window positions. 8no First floor obscured Velux windows added to bedrooms to allow additional light and natural ventilation to bedrooms. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>Meeting 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>  |

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| <b>09. RBBC Letter Dated: 02/01/20</b>                       | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02580/F</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:  | Ye Olde Six Bells Public House Church Road Horley Surrey RH6 8AD                                       |
| DESCRIPTION:   | The retention of a open sided covered structure in the rear garden terrace of the associated property. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>Meeting 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>   |

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| <b>10. RBBC Letter Dated: 03/01/20</b>                       | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02491/HHOLD</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:  | 14 Birchwood Close Langshott Horley Surrey RH6 9TX   |
| DESCRIPTION:   | First floor side and front extension. Ground floor rear infill extension. Convert garage into habital space. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL<br/>COMMENTS<br/>Meeting 14/01/20</b> | <b>No objections</b>   |

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### Tree Works (Non-Felling)

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| <b>A. RBBC Letter Dated: 20/12/19</b>                              | <b>Application No: <a href="#">19/02083/TPO</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:  | 6 Grays Wood Langshott Horley Surrey RH6 9UT   |
| DESCRIPTION:   | Three Oak trees - Tip prune to shorten the lateral branches that cross the boundary fence of number 6 Grays Wood. Longest branches will be shortened by 2.5m.  |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS (Planning Officer delegation):</b> | <b>No objections, subject to no adverse comments from the Tree Officer.</b>  |
| <b>B. RBBC Letter Dated: 06/01/20</b>                              | <b>Application No: <a href="#">20/00005/TPO</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:  | 23 Carlton Tye Langshott Horley Surrey RH6 9XJ   |
| DESCRIPTION:   | T1 Oak : Crown thin by no more than 20% and reduce by no more than 1.5m to previous pruning points on all compass aspects including height, to leave an approx. finished crown spread of 6m and a retained height of approx. 17m. Reason : To mitigate light restriction and to continue crown management to control size in relation to property. |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS (Planning Officer delegation):</b> | <b>No objections, subject to no adverse comments from the Tree Officer.</b>  |
| <b>C. RBBC Letter Dated: 09/01/20</b>                              | <b>Application No: <a href="#">20/00020/TPO</a></b>  |
| LOCATION:  | 3 Hedingham Close Langshott Horley Surrey RH6 9NB  |
| DESCRIPTION:   | Oak T1- Tree is in close proximity to property and causing excessive shading and now overhanging roof of house. Propose a 1.5m reduction to crown maintaining natural shape and 2.5m reduction to lowest limb growing towards and over house.  |
| <b>HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS (Planning Officer delegation):</b> | <b>No objections, subject to no adverse comments from the Tree Officer.</b>  |

## HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Transport for the South East

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2 January 2020

Dear Sirs

### **Re: Transport for the South East Consultation Questionnaire**

I am responding on behalf of Horley Town Council. The draft Strategy and the Executive Summary have been circulated to all 18 Town Councillors for consideration and feedback and has been considered at our Planning Committee held on 17 December 2019. The Town Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Draft Transport Strategy.

Before commenting we think it is important to outline Horley's geographic location and the local strategic transport infrastructure:

- Horley is located at the southern tip of the borough of Reigate & Banstead in Surrey and shares boundaries with West Sussex County Council, Crawley Borough Council, Mole Valley District Council and Tandridge District Council.
- It has had, and continues to experience, major growth with two new large residential developments as well as windfall sites within the existing built area.
- The town does not have any major employment areas, though a business park adjacent to Gatwick Airport is under consideration, so many of our resident's commute to London or neighbouring towns such as Crawley. The airport is also a major source of employment.
- Our southern boundary is also shared with Gatwick Airport.
- We have a railway station on the Brighton Main Line.
- The A23 passes through the town with the A217 and M23 running along our boundaries.
- Horley benefits from frequent bus services; some of which operate around the clock. That said some parts of the town have no service at all.
- The strategic cycle network from Greenwich passes though the town.

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We feel that the future challenges for Horley are:

### **Rail**

- Direct rail services to London Victoria have been reduced to the morning and evening rush hours being replaced by an increase in services to London Bridge. This has not been well received by many Horley residents and capacity for all commuters remains a pressing issue.
- Although we are pleased to note that improvements to the BML are to be prioritised for the short term, we have concerns about the impact to services from Horley; given Gatwick's planned growth, the move to encourage passengers and staff to use public transport such as the rail services and the undeniable fact that the BML is already under pressure to meet the current demand.

### **Road**

- The impact from the predicted growth at Gatwick from passengers and staff with road access to the airport passing through or by the town.
- Local roads, in particular the A23, are under increasing pressure to meet the current demand with queuing traffic becoming a feature at many times of the day and not just at rush hour. This will only get worse with two of our major residential developments having access alongside a major distribution centre and potentially another, smaller, residential developments. The distribution centre alone has been calculated to generate some 300 HGV movements per day.

It appears to the Council that the transport infrastructure is never in place to meet the demand from major residential and employment developments. Returning to the A23, whilst each of the new access points is deemed, individually, to have no impact on this road; the Council feels that the cumulative effect seems to be ignored. In other words, there appears to be an absence of strategic vision resulting in a lack of co-ordination between local planning authorities and the county's transport planners.

The Council questions whether the local road and rail network will be capable of supporting the predicted growth at Gatwick and residential developments in Horley and the surrounding towns. What will be the impact on our residents' quality of life and the resilience of our local businesses?

Whilst we agree with and support many of the goals, principles and priorities, in so far as they affect our area, we consider that only more joined up thinking at the strategic level across boroughs/districts and counties will be able to deliver a safe, sustainable and integrated transport system that makes the region more productive and competitive, improves the quality of life for all residents and protects and enhances its natural and built environment. Inevitably the solution to addressing the issues identified in your strategy will be largely dependent upon central government financial investment.

We hope that our comments will be given due consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Town Clerk

# HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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17 January 2020

Dear Jessica,

## **Re STRENGTHENING POLICE POWERS TO TACKLE UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS CONSULTION**

Horley Town Council welcomes the opportunity to take part in this consultation. This matter was considered at the Planning Committee meetings held on 17 December 2019 and 14 January 2020 and all 18 Town Councillors have had the opportunity to give feedback.

The Town Council agrees that all cases of unauthorised encampments should be criminalised; that the police should have power to direct trespassers to leave land as soon as it has been determined that they are there illegally; and that the police should be able to act regardless of the number of vehicles in the unauthorised encampment.

After careful consideration we offer the following feedback.

The Town Council strongly agrees that knowingly entering without the landowner's permission should only be made a criminal offence if it is for the purpose of residing on it. However, the Town Council questions how residing will be defined and does not agree that it must be with vehicles although suspects that it will most often include vehicles.

The Town Council agrees that the landowner or their representatives should take reasonable steps to ask persons occupying their land to remove themselves and their possessions before occupation of the land can be considered a criminal offence.

The Town Council's opinion is that occupation of the land should be a criminal offence irrespective of any caveats.

The Town Council agrees that police should be given the power to direct trespassers to suitable authorised sites.



The Town Council has no comment to make regarding any other conditions that should be considered when directing a trespasser across neighbouring authorities as this is not relevant to our tier of local government.

The Town Council does not agree that trespassers directed from land should be able to return.

The Town Council does not agree that a minimum number of vehicles need to be involved in an unauthorised encampment before police powers can be exercised.

The Town Council agrees that the police should be granted the power to remove trespassers from land that forms part of the highway.

So long as this is subject to judicial oversight; the Town Council agrees that the police should be granted the power to seize property, including vehicles, from trespassers who are on land with the purpose of residing on it.

The Town Council considers that the police should not be able to seize the property of anyone whom they suspect to be trespassing on land with the purpose of residing on it; should not be able to seize the property of anyone they arrest for trespassing on land with the purpose of residing on it; but should be able to seize the property of anyone convicted of trespassing on land with the purpose of residing on it, subject to the previous caveat that this would be subject to judicial oversight.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Planning Policy Team,

**Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Barn and Farm Conversions SPD, Historic Parks and Gardens SPD, and Reigate Shopfront SPD**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these documents.

They have been circulated to all eighteen members of Horley Town Council, all of whom have had the opportunity to provide feedback. This response was agreed at the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The Town Council has no comment to make on the Barn and Farm Conversions SPD, Historic Parks and Gardens SPD, and Reigate Shopfront SPD as we do not feel that they have any particular relevance to Horley.

**Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

In general, we support the aims of the draft SPD; especially the recognition that housing costs, particularly market rates for private purchase, are beyond a large number of our residents, and the proposals for how RBBC plan to address this issue.

The Town Council has been concerned for some time that the provision of housing for social rent for our lower paid residents has been severely lacking over many years and we are pleased to see this has been recognised in the SPD.

We also welcome the aims to maintain affordable housing in perpetuity e.g. section 5.53 but question whether this will conflict with tenants' rights under 'Right to Buy' legislation.

Undoubtedly, developers will challenge this SPD or in subsequent planning applications, but we sincerely hope that whatever the outcome of the adopted document, once adopted RBBC will resist any attempts to dilute developers' contributions towards affordable/social housing.

We look forward to hearing the outcomes of the consultations in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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