

HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 2 August 2022, at 7.30 pm

Present	Cllrs	Hannah Avery	Mike George (Chairman)	Martin Saunders*
		James Baker*	Samantha Marshall	Rob Spencer
		Giorgio Buttironi	Simon Marshall	Fiona Stimpson
		Jerry Hudson*	David Powell*	

* Absent

**In Attendance Remotely

Also Present

Cllr Beech (SCC)
Joan Walsh (Town Clerk)
Judy Morgan (RFO)

P 7322 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Baker, Hudson, Powell and Saunders.

RESOLVED: Noted.

P7323 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Avery declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application 22/01496/F for reasons of proximity.

Cllr Stimpson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application 22/01562/F as the applicant is known to her.

Cllr Avery declared that she is a substitute member of the RBBC Planning Committee and that the views expressed by her at this meeting may change.

RESOLVED: Noted.

P7324

Public Forum

Several Residents wished to address the Committee regarding Application No 22/01400/F The Air Balloon 60 Brighton Road

A resident had arranged to attend remotely via Zoom but was unable to attend. Cllr Avery was able to read her comments out.

A resident attended in person and addressed the meeting.

A further resident sent an email with comments which the Chairman read out.

The following concerns were raised: -

- Concern that there will be an exit onto Victoria Road opposite the bus stop
- There has been no transport management plan submitted
- The proposed exit is opposite Empire Hall
- There is a lack of resident parking in the road and residents park on the road
- The proposed exit is on a dangerous stretch of Victoria Road, which is busy and a bus route
- The proposed development is close to Let's Explore and the junction of Victoria Road with Brighton Road is already very busy
- The building is attractive and of historical import to Horley

RESOLVED: that Standing Orders be suspended to bring the application forward for consideration at this part of the meeting.

Members discussed and considered the application

The Chairman drew Members attention to the comments of the RBBC Conservation Officer. Concern was expressed by Members about the position of the exits in relation to the junction of Victoria Road with Brighton Road, the busy roads, the impact on traffic queuing at the traffic lights and the fact that this is on a bus route. Members were also concerned that as there is currently no right turn onto Victoria Road from Brighton Road the proposed Lidl car park might be used as a cut through. On the whole Members were not against the proposed development but had concerns about the Highways Issues, the lack of sympathy with the site's heritage, and the loss of footfall in the town centre.

RESOLVED: that the following comments be submitted to RBBC.

The Town Council objects on the following grounds:

- i. The Town Council objects to the application. The Council is not against the principle of a supermarket on the site however the Council has serious concerns about the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding roads.**
- ii. The Council is strongly of the opinion that the exit onto Victoria Road should be removed for the following reasons: -**
 - Serious congestion would be caused by this exit given that Victoria Road is both a bus route and that there is parking on the road.**
 - There is concern that the car park with the entry and exits as proposed could potentially become a rat run for drivers avoiding the no right turn into Victoria Road from the A23 Brighton Road.**
- iii. The Council has serious concerns about the right hand turn out of the proposed car park onto the A23 Brighton Road heading northbound due to the proximity of the filter lane to the proposed exit. Vehicles turning in this way would be impacted with vehicles having to queue to enter the site, without a break in traffic, especially during peak times. The volume of vehicle movements generated from the site would potentially be significantly increased and could cause an increased risk to road safety. The Council suggests that there should be no right turn on to the A23 Brighton Road.**

P7325

Approval of Minutes

Planning & Development Committee held on 28 June 2022.

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

P 7326 **Planning Updates**

The request by Cllr Saunders for a breakdown of revenue costs of the central car park and explanation on the pay-on-exit decision has yet to be provided by RBBC. The Planning Officer has chased this again and hopes to have a definitive answer to report to the next Planning Meeting.

RESOLVED: Noted

Outside Bodies

Horley Town Management Group (HTMG)

Due to the hot weather the meeting scheduled for the 18 July was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 November 22.

P 7327

The Chairman of HTMG has written to RBBC to seek clarification regarding the funding and delivery of the wayfinding signage project. A response has been received from Cllr Humphrey which has been circulated to HTMG members for comment. Members commented that the situation was very disconcerting and disappointing.

RESOLVED: Noted.

SCC Horley Regeneration Projects

P 7328

A copy of the re-imaging Horley Vision document following the Thinking Place consultation has been received. HTC has raised several queries where reference has been made to HTC as we have no funding nor can be accountable to residents for the delivery of the projects listed within it. The branding for the campaign 'make it happen' has also been questioned by HTC as the Council considers that the continued use of 'Your Horley' would be more appropriate. A meeting between HTC and SCC to discuss these issues in more detail has been proposed. The revised designs

RESOLVED: Noted.

RBBC 'Delivering Change' Programme

P 7329

Feedback from the first consultation has gone on display in Horley Library including design ideas and objectives.

RESOLVED: Noted.

P 7330 **Determined Planning Applications**

Members reviewed the list of Planning Applications determined for the period 24 June 2022 to 28 July 2022.

RESOLVED: Noted.

P 7331 **Registered Planning Applications**

Planning Applications received from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for the period 24 June 2022 to 28 July 2022.

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 7332 **Planning Appeals, during the period 24 June 2022 to 28 July 2022.**

Members reviewed the list of Planning Appeals lodged, awaiting decision, and determined.

RESOLVED: Noted

Highways Matters

Horley Pavement Audit Committee (HPAC)

P 7333 Cllr Stimpson reported that the next meeting would be held on 30 August 2022. All previous notes had been circulated and members of the committee were reporting issues online to SCC.

RESOLVED: Noted

Traffic Calming Measures around 'The Acres' and Wheatfield Way, Langshott -

P 7334 Cllr Beach gave the following update received from SCC who were sorry for the continued delay in getting the two VAS ordered and installed. For a few reasons, SCC are very behind schedule in progressing VAS schemes. The aim is to get them installed in this financial year, but the reality should be that they should be installed later this year. They are in the next batch to be progressed to be ordered and installed. The manufacturers have assured SCC that there are no further price rises planned – the recent one was their first for over ten years.

RESOLVED: Noted

Airport Matters

Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) Northern Runway DCO – additional consultation

P 7335 The Committee were advised that the Consultation closed on 27th July 2022, and the Council's response previously circulated to all Members in draft had been submitted prior to the deadline. The response was shared with both RBBC and S&SPC.

RESOLVED: that the response be ratified.

Asset of Community Value

P 7336 Cllr Beech suggested that the Council nominate the former Horley Police Station 15 Massetts Road, Horley RH6 7DQ to be listed by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, as an asset of value to the local community. He added that this did not impose any commitment on the Council but meant that if Surrey Police did decide to dispose of the building the Council would be notified and would have 6 months to react. It is a good building with lots of potential and is significant in terms of the heritage of Horley.

Cllr Avery proposed, and Cllr Simon Marshall seconded that the former Horley Police Station be nominated to be listed as an asset of value for the local community.

- P 7336)** ***RESOLVED: that the Council nominate the former Horley Police Station 15 Massetts Road, Horley RH6 7DQ to be listed by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, as an asset of value to the local community***

Letters Received

Mole Valley Local Plan Examination

- P 7337** The Inspector has published her Matters, Issues and Questions for the Stage 3 hearing sessions of the Mole Valley Local Plan Examination and is now inviting hearing statements from those who responded at the Regulation 19 stage in response to her MIQ's. HTC has requested to attend in relation to the hearing on site allocations for Hookwood. The deadline for the statement is 8th September.

RESOLVED: Noted

Toilets on Consort Way

- P 7338** A resident wrote to complain about the state of the public toilets in Consort Way, and the lack of signage and handwashing facilities. The resident was advised to contact RBBC, and this has also been followed up with RBBC by HTC. The condition and maintenance of these toilet facilities is a matter of ongoing concern.

RESOLVED: Noted

Vegetation encroachment on Balcombe Road

- P 7339** Cllr Stimpson, on behalf of a resident in Balcombe Road from whom she had received an email, highlighted how the vegetation has encroached onto the pavement along Balcombe Road thus narrowing the pavement significantly and making it difficult to wheelchair users or mobility aided residents to use. Cllr Beech volunteered to forward this issue to the appropriate officer at SCC.

RESOLVED: Noted and the email was forwarded to Cllr Beech

Diary Dates

- P 7340** 30 August Planning and Development Committee

RESOLVED: Noted.

- P 7341** **Press Release**

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

Meeting closed at 20:45 pm

Date of next meeting: 30 August 2022