

## **Report of the Chairman on the work of the Planning Committee**

1. The Planning Committee has met on four occasions since the previous report was prepared for the Council meeting. This report gives an overview of the key items considered by the Committee at its meetings on 26 July, 23 August and 20 September 2017. A separate report will be circulated at Council on the key items considered by the Committee at its meeting on 18 October.

### **Planning Committee – 26 July 2017**

2. The July meeting dealt with three planning applications. Public speaking took place on one item with one person taking the opportunity to address the Committee. The items considered by the Committee are set out below.
3. This first application related to 10A Thames Street, Staines-upon-Thames (17/00700/FUL). The application proposed the conversion of the second floor from leisure use to 10 flats and a change of use of the first floor to leisure/office. The Planning Committee resolved to approve the application.
4. This second application related to 22 Riverside Close, Staines-upon-Thames (17/00849/HOU). The application sought retrospective planning permission for the erection of decking and associated screening. Councillor Denise Saliagopoulos spoke as ward councillor against the planning application. The application was approved.
5. The third planning application concerned the erection of a single storey side extension at 3 Corsair Road, Stanwell (17/00696/HOU). Councillor Richard Barratt spoke as ward councillor on the application. The application was approved.

### **Planning Committee – 23 August 2017**

6. At the Planning Committee meeting on 23 August 2017, four planning applications were considered. There was four public speakers. The details of the proposals considered by the Committee are set out below.
7. The first application related to 243 Thames Side, Chertsey (17/00752/FUL). The application proposed the erection of a detached two storey dwelling and associated wheel chair access. The application was refused planning permission.
8. The second application concerned the Bugle Returns Public House, 173 Upper Halliford Road, Shepperton (17/01028/FUL). The application proposed the demolition of the existing public house and erection of a new building to provide 8 flats together with associated access, parking, amenity space and other associated works. The application was approved.
9. The third application related to 524 – 538 London Road, Ashford (17/00639/FUL). The application proposed the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a 132 room hotel with parking spaces, access and landscaping.

Councillors Joanne Sexton and Sinead Mooney, in their capacity as ward councillors, spoke against the application. The application was approved.

10. The fourth application concerned 55A Woodthorpe Road, Ashford (17/00560/FUL). The application proposed the redevelopment of the site to provide one building comprising 9 apartments with associated parking and communal amenity space. The application was approved.
11. In addition to the above applications, the Planning Committee also considered a report from officers containing advice from the Council's consultants and legal advisors about matters arising in the Inland Homes appeal against refusal of permission at the former Brooklands College site. Members considered the matters arising and gave instructions to officers in order to progress the appeal. The conclusions reached by the Committee were:
  - (i) Not to defend the highways reason for refusal at the forthcoming appeal; and
  - (ii) to agree that the decision made by the Planning Committee had regard to the current housing land supply position of the Borough and the advice set out in the NPPF for the determination of planning applications where there is a shortfall of housing land supply.

The Council will continue to defend Reason for Refusal 1 and 2 at appeal.

### **Planning Committee – 20 September 2017**

12. At the Planning Committee meeting on 20 September 2017, a total of three items were considered with one person taking the opportunity to address the Committee. The key items considered are set out below.
13. The first application, related to Headline House, Stanwell Road, Ashford (17/00782/FUL). The application proposed the demolition of the existing building and erection of a two storey building with second floor accommodation to provide 10 flats with associated parking and amenity space. Councillor Nick Gething spoke against the application in his capacity as a ward councillor. The Planning Committee approved the application.
14. The second application concerned Monkey Puzzle House, 69-71 Windmill Road, Sunbury (17/00366/FUL). The application proposed alterations and extension to the existing building to provide 14 apartments. The application was approved.
15. The third item was an enforcement matter relating to the unauthorised conversion of a dwelling into three flats at 6 Stanhope Heath, Stanwell (14/00175/UNDEV). The Committee resolved to agree to take enforcement action against the unauthorised use.

**Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley**

*Chairman of Planning Committee*

19 October 2017