

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

1. The Planning Committee has met on two occasions since the previous report was prepared for the Council meeting. This report gives an overview of the items considered by the Committee at its meeting on 15 November 2017. A separate report will be circulated at Council on the key items considered by the Committee at its meeting on 13 December 2017.

### **Planning Committee – 15 November 2017**

2. The November meeting dealt with two planning applications and an urgent enforcement item. Public speaking took place on both applications, with four people taking the opportunity to address the Committee. The items considered by the Committee are set out below.
3. This first application related to former Brooklands College, Church Road, Ashford (17/01274/FUL). The application proposed the redevelopment of the site comprising the demolition of the existing buildings and the construction of new buildings between one and five storeys to accommodate 357 dwellings, the provision of public open space and associated car parking, cycle parking, access and related infrastructure and associated works. The Planning Committee approved the application, subject to it being referred to the Secretary of State and a Section 106 agreement.
4. This second application related to Sankby, Leacroft, Staines-upon-Thames, (17/01320/FUL). The application sought the creation of a new roof with two rear dormers to create habitable accommodation at second floor, erection of 2. two storey gabled front extensions, single storey rear extension and subdivision of the property to create 2. five bedroom semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and amenity space. This application was called in by Councillor Sinead Mooney, who spoke against the proposal. The Planning Committee approved the application subject to conditions.
6. The urgent item related to Pentire, Stable 2, Fordbridge Road, Sunbury on Thames and concerned an outbuilding which was being used as a separate residential dwelling without planning permission. I agreed to take the item as an urgent matter as it involved the potential loss of a home and the enforcement action was subject to time limits. It was considered that the use had not taken place for more than 4 years and was contrary to Green Belt and Flood Plain policy.

The Planning Committee agreed to serve an enforcement notice requiring the cessation of the residential use of the land and building as a separate residential unit, the removal of all fixtures and fittings and all ancillary residential structures. The time period for compliance was agreed at 6 months

**Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley**

*Chairman of Planning Committee*

14 December 2017