

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee has met on two occasions since the previous report was prepared for the Council meeting. This report therefore gives an overview of the key items considered by the Committee at its meetings on 25 July and 19 September 2018. A further report on the items considered at the meeting to be held on 17 October will be tabled at the Council meeting.

1. Planning Committee – 25 July 2018

- 1.1 The July meeting dealt with three planning applications and a tree preservation order. Public speaking took place on two items, and a Ward Councillor also spoke. The items considered by the Committee are set out below.
- 1.2 Planning application 18/0591/OUT related to Bugle Nurseries, Upper Halliford Road, Shepperton, which is located within the Green Belt. The outline application sought approval for the demolition of the existing buildings on the site and the provision of 52 houses and flats and also a 72 bed care home. In addition to the two public speakers, Councillor Dunn, a Ward Councillor, also spoke in favour of the application. Following a lengthy and lively debate, a recorded vote was requested and taken. The application was refused, as per the Officer's recommendation.
- 1.3 Planning application 18/00529/FUL was made by the Council in relation to Benwell House, Green Street, Sunbury-on-Thames. The Committee approved the removal of the roof structure and erection of an extension comprising two and part three storeys to provide 24 units and associated works.
- 1.4 Planning application 18/00386/FUL sought approval for the demolition of the existing building and the erection of a four storey building comprising of 8 self-contained flats and associated parking at 20 Bridge Street, Staines-upon-Thames. A previous application submitted had been refused and amendments to the scheme had now been made by removal of the top floor flat and more detail provided on the proposed materials. There was one public speaker in favour of the scheme. The application was approved by the Committee.
- 1.5 The final application of the evening was TPO 258/2017. This Tree Preservation Order sought to protect a Lime tree located in the car park of Sunbury Conservative Cub, Green Street, Sunbury on Thames, because of its 'significant contribution to the visual amenities of the locality'. The application was 'confirmed without modification' by the Committee.

2. Planning Committee – 19 September 2018

- 2.1 This meeting considered one planning application and two tree preservation orders. There were no public speakers at the meeting.
- 2.2 Application 18/01145/FUL was submitted by the Council for the erection of a single storey side/rear extension at the Greeno Centre, Shepperton replacing

an area of hardstanding previously used as an external 'wellbeing' area. The application was approved by the Committee.

- 2.3 Tree Preservation Order 259/2018 related to the protection of one Oak and one Plane tree at 29 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames. The TPO was issued as it was considered that a planning application submitted in respect of the property could pose a threat to their retention. The Committee confirmed the Tree Preservation Order without modification.
- 2.4 Tree Preservation Order 260/2018 was served on 5 July 2018 to protect one Oak tree at Bugle Nurseries, 171 Upper Halliford Road, Shepperton. Again, it was considered that the tree was at risk following a planning application received for this site (see item 1.2 above). The tree was mature and healthy and it was considered that it made a significant contribution to the visual amenities of the locality. The Committee confirmed the Tree Preservation without modification.

Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley

Chairman of Planning Committee

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