



Referrals made under the Council's reservation scheme

The Council's reservation scheme provides a mechanism for councillors to refer decisions to Council for determination. Referrals must be made in writing, shortly after the notice of committees' decisions have been published.

Details of the referred decision are stated later in this paper.

Recommendation

The Council is requested to agree one of the following resolutions:

- **Note the decision of the committee/sub-committee (i.e. the decision stands)**
- **Refer the decision back to the committee/sub-committee for further consideration**
- **Withdraw the decision of the committee/sub-committee (i.e. the decision is not taken)**

In order to provide a structured approach to considering the referred decision, the following process applies:

1. A representative of the councillors who have referred the decision to speak on the reasons for their referral. New reasons may not be introduced. Time limit of five minutes.
2. Chair of the committee/sub-committee that made the decision to respond to the reasons for the referral. Time limit of five minutes.
3. Views from councillors, made in accordance with the rules of debate.
4. A representative of the councillors who have referred the decision to make closing remarks on the referral. Time limit of five minutes.
5. Closing remarks from the chair of the committee/sub-committee. Time limit of five minutes.
6. Votes on the options listed above.

Details of the decision

Meeting: Development Sub-Committee, 5 January 2022

Item: Oast House/Kingston Road Car Park and Health & Wellbeing Centre - Pre-application Consultation

Resolution: *The Sub-Committee resolved to:*

1. *Agree the key objectives which the Council is looking to achieve from the wider site as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report, and*
2. *Agree the preferred option for the residential element of the Oast House/Kingston Road site (Option 1).*

Reasons for referral

Councillors M Beecher, S Mooney, D Saliagopoulos, J Sexton, C Bateson and V Siva have provided the following reasons for referring the decision of the Development Sub-Committee to Council:

In discussion of the Oast House / Kingston Road Car Park and Health & Well-being Centre, the Development Sub-committee resolved "to agree the preferred option for the residential element of the Oast House / Kingston Road site (Option 1)."

We believe this decision ought to be reserved to Council in that:

- 1. The sub-committee rejected an amendment to the wording of Option 1 to allow "up to 14 and 10 storeys.*
- 2. The sub-committee to give sufficient consideration and weight to the risk identified by the council officers that Option 1 was the only option likely to be rejected by the Planning Committee. Thus, the Asset Management team will waste time and money developing a scheme the runs the serious risk of rejection, with no appeal.*
- 3. The sub-committee rejected the advice and recommendation of the Staines councillors not to pursue a scheme over 9 and 7 storeys. And in so doing also rejected the wishes of local residents, council tax payers, as they responded to a recent consultation by the council.*