

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE - 8 MARCH 2022

### Agenda Item 4 – Questions from Members of the Public

#### Question 1 – Kath Sanders

Please could you let residents know when they can expect an update regarding the Local Green Space consultation which took place at the end of last year.

If the work has been completed, please could you also say whether there is a proposed increase or decrease in Local Green Space (in total area) versus the area covered by land previously designated as Protected Urban Open Space and what the total area is proposed to be which is designated as LGS.

#### Question 2 – Nigel Rowe, OBE

The Environment & Sustainability Committee response to the draft Surrey 2050 Place Ambition includes a paragraph on 'Community Engagement' with the very welcome specific reference to "the need to work effectively with local communities both in bringing this Place Ambition forward and in its delivery". Arising from this: a) Can we please be assured that Spelthorne Borough Council intends to consult with residents on key issues before decisions are taken rather than as a post-decision presentation of a fait accompli? b) Is it the Committee's intention to consult with residents on other major elements of the Staines Development Framework and related Infrastructure Development Framework before rather than after decisions have been taken?

#### Question 3 – Nigel Rowe, OBE

Reference Agenda item 15 (Staines Development Framework Task Group): Residents in Staines had been greatly encouraged to learn of the intention to introduce zoning arrangements to limit the height of new developments in sensitive areas (eg the riverfront, Conservation Area, and immediately adjacent to existing residential areas). We note with some alarm that you will discuss on 8 March the possibility of allowing exceptions to this for schemes "that deliver significant benefits". The Riverside Car Park is mentioned in this context. Can you please **a)** explain how you define "significant benefits", **b)** indicate what other sites may be similarly affected, and **c)** indicate whether you plan to consult with residents before deciding which sites will be affected?