

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday 5 September 2019 at 7.00 pm

Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall

The members listed below are summoned to attend the Planning Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Clive Woodbridge (Chair)
Councillor Monica Coleman (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Nigel Collin
Councillor Lucie Dallen
Councillor Neil Dallen
Councillor Previn Jagutpal
Councillor Colin Keane

Councillor Jan Mason
Councillor Steven McCormick
Councillor Debbie Monksfield
Councillor Peter O'Donovan
Councillor David Reeve
Councillor Humphrey Reynolds

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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Guidance on Predetermination /Predisposition

The Council often has to make controversial decisions that affect people adversely and this can place individual members in a difficult position. They are expected to represent the interests of their constituents and political party and have strong views but it is also a well established legal principle that members who make these decisions must not be biased nor must they have pre-determined the outcome of the decision. This is especially in planning and licensing committees. This Note seeks to provide guidance on what is legally permissible and when members may participate in decisions. It should be read alongside the Code of Conduct.

Predisposition

Predisposition is lawful. Members may have strong views on a proposed decision, and may have expressed those views in public, and still participate in a decision. This will include political views and manifesto commitments. The key issue is that the member ensures that their predisposition does not prevent them from consideration of all the other factors that are relevant to a decision, such as committee reports, supporting documents and the views of objectors. In other words, the member retains an “open mind”.

Section 25 of the Localism Act 2011 confirms this position by providing that a decision will not be unlawful because of an allegation of bias or pre-determination “just because” a member has done anything that would indicate what view they may take in relation to a matter relevant to a decision. However, if a member has done something more than indicate a view on a decision, this may be unlawful bias or predetermination so it is important that advice is sought where this may be the case.

Pre-determination / Bias

Pre-determination and bias are unlawful and can make a decision unlawful. Predetermination means having a “closed mind”. In other words, a member has made his/her mind up on a decision before considering or hearing all the relevant evidence. Bias can also arise from a member’s relationships or interests, as well as their state of mind. The Code of Conduct’s requirement to declare interests and withdraw from meetings prevents most obvious forms of bias, e.g. not deciding your own planning application. However, members may also consider that a “non-pecuniary interest” under the Code also gives rise to a risk of what is called apparent bias. The legal test is: “whether the fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was a real possibility that the Committee was biased”. A fair minded observer takes an objective and balanced view of the situation but Members who think that they have a relationship or interest that may raise a possibility of bias, should seek advice.

This is a complex area and this note should be read as general guidance only. Members who need advice on individual decisions, should contact the Monitoring Officer.

AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 32)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 25 July 2019 (attached) and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

3. LAND AT EPSOM AND EWELL HIGH SCHOOL, RUXLEY LANE, WEST EWELL, SURREY (Pages 33 - 120)

Demolition of existing classroom buildings, MUGA and sports hall; and construction of a two storey classroom block, 3G Full Size AGP Pitch, compact athletics facility, Hockey Plus AGP, sports pavilion, sports hall, grass surface pitches, grounds maintenance compound, footbridge, fencing, floodlights and associated ground works, construction of new car park and access for school sports facilities; and erection of 161 dwellings including associated parking, landscaping, open space and infrastructure works.

4. 7 CEDAR HILL, EPSOM, SURREY, KT18 7BP (Pages 121 - 128)

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

5. 12 MILLAIS WAY, WEST EWELL, SURREY, KT19 9PF (Pages 129 - 138)

Part single storey rear extension

6. PARKDALE CRESCENT, WORCESTER PARK, SURREY (Pages 139 - 146)

Installation of gates to the entrances of the rear access service lane to the residences 2-50 (even numbers only) Retrospective

7. MONTHLY REPORT PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS/NUMBER OF APPROVED DWELLINGS (Pages 147 - 150)

The Committee is asked to note five appeal decisions from 13 July to 19 August 2019 and the number of approved dwellings against target for April, May, July and July 2019.