

PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT
07 March 2024

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Address	Former Police Station, Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4PS
Proposal	Demolition of the existing police station ambulance station and erection of a new residential, nursing and dementia care home for the frail elderly (Use Class C2) comprising ancillary communal facilities and dementia care, basement parking, reconfigured vehicular access onto Church Street, landscaping and all other associated works
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CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES

1. Corrections

The Agenda Report inaccurately refers throughout to the site being in Church Road instead of Church Street. Officers apologise for this error.

2. Third party Response

- 2.1 Correspondence from the occupiers of 50 The Parade has been received, outlining the continued objection to the scheme on ground water flooding grounds. The correspondence advises that the objector cannot attend the meeting and therefore requests a postponement.
- 2.2 Correspondence from Epsom Civic Society has been received, also requesting postponement of the meeting for the following reason:

‘We note that the main objector has requested postponement of this evening’s planning committee meeting, given her own unavoidable absence, and, we understand, the additional unavoidable absence of the most experienced (in this case) voting councillor. In the interests of informed and robust decision-making, it would seem sensible to postpone the meeting to an early date when all interested parties and committee members are available, failing which, as a minimum, an updating supplementary briefing report be provided to Members for this evening’s meeting, given the technicalities involved and the remaining matters of contention’.

3. Officers Comments

- 3.1 Officers are satisfied that the technical conclusion of the independent Hydrogeological Consultant instructed by the Council to review all evidence supporting the scheme is robust.
- 3.2 Whilst the request from the Epsom Civic Society and the third party objector to postpone the Planning Committee is acknowledged, the Planning Committees are scheduled and publicised a year in advance and it would not be reasonable of the Council to postpone the Planning Committee due to external circumstances preventing either Members of third parties from attending.