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Drake Park Planning Application 2016/2217 - Land East of Weylands House Molesey Road and South of Field Common Lane

Dear Resident,

You will wish to be aware that the Planning Application by Bonnar Allan withdrawn last October to build 1024 homes on Green Belt adjacent to Field Common and Weylands, Walton-on-Thames has been resubmitted to Elmbridge Council.

The 2015 application was due to be heard by Elmbridge Council's North Area Planning Sub-Committee in October and was recommended for refusal primarily on the grounds that the application did not meet the 'special circumstances' required to allow building on the Green Belt. The Council Officers' comments were as follows:

'The proposed development represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt which is by definition harmful and it is not considered that the very special circumstances required to clearly outweigh the harm to the Green Belt and any other harm have been demonstrated in this case. The proposed development by reason of its prominent location would be detrimental to the character and openness of the Green Belt. It is therefore recommended that planning permission be refused on grounds of both local and national policy and guidance.'

At that time Surrey County Council did not give an opinion on the Highways issues saying they would give a verbal report at the October 2015 meeting.

The current application is essentially unchanged from the 2015 application and is for Outline planning approval for 1024 new residential units, a community based hub and parkland, primary school, medical centre, dentist and pharmacy, local supermarket, pub/restaurant, offices, parking, nature conservation and water features, recreation, landscaping and associated facilities following demolition of existing structures (for access only).

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If you wish to see the application in more detail and have access to the Internet please log onto the Elmbridge Borough Council website at:

<http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk>

Click on 'Find a planning application,' then 'Search,' and enter application number 2016/2217.

This will take you though to the planning application and associated documents.

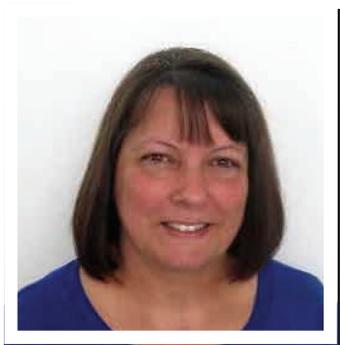
Comments are required by 10 August 2016.

- You may comment online (click the orange bubble) and after you have clicked the box you want, another box will arrive which will allow up to 5000 characters.
- Alternatively you can email tplan@elmbridge.gov.uk quoting the application number and your name and address.
- Or write to: The Planning Department, Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD quoting the application number and your name and address.

This is one of the largest planning applications the Borough has faced and it is vital in our opinion that residents familiarise themselves with the detail. If anyone is unable to access the internet arrangements can be made to visit the Planning Department at Elmbridge Council between the hours of 10am and 1pm to view the documents. If you would like to organise this please call Elmbridge Council on 01372 474 474.

Look out for updates on this and other matters in "The Walton South News" We are re-vamping our popular InTouch newsletter, and the first copy should be out in September.

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