

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION & RELATED APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

NOTES

Officers Report

Officers have prepared a report for each planning or related application on the Planning Committee Index which details:-

- Site Description
- Relevant Planning History
- The Proposal
- Consultation Responses/Representations
- Planning Considerations
- Conclusion

Each report also includes a recommendation to either approve or refuse the application. Recommended reason(s) for refusal or condition(s) of approval and reason(s) including informatives are set out in full in the report.

How the Committee makes a decision:

The Planning Applications Committee's decision on an application can be based only on planning issues. These include:

- Legislation, including national planning policy guidance and statements.
- Policies in the adopted Surrey Heath Local Plan and emerging Local Development Framework, including Supplementary Planning Documents.
- Sustainability issues.
- Layout and design issues, including the effect on the street or area (but not loss of private views).
- Impacts on countryside openness.
- Effect on residential amenities, through loss of light, overlooking or noise disturbance.
- Road safety and traffic issues.
- Impacts on historic buildings.
- Public opinion, where it raises relevant planning issues.

The Committee cannot base decisions on:

- Matters controlled through other legislation, such as Building Regulations e.g. structural stability, fire precautions.
- Loss of property value.
- Loss of views across adjoining land.
- Disturbance from construction work.
- Competition e.g. from a similar retailer or business.
- Moral issues.
- Need for development or perceived lack of a need (unless specified in the report).
- Private issues between neighbours i.e. boundary disputes, private rights of way. The issue of covenants has no role in the decision to be made on planning applications.

Reports will often refer to specific use classes. The Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1995 (as amended) is summarised for information below:

A1. Shops	Shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers, travel and ticket agencies, post offices, pet shops, sandwich bars, showrooms, domestic hire shops and funeral directors.
A2. Financial & professional Services	Banks, building societies, estate and employment agencies, professional and financial services and betting offices.
A3. Restaurants and Cafes	For the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises – restaurants, snack bars and cafes.
A4. Drinking Establishments	Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments (but not nightclubs).
A5. Hot Food Takeaways	For the sale of hot food consumption off the premises.
B1. Business	Offices, research and development, light industry appropriate to a residential area.
B2. General Industrial	Use for the carrying on of an industrial process other than one falling within class B1 above.
B8. Storage or Distribution	Use for the storage or as a distribution centre including open air storage.
C1. Hotels	Hotels, board and guest houses where, in each case no significant element of care is provided.
C2. Residential Institutions	Residential care homes, hospitals, nursing homes, boarding schools, residential colleges and training centres.
C2A. Secure Residential Institutions	Use for a provision of secure residential accommodation, including use as a prison, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody centre, short term holding centre, secure hospital, secure local authority accommodation or use as a military barracks.
C3. Dwelling houses	Family houses or houses occupied by up to six residents living together as a single household, including a household where care is provided for residents.
C4. Houses in Multiple Occupation	Small shared dwelling houses occupied by between three and six unrelated individuals, as their only or main residence, who share basic amenities such as a kitchen or bathroom.
D1. Non-residential Institutions	Clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, day centres, school, art galleries, museums, libraries, halls, places of worship, church halls, law courts. Non-residential education and training areas.
D2. Assembly & Leisure	Cinemas, music and concert halls, bingo and dance halls (but not nightclubs), swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums or sports arenas (except for motor sports, or where firearms are used).
Sui Generis	Theatres, houses in multiple paying occupation, hostels providing no significant element of care, scrap yards, garden centres, petrol filling stations and shops selling and/or displaying motor vehicles, retail warehouse clubs, nightclubs, laundrettes, dry cleaners, taxi businesses, amusement centres and casinos.