

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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1. Delegated Planning Decisions

Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning **7 August 2017** are attached as **Enclosure A**.

Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager: Development Management on 01293 438577.

2. Change to the Leader's Scheme of Delegation

The Leader has made the following amendment to his Scheme of Delegation:

Delete the words crossed through below from the relevant responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing:

~~“Sports and fitness (including sports development, playing fields, Broadfield Stadium and Leisure Centres) with the primary health and well-being role being held by the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement”~~

3. Neighbourhood Services Update

We are now nearly 8 months in to Patch Working and on the whole we are encouraged by results and progress so far, however we do realise that we have some way to go before teams are working at their optimum. Staff continue to learn more skills so they can become multi-skilled. As they become more competent in their new skills their work rates will speed up. We continue to receive many positive comments from Councillors and residents about this new way of working. We also continue to forge closer relationships with Ward Councillors and Community Forums.

We are now at the end of our busiest time of year (April to July - peak growing season). We are continuing to prioritise the clearing of litter, fly-tipping, graffiti and the cutting the grass, as these are the most important service areas for residents. Grass growth has slowed down and therefore we have put more of our resources into shrub bed maintenance. Now that the bird nesting season has ended (the Wildlife & Countryside Act prevents us from cutting back hedges in the bird nesting season), we are also cutting back the overgrown hedges. There has been additional demand for emptying dog bins, caused by improper use, and we have moved staff resources around to deal with this, which has improved the situation.

Some Key Details:

- The Patch Working teams have completed 4 to 5 grass cuts in the neighbourhoods.
- Patch Working Staff/Leaders have attended local resident forums and community clean up days in their areas. This has had a very positive effect building relationships.
- Incidents of reported fly tipping have remained high even though the teams are proactively removing some fly tips before they are reported. Patch Team members are door knocking and requesting that residents clean up their waste around their property. More complex cases are escalated to the Community Wardens for more formal action if there is evidence such as names and addresses. e.g. A patch worker in the South Patch spoke to a business at the rear of Furnace Green Shops. He asked them to report any suspicious activity as he was aware that there was somebody regularly dumping boxes and waste. The business reported a vehicle registration plate as the culprit – this was traced to a company based outside of Crawley. We telephoned the company to report their member of staff. They

sincerely apologised and took action against their employee there hasn't been any repeat of this dumping since

- The number of grass cutting complaints in July has decreased if compared to the same period last year suggesting that the new way of working hasn't impacted the service. This is extremely encouraging as we have a number of staff who are still learning their areas and new equipment.
- We have doubled the amount of trained staff who can use a ride-on mower from 13 to 26, also doubled the staff who can weed spray from 6 to 13.
- In the West Patch we have 6 new volunteers, residents who are regularly litter picking – helping to keep their environments clean and tidy.
- We are working in partnership with the Manor Royal Bid Team enhancing and improving the Manor Royal district to ensure that it attracts businesses to the area. Additional staff have been employed to undertake the extra work – paid for by the bid. Initial feedback is very positive with many noticing the improvements to the area.
- Memorial Gardens, Goffs and Tilgate Park have reached the required standard and been awarded Green Flags. Worth Park, and Tilgate Park have also been judged in the South East In Bloom competition (results in Sept)

Challenging Service Areas

- Hedge Cutting – customers are now calling in to have their hedges cut – we try to communicate that we can't cut hedges and shrubbery in the bird nesting season as it is illegal to knowingly disturb nesting birds. The programme has now begun and will finish in September. The priority will be high footfall areas and children's play areas.
- Shrub Bed Maintenance – We continue to struggle to maintain our 4500 shrub beds across the town. Most are well past their best and difficult to maintain – gaps, leggy, large shrubs and self-seeded ash saplings do not look good. In most cases we can only cut back to make safe but longer term we need to review our approach/strategy as they do spoil the look and feel of mainly residential areas.

Most of the Town is looking good, however we do know that it isn't perfect and there are many things we need to develop and improve upon to reach our purpose for the Town which is 'clean safe and well maintained'.

The ongoing patience support and encouragement from Councillors is very much appreciated by everyone in Neighbourhood Services.

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4. Staff Changes: July 2017

Information is attached for Councillors only as **Enclosure B**.

5. Press Releases

Press releases are available at www.crawley.gov.uk/news

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DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were issued, subject to conditions, under delegated powers for the period 07/08/2017 and 11/08/2017

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Date of Decision	Decision
CR/2015/0552/CC5	FORGE WOOD, NORTH EAST SECTOR, CRAWLEY	Discharge of condition 10 (CEMP) for phase 2 (infrastructure, 2a and 2d) pursuant to CR/2015/0552/NCC for a new mixed use neighbourhood at Forge Wood, Crawley (amended documents for phase 2d only)	10 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2016/0781/CC1	PHASE 3 AND PART PHASE 4, FORGE WOOD (NES), CRAWLEY	Discharge of condition 7 (temporary access) for phases 3 and 4 in part pursuant to CR/2016/0781/ARM approval of reserved matters for infrastructure comprising:- road and drainage infrastructure, pumping stations, noise barrier (comprising fence and bund along eastern boundary and associated landscaping), undergrounding of 132v power cables and other associated works pursuant to outline planning permission CR/2015/0552/NCC for new mixed neighbourhood (amended plans received and amended description)	7 August 2017	APPROVE

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CR/2017/0289/FUL	27 - 45 IFIELD ROAD WEST GREEN CRAWLEY	Erection of 2 x extra dwellings (1x one bedroom and 1x two bedroom flats) on ground floor to replace the provision of the gym and the crèche within the extant permission (CR/2013/0517/OUT and CR/2015/0763/ARM) increasing the total number of residential units to 218	9 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0411/FUL	79 WARREN DRIVE, IFIELD, CRAWLEY, RH11 0DT	Erection of first floor side extension to create a bedroom and installation of ramp to front entrance (amended plans)	9 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0416/FUL	THE PARSONS PIG, BALCOMBE ROAD, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey extension to south elevation, relocation of two existing outdoor umbrellas on new paved area (amended plans)	11 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0431/FUL	2 GOLDFINCH CLOSE, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	Erection of a single storey side extension and side carport	8 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0432/FUL	51 AND 53 IFIELD ROAD, WEST GREEN, CRAWLEY	Change of use of ground floor of no.51 Ifield Road from class A1 (shops) to A5 (hot food takeaways) and installation of a new extractor system with flue at nos 51 and 53 Ifield Road	10 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0503/FUL	28 MALTHOUSE ROAD, SOUTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of single storey side and rear extensions together with new door to side elevation (amended description and plans received)	9 August 2017	PERMIT

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CR/2017/0539/FUL	35 HENLEY CLOSE, MAIDENBOWER, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey rear extension	11 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0540/192	14 MILTON ROAD, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Certificate of lawfulness for erection of single storey rear extension	7 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0542/FUL	96 GALES DRIVE, THREE BRIDGES, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey rear extension	10 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0545/FUL	3 and 4 NETHERWOOD, GOSSOPS GREEN, CRAWLEY, RH11 8PT	Retrospective application for alterations to permission granted under CR/2016/0278/FUL for single storey rear extensions at no.3 and no.4 Netherwood: The replacement of 2no. Velux windows with a skylight, replacement of bi-fold doors on the eastern side elevation with a window, replacement of windows on the rear elevation with part bi-fold doors and part windows at no. 3 Netherwood. Erection of a parapet wall measuring 0.5m in height between the extensions at both 3 and 4 Netherwood and increase in the height of the flat roofs of the rear extensions at 3 and 4 Netherwood by 0.2m. Change of window and door materials from UPVC to grey aluminium	8 August 2017	PERMIT
CR/2017/0550/TPO	6A MOAT WALK, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY, RH10 7ED	Cherry tree in front garden - reduce height and crown radius by 3 metres to live growth points (amended description)	8 August 2017	CONSENT
CR/2017/0565/192	215 IFIELD ROAD, WEST GREEN, CRAWLEY	Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for construction of a rear dormer	11 August 2017	PERMIT

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CR/2017/0574/TCA	8 LEONARDSLEE COURT, FURNACE GREEN, CRAWLEY	T1 oak in rear garden - fell	10 August 2017	NO OBJECTION
CR/2017/0583/HPA	67 DEERSWOOD ROAD, WEST GREEN, CRAWLEY	Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4m, and have a maximum height of 3.591m and an eaves height of 2.25m	9 August 2017	PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED
CR/2017/0599/HPA	23 BOLTON ROAD, MAIDENBOWER, CRAWLEY	Prior approval for the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4m, and have a maximum height of 3.386m and an eaves height of 2.9m	9 August 2017	PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED