

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFORMATION ITEM

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1 **Delegated Planning Decisions**

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Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 18 June 2018 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager: Development Management on 01293 438577.

2 **Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Breezehurst Drive Playing Fields Development Brief**

The decision to adopt the Breezehurst Drive Playing Fields Development Brief as a material planning consideration for development management decisions in relation to the allocated Housing and Open Space Site (Crawley Borough Local Plan Policy H2: Key Housing Sites) was taken on 21 June 2018 by the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning following full consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development who gave approval for this approach by email 16 May 2018.

The Crawley Borough Local Plan commits the Council to producing a Development Brief to support the Breezehurst Drive Playing Fields housing and open space allocation (Policy H1).

A Development Brief is a non-statutory planning guidance document that informs developers and other interested parties of the constraints and opportunities presented by the site and the type of development expected or encouraged by the Crawley Borough Local Plan. It is a site-specific document which forms a stepping stone between the provisions of the Local Plan and the requirements of a planning application. The Development Brief will assist developers in preparing a policy-compliant scheme from the start and will aid the Development Management decision making process. This should help to reduce unnecessary costs and time.

The site, which is currently open space playing fields, is allocated for housing and open space development in the Local Plan, following formal stages of public consultation along with an independent examination and public hearings, held between 2012 and 2015.

Ward Councillors have been informed of the stages in the documents preparation.

Consultation:

The Development Brief has been prepared in conformity with the Local Plan



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policies and in accordance the council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. Formal public consultation was undertaken over an eight week period between 30 November 2017 and 25 January 2018. All representations made during that period have been collated and summarised and published in a Consultation Statement which accompanies the Development Brief for its adoption. The final version of the Development Brief incorporates changes set out in the Consultation Statement to address issues raised through the consultation.

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3 **Financial Outturn 2017/18: Budget Monitoring - Quarter 4**

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Information is attached.

4 **Membership Changes: Planning Committee and Governance Committee**

In accordance with Paragraph 25.2(4) of the Council Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, and in accordance with the wishes of the political group, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services has replaced the following:

- Councillor Fiveash will be replacing Councillor Ayling on the Governance Committee.
- Councillor Ayling will be replacing Councillor Sharma on the Planning Committee.

This change takes immediate effect.

5 **Press Releases**

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