

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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<p>1 Delegated Planning Decisions</p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 18 June 2018 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager: Development Management on 01293 438577.</p>	<p>3 - 4</p>
<p>2 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Breezehurst Drive Playing Fields Development Brief</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ward Councillors have been informed of the stages in the documents preparation.</p> <p>Consultation: The Development Brief has been prepared in conformity with the Local Plan</p>	



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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.

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) has been taken following full consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development who gave approval for this approach by email 16 May 2018.

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

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DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were issued, subject to conditions, under delegated powers for the period 18/06/2018 and 22/06/2018

Application number	Location	Proposal	Date of decision	Decision
CR/2016/0722/CC11	LAND AT FARADAY ROAD, NORTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Discharge of condition 20 (BREEAM - post construction report) pursuant to CR/2016/0722/FUL for erection of three B8 24 hour operation warehouses, ancillary office, provision of associated car parking, landscaping and security enclosure (amended description)	20 June 2018	APPROVE
CR/2017/0564/NM1	83 - 87 THREE BRIDGES ROAD, THREE BRIDGES, CRAWLEY	Non material amendment to approved planning application CR/2017/0564/FUL for raising the finished floor level by 100mm, adjusting the fence line to the rear of no 87 Three Bridges Road, installation of an electricity cabinet and amendments to the location of gas meters and downpipes (amended description)	20 June 2018	PERMIT
CR/2017/0766/NCC	9 REYNOLDS ROAD, WEST GREEN, CRAWLEY	Variation of planning permission CR/639/1989 to amend the opening hours (Monday to Friday 8:00am to 6:30pm and Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm and at no time on Sundays and bank holidays)	22 June 2018	REFUSE
CR/2018/0167/FUL	137 THREE BRIDGES ROAD, THREE BRIDGES, CRAWLEY	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension following the removal of the existing conservatory, shed and garage (amended plans received)	19 June 2018	PERMIT

Application number	Location	Proposal	Date of decision	Decision
CR/2018/0219/FUL	5 GREYHOUND SLIP, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Part retrospective application for erection of 1m high fence with concrete posts and gravel board	21 June 2018	REFUSE
CR/2018/0266/FUL	35 STACE WAY, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Demolition of existing shed and erection of a garage	18 June 2018	REFUSE
CR/2018/0299/TPO	55 HEATHFIELD, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Copper beech – reduce by 1.5m to 2m to appropriate growth points (amended description)	22 June 2018	CONSENT
CR/2018/0306/TPO	20 APPLEFIELD, NORTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Oak - reduce height and crown radius by 2m to appropriate growth points	22 June 2018	CONSENT
CR/2018/0339/FUL	64 MARTYRS AVENUE, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	Construction of vehicle crossover (amended plans received)	20 June 2018	PERMIT
CR/2018/0351/FUL	1 MARLBOROUGH CLOSE, BROADFIELD, CRAWLEY	Conversion of existing dwelling to provide 2no x 3 bedroom houses including a rear dormer to roofslope of two storey side extension and alterations to window and door arrangement of previously extended part of property, plus associated parking and garden areas	22 June 2018	REFUSE
CR/2018/0352/HPA	73 BANKS ROAD, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by a maximum of 6.0m, and have a maximum height of 4.0m and an eaves height of 2.80m	19 June 2018	PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED
CR/2018/0386/TCA	IN YARD AT THE REAR OF FLAT 2, 28 CHURCH STREET, WEST GREEN, CRAWLEY, RH11 7BG	Yew - fell and grind out the stump	22 June 2018	OBJECTION

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Financial Outturn 2017/18: Budget Monitoring - Quarter 4

General Fund

The original General Fund Budget anticipated a transfer to reserves of £nil, however at quarter three this had increased to a projected transfer to reserves of £796,000 prior to Business Rate retentions. The actual transfer to reserves was £923,482.

The main areas of movement from Quarter 3 are as follows:

The Data Centre overspend had increased from £47,000 at Quarter 3 to £100,753. This has been caused by failures by our telecoms provider that has led to a contractual dispute. There have also been delays due to the loss of key members of the infrastructure team. Steps have been taken to address this shortfall through the use of external consultancy staff, but this has resulted in additional costs.

Additional income of £60,000 from recycling of materials. However, there is uncertainty around this income, so future budgets have not been amended at this time.

The homelessness service underspent by £306,000 compared to £208,000 at Quarter 3, as a result of the amendments to the Allocations Policy which has resulted in moving applicants through temporary accommodation more efficiently.

Benefit overpayments recovered has seen a significant underspend during the year due to data matching with the HMRC. However, there were fewer referrals in the final quarter leading to a reduction in underspend from £464,000 projected at Quarter 3 to £320,000.

Housing Revenue Account

For the Housing Revenue Account the actual outturn was a surplus of £810,000 compared to a projected surplus of £266,000 at Quarter 3.

Rental income is above projections by £168,000 more than anticipated at Quarter 3. This is due to more properties being let at target rents.

Repairs and Maintenance is under-spent by a further £234,000 compared to Quarter 3 projections, mainly due to fewer emergency call outs due to the weather such as fencing and roofing. Although the winter was bad, there were not the high winds that have been seen in the past.

Due to the high collection rates of Crawley Homes, the transfer to the provision for bad debts was less than required. This will be reviewed over the coming years with the introduction of Universal Credit.

Capital

In terms of capital spending, £29m has been spent in the year 2016/2017 equivalent to 97% of the latest budget.

Major variations to the programme were as follows:

Queens Square

£72,000 slipped into 2018/19 for the restoration and relocation of the bandstand in Memorial Gardens, street cleaning equipment and a digital sign.

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Queensway

Delays in the planning process resulted in £70,000 being slipped to 2018/19.

Signage & Wayfinding

£180,000 slipped due additional unforeseen stakeholders' consultation on designs.

College Car park site

A supplementary estimate of £250,000 is requested for additional units and to provide a sprinkler system to the apartments.

83-87 Three Bridges Rd

Demolition slower as delays by the statutory undertaker in completing the disconnection of the utility supplies. £96,000 slipped.

Dobbins Place

£120,500 slipped due to contract negotiations.

Forge Wood Phases 2 & 3

Progress on the construction works for Phase 2D have been slower than originally forecast by the contractor. £208,000 slipped.

The full report can be found in the [Financial Outturn 2017/18 – FIN/443](#)

For further information, please contact Karen Hayes Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits, 01293 438263.