

WEAG newsletter #17

Dear WEAG Supporters

Land at Malthouse Farm - the planning application is submitted

The planning application for the proposed development on land at Malthouse Farm has just been released by the Borough Council - under application reference 15/0445.

To summarise, the application is for 95 dwellings comprising 5 one-bed apartments, 25 two-bed houses, 32 three-bed houses, 26 four-bed houses and 7 five-bed houses..

40% are stated to be affordable, namely 5 one-bed apartments, 17 two-bed houses, 12 three-bed houses and 4 four-bed houses.

The application is very similar to the initial proposals shown at the public consultation in the Sports Pavilion on 3rd February. The exit poll which we conducted found that 89% of West End residents who visited the exhibition were opposed to the development, and only 4% supported it.

We urge you to visit the Surrey Heath Borough Council website to view the planning application. Go to:

<http://isharemaps.surreyheath.gov.uk/custom/planning/default.aspx>

and in the Search box enter the reference: 15/0445. Clicking on the application's title will take you to all the details. A full map of the estate layout can be found under the 'Documents' tab, and is the first document under the 'Plans' heading.

Do make your views known to SHBC online or by letter - preferably before 8 July when the formal public consultation period expires. For guidance on how to comment, and the factors that the Borough Council considers to be potentially relevant, visit our website at www.weag.info and especially the 'Advice' tab.

Other tabs give details of the several other planning applications for housing in West End. Remember that the Malthouse Farm 95 dwellings are in addition to the 85 proposed by Taylor Wimpey on land north of Beldam Bridge Road (reference 14/0594); the 84 proposed by William Lacey on land south of Kings Road (14/0532); the 3 houses south of Beldam Bridge Road (14/0451); and the 3 houses at 26 Benner Lane (15/0375). All these use 'reserve land' which should not be built upon unless the Borough cannot otherwise meet its five-year house-building targets; but the Council reported in February that there was more than sufficient land to meet those targets. The 'Newsletters' tab on our website gives the background to these applications.

None of the planning applications for West End are to be considered at the Borough's 22nd June Planning Applications Committee meeting.

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