

West End Action Group (WEAG)

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APPLICATION FOR 74 HOUSES AT FENNS LANE:

- **PLANNING OFFICER RECOMMENDS REFUSAL**
- **TO BE DETERMINED AT MEETING ON 9 JANUARY**
- **IT'S OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Dear WEAG supporters,

Good news for the New Year! Duncan Carty, the Planning Officer in charge of the planning application for 74 houses on Fenns Lane (19/0154), has recommended to the Planning Applications Committee (PAC) that the application be refused. The principal reasons are:

- It's Green Belt land
- Exceptional circumstance do not apply - it is not previously developed land
- It would cause substantial harm to the openness of the area
- Therefore it is inappropriate development in the Green Belt

These were the main reasons WEAG put forward too, along with a host of other objections, in our 15 page submission and two supplementary documents.

The next two hurdles for us are:

- We need the Planning Applications Committee to follow Carty's recommendation and refuse the application at their meeting on 9 January
- If PAC does refuse, and assuming the application goes to appeal, we need the Planning Inspector to refuse the application too. This would probably be in the second half of 2020.

At the PAC meeting on Thursday 9 January there will be two speaking slots for representatives of residents, to be assigned beforehand. WEAG hopes to secure one of these. The meeting will be open to the public to observe, and we encourage as many as possible to attend and to support the speakers opposed to the development. The meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley GU15 3HD. The Council's website has a map of nearby parking areas.

Duncan Carty's report recommending refusal can be downloaded from the SHBC website, together with the agenda for the meeting, at:

<https://surreyheath.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=129&MIId=3352>

Meanwhile, have a happy and optimistic New Year!

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