

Supporters Newsletter #16

Dear WEAG Supporters

Update to William Lacey application 14/0532

We have recently learned that on 29 April the William Lacey Group made an application to the Secretary of State for their planning application to build 84 houses on Land to the South of Kings Road to be dealt with directly by the Planning Inspectorate rather than be considered by Surrey Heath Borough Council.

They have done this under Articles 11 and 32 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 as SHBC has not dealt with their application within the statutory 13 week period and the agreed extension of time. We can only guess at their reasons for doing this. It could be that suspecting that the planning application might be rejected by SHBC, they have opted to go directly to the Planning Inspector in order to speed the process up and have a better chance of a successful outcome from their point of view.

It is not clear whether WEAG can take part in any consultations with the Planning Inspector as the relevant notice suggests that only owners of land or properties affected by the application or tenants similarly affected can make representations. This would suggest that whereas, arguably, residents on the south side of Kings Road could make representations themselves, WEAG itself cannot.

It remains to be seen whether William Lacey's application to the Planning Inspectorate is successful and if so whether Taylor Wimpey will then follow suite with their application to build 85 dwellings on land to the North of Beldam Bridge Road.

Best regards

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