

West End Action Group (WEAG)

February 2019

- **PUBLIC MEETING ON 11 FEBRUARY ABOUT GREEN BELT**
- **MORE TIME TO OBJECT TO TWO GREEN BELT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Dear WEAG supporters,

1. WEAG meeting on 11 February

I have more details about the WEAG public meeting on 11 February at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, announced in our January newsletter.

Discussion will cover:

- Brief summary of the planning policies around the Green Belt, including the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Surrey Heath's current Local Plan, and the 2018 draft Local Plan.
- Current planning applications in the Green Belt (see section 2 below).
- The Fairfax scheme for up to 74 houses in Green Belt in Fenns Lane: how it stands; result from WEAG's exit poll; future action.
- Next stages for revised Local Plan

The meeting will begin with WEAG's AGM, a necessary formality which we intend will only take a few minutes, before we move onto the Green Belt and related issues. There will be reports from the Chair and the Treasurer, and election of officers. We would be glad to have some volunteers to serve on the Committee, as a couple of long-standing committee members will be retiring. It is not onerous and most of our business is conducted by email. If you're willing to volunteer, or have any other business for the AGM, please contact us beforehand, or (if volunteering) you can do so at the meeting.

2. The two current planning applications in our Green Belt

In our January newsletter we noted that there is a planning application for four houses on the Green Belt – in Fairfield Lane. There is now another such application, on Bagshot Road. Although not dealing with many houses, if these receive planning approval it will weaken the defence against larger projects in the Green Belt such as the Fairfax scheme for Fenns Lane. If you would like to help preserve our Green Belt and haven't submitted an objection against each planning application, please do. Among a variety of reasons, two key points are (1) there should not be new development on Green Belt land, and (2) although these are infilling, planning policy (NPPF para 145e) does not

permit infilling in the Green Belt if it is not within the existing settlement boundary – and neither of these applications are.

The deadline for objecting to the Fairfield Lane application has been extended to 13 February. For the Bagshot Road application it is 20 February. To see details of the applications, and how to object, see the footnote below.

3. Jenny Rickard speaking at WEVS AGM

SHBC's Jenny Rickard, Executive Head – Regulatory, whose responsibilities include planning policy, development control and planning applications, will be the guest speaker at the WEVS AGM on 19 February at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion. Her main subject will be the redevelopment of Camberley. Should be interesting, with an opportunity to ask questions about planning policy.

Regards

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How to see and object to 18/0863 Fairfield Lane and 18/1094 Bagshot Road planning applications

You can find full details of the planning applications on the Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) website:

www.surreyheath.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-applications-search

Click on the green Search heading, then in the dialogue box enter the application number: 18/0863 or 18/1094.

Alternatively, click [here](#) and you will go straight to the submission.

Objections may be made in several ways:

- On SHBC website. The main search link above also has a heading 'Comment or object to a planning application'; clicking on that explains how to do it or click [here](#) to go straight to it. When it asks for the location of the planning application use *LAND EAST OF SHANGRI-LA, FAIRFIELD LANE, WEST END, WOKING, GU24 9QX (for 18/0863) or LAND EAST OF PENNY COTTAGE, BAGSHOT ROAD, CHOBHAM, WOKING GU24 8SJ (for 18/1094)*
- By email: development.control@surreyheath.gov.uk
- By letter to: Regulatory Services, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley GU15 3HD

Be sure to quote the application reference number.