

EXECUTIVE – 18 NOVEMBER 2021

## QUESTIONS

### Executive Summary

The following questions have been received under Section 3 of the Executive Procedure Rules. The replies by the Portfolio Holders are set out below.

1. Question from Mr Robert Shatwell

“The council have objected to a request, made to SCC, to have the green space, known as Elmbridge Recreation ground redesignated as a Local Village Green, (LVG), on the grounds that residents have a statutory right to use the area. No resident has been informed of any statutory rights nor is there any signage, on site informing them of their rights. Will WBC now inform the residents as to what statutory rights they have, and reconsider and withdraw their objection and allow this important area of green space to be redesignated as LVG in the interest of the community.”

Reply by Councillor G Elson

“As has been previously stated this land is the subject of a statutory legal process pursuant to S15 of the Commons Act 2006 which is currently pending determination by Surrey County Council as Registration Authority for Town and Village Greens. The Council as landowner has submitted an objection to the application, the grounds of which are detailed in a statement of objection dated 15 June 2021. There are no plans to withdraw the objection which will be determined by Surrey County Council in the usual way.”

2. Question from Mr Robert Shatwell

“It has been reported that flammable materials were used in the construction of Eastgate making all these properties unfit for human habitation. Has all the flammable materials been removed from this block?”

It is also known that the block next to Eastgate, known locally as The Ship, was constructed by the same developer and at the same time. Has "The Ship" been examined and declared as being fit for human habitation?”

Reply by Councillor D Harlow

“Thank you for your question. The Council has served Improvement Notices for Eastgate, Centrium and The Exchange for the removal and replacement of cladding. We are closely monitoring progress with the owners and Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. A timetable to remove and replace the external wall insulation system at Eastgate has been agreed. Scaffolding has been delivered which will be erected for works to commence as soon as possible.

Fire safety precautions were reviewed and a waking watch service with 24 hour Fire Marshalls on site and an ‘all out’ evacuation policy are in place.”

**Background Papers:** None.

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