

EXECUTIVE – 8 DECEMBER 2022

QUESTIONS

Executive Summary

The following questions regarding the Brookwood Lye development have been received under Section 3 of the Executive Procedure Rules. The replies by the Leader of the Council are set out below.

1. Question from Mr Mike Peel

“Except for the land which the Planning Committee resolved to grant planning permission for traveller pitches, does the Council or its arms-length companies own all the land required to complete the residential development as previously submitted plans show?”

Reply by Councillor Ann-Marie Barker

“No. ThamesWey, which is a Council owned company, does not currently own/control all of the land required to complete the residential development as shown in application PLAN/2021/0248. This planning application seeks to develop 128 residential units and is still under consideration with discussions ongoing to progress the proposal. This includes ThamesWey considering several options on how to best bring this site forward for housing in the near future which may be through an alternative proposal. No decision on the site has been made and suggestions that this is the case are misleading and I know have caused concern to residents of Brookwood.”

2. Question from Mr Mike Peel

“How many authorised Gypsy and Traveller pitches are there at Brookwood Lye and is the site compliant with planning regulations and approvals?”

Reply by Councillor Ann-Marie Barker

“There are 10 authorised traveller pitches but the current land occupation does not correlate with that lawful position. Consequently, there is an ongoing enforcement investigation seeking to resolve issues at the site whilst having regard to Development Plan policies and application PLAN/2017/1307 where there is a resolution to approve 19 permanent pitches subject to the completion of a Section 106 agreement.”

Background Papers: None.

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