

PETITION – BROOKWOOD LYE DEVELOPMENT

Executive Summary

Woking Borough Council has received a petition which asks the Council to fully deliver on the long-term vision for Brookwood Lye Road.

In accordance with Woking Borough Council's arrangements for petitions, the matter has been referred for consideration by the Executive.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to consider the petition and determine accordingly.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To agree a response to the petition.

The Executive has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

Background Papers:	Online petition.
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A petition has been received which asks the Council to fully deliver on the long-term vision for Brookwood Lye Road. The petition has been received through the Council's online e-petition scheme and received 215 signatures.
- 1.2 The number of signatures exceeds the threshold required for a petition to be referred to a meeting of the Executive and accordingly the Petitioner or their nominee has been invited to present the petition at the Executive.
- 1.3 The petition has been submitted in the following terms:

"We the undersigned petition the council to fully deliver on the long-term vision for Brookwood Lye Road including the 128 dwellings, 19 pitch Traveller site and road improvements. This vision was widely consulted on and has demonstrable support from local residents. The approved planning application for the Traveller site (PLAN/2017/1307), was agreed at Planning Committee on 23 February 2021. The application for the 128 dwellings (PLAN/2021/0248) submitted by the Council's wholly owned subsidiary Thameswey will deliver 64 dwellings as affordable, which is much needed in Brookwood and the surrounding villages of Knaphill and St. Johns. The A322 Corridor Consultation in July 2017, had the overwhelming support of local residents for the proposed improvements to Brookwood Crossroads."

- 1.4 The online petition went live on 14 October 2022 and closed on 14 October 2023.

2.0 Petition Scheme

- 2.1 As the number of signatories exceeds 200, the petition falls to be debated at the Executive. In accordance with the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions, the petitioner has been invited to attend the meeting and present the petition. The presentation of a petition is limited to not more than three minutes, and should be confined to reading out, or summarising, the purpose of the petition, indicating the number and description of signatories, and making supporting remarks relevant to the petition.
- 2.2 Following the presentation, Members of the Executive will have the opportunity to ask questions of the petitioner. Thereafter, the Executive will discuss the petition and determine what action, if any, is to be taken. To assist the Executive, Officer comments are set out below.

3.0 Officer Comments

- 3.1 Planning application PLAN/2017/1307 for the "Demolition of an existing one-storey dwelling and ancillary structures associated with the existing caravan park (SG) which provides 13 permanent and 2 temporary pitches at Five Acres, to construct a replacement two-storey dwelling and a replacement caravan park comprised of 19 permanent pitches with hard and soft landscaping and relocated access" was reported to Planning Committee on 23 February 2021. The Planning Committee resolved to grant planning permission subject to the completion of a Section 106 legal agreement, the terms of which are set out in the committee report. The legal agreement has not been signed and until it has, planning permission cannot be issued. Planning application PLAN/2021/0248 for the "demolition of 4 residential units and ancillary structures associated with the existing caravan park at Five Acres to construct 128 residential units two-storey and three-storeys in height, including the creation of an improved access road from Brookwood Lye Road, footpath to Brookwood Lye Road, car parking, 2 local areas of play, hard and soft landscaping" has not been progressed. Officers are working with the applicant and land owners to resolve outstanding matters in order for the site to be developed which will meet the objectives of the requirements contained within the Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

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