

To: All Members and Substitute Members of  
the Joint Planning Committee  
(Other Members for Information)

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Date: 11 April 2019

**Membership of the Joint Planning Committee**

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| Cllr John Gray                       | Cllr Nick Williams    |
| Cllr Val Henry                       |                       |

**Substitutes**

Appropriate Substitutes will be arranged prior to the meeting

**Members who are unable to attend this meeting must submit apologies by the end of Friday, 12 April 2019 to enable a substitute to be arranged.**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE will be held as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2019 (or at the conclusion of the Special Southern Area Planning Committee if later)

TIME: 7.15 PM

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING

The Agenda for the Meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR  
Head of Policy and Governance



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## **NOTES FOR MEMBERS**

Members are reminded that contact officers are shown at the end of each report and members are welcome to raise questions etc in advance of the meeting with the appropriate officer.

### **AGENDA**

1. **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2019 (to be laid on the table half an hour before the meeting).

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTES**

To receive apologies for absence.

Where a Member of the Committee is unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same Area Planning Committee may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.

Members are advised that in order for a substitute to be arranged, a Member must give four clear working days notice of their apologies. For this meeting, the latest date apologies can be given for a substitute to be arranged is 12 April 2019.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive from Members declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the Agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Waverley Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from members of the public of which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

The deadline for receipt of questions is 5pm on Friday 12 April 2019.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from Members in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.

The deadline for receipt of questions is 5pm on Friday 12 April 2019.

6. PERFORMANCE AGAINST GOVERNMENT TARGETS (Pages 5 - 6)

Planning Performance and the Government target on quality on planning decision making will now be a standard item on the Joint Planning Committee agenda. This was an agreed recommendation at Executive on 28 November 2017 and is part of the Development Management Service Improvement Plan.

The latest available statistics are attached.

**Applications Subject to Public Speaking**

7. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - WA/2018/2032 - LAND NORTH OF THE RUNWAY EXTENSION, DUNSFOLD PARK, STOVOLDS HILL, CRANLEIGH (Pages 7 - 80)

Proposal

Hybrid application consisting of a Full Application for the erection of Buildings C, D and Energy Centre to provide approximately 6,400 sq. m. of floor space for Design and Engineering use (Mix of B use Classes to comprise Use Classes B1 Business and B8 Storage and distribution) together with car parking, landscaping and associated works. Outline application for the erection of 4 additional buildings (Mix of B use Classes to comprise Use Classes B1 Business and B8 Storage and distribution) including Design Headquarters; Layout and Scale to be determined at Outline. This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement Addendum which is supplementary to the original Dunsfold Park ES submitted under WA/2015/2395.

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION A:

That, subject to completion of a legal agreement by 23/10/2019 to secure highway sustainability improvements and travel plan auditing fee, and subject to conditions, permission be GRANTED.

RECOMMENDATION B:

That, if the requirements of recommendation A are not met, that permission be REFUSED.

**Applications Not Subject to Public Speaking**

8. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - NMA/2019/0059 - LAND AT EAST STREET, FARNHAM (Pages 81 - 104)

Proposal

Amendment to WA/2016/0268 for amendments to building named 'D15' (as amended by plans received 10/04/2019).

Recommendation

That, the Non-Material Amendment Application be APPROVED.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman (if necessary):-

Recommendation

That pursuant to Procedure Rule 20, and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified at the meeting in the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

10. LEGAL ADVICE

To consider any legal advice relating to any application in the agenda.

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**Planning Service Performance on Speed (Government Target)**

|  | <b>Majors*</b> | <b>Non Majors**</b> |
|--|----------------|---------------------|
| Targets  | 60% (or more)  | 70% (or more)       |
| Performance =<br>% of applications determined in statutory or agreed time period.<br><br>Last Assessment Period<br>1 <sup>st</sup> October 2015 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 | 97.79%         | 97.47%              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April 17 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019  | 94.55%         | 94.78%              |

**Planning Service Performance on Quality (Government Target)**

|   | <b>Majors*</b>   | <b>Non Majors**</b> |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Targets   | 10% (or less)  | 10% (or less)       |
| Performance =<br>Major appeals that were allowed, as a % of all major decisions that were made in the Assessment Period.<br>Last Assessment Period<br>1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 | 10.40%<br>Final figure following Folly Hill Appeal decision. | 1.56%               |
| Best Estimate***<br>1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019   | 5.45%  | 1.89%               |

\*A Major application is defined as development which involves any one or more of the following:-

The provision of dwellings when the number proposed is 10 dwellings or more or where the number of dwellings is not known but the site area is 0.5 hectares or more; Provision of building(s) creating over 1,000 square metres of floor space; Site areas in excess of 1 hectare;

There are also some Waste and Mineral applications which are County matters not determined by the Council.

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 Para 2, Interpretation.

**\*\*Non Major** is defined as all other applications submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act (so excluding applications for Advertisement and Listed Building consent) omitting applications under Section 191 and 192 (Certificates of Lawfulness)  
Town and Country Planning Regulations 2013 Regulation 3(5)

**\*\*\*Best Estimate**

It will be at least 6-9 months before data on any appeals arising from these major decisions are known. The estimate is made using data on major decisions made in the period and notifications received of major appeals allowed on decisions made in an earlier period. As data on the actual application appeals becomes known, this will be reported.

## Agenda Item 7.

A1 WA/2018/2032  
Gordon Murray Design Limited  
29/11/2018

Hybrid application consisting of a Full Application for the erection of Buildings C, D and Energy Centre to provide approximately 6,400 sq. m. of floor space for Design and Engineering use (Mix of B use Classes to comprise Use Classes B1 Business and B8 Storage and distribution) together with car parking, landscaping and associated works. Outline application for the erection of 4 additional buildings (Mix of B use Classes to comprise Use Classes B1 Business and B8 Storage and distribution) including Design Headquarters; Layout and Scale to be determined at Outline. This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement Addendum which is supplementary to the original Dunsfold Park ES submitted under WA/2015/2395 at Land North Of The Runway Extension, Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh (as amplified by Phase 1 Framework Travel Plan and email dated 29/3/2019)

Committee:  
Meeting Date:

Joint Planning Committee  
23/04/2019

Public Notice:  
Grid Reference:

Was Public Notice required and posted: Yes  
E: 503481 N: 136874

Parish:  
Ward:  
Case Officer:  
Expiry Date:  
Time Extended Date:  
Neighbour Notification Expiry Date:

Alfold  
Alfold, Cranleigh Rural and Ellens Green  
Rachel Kellas  
20/03/2019  
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RECOMMENDATION A

That, subject to completion of a legal agreement by 23/10/2019 to secure highway sustainability improvements and travel plan auditing fee, and subject to conditions, permission be GRANTED

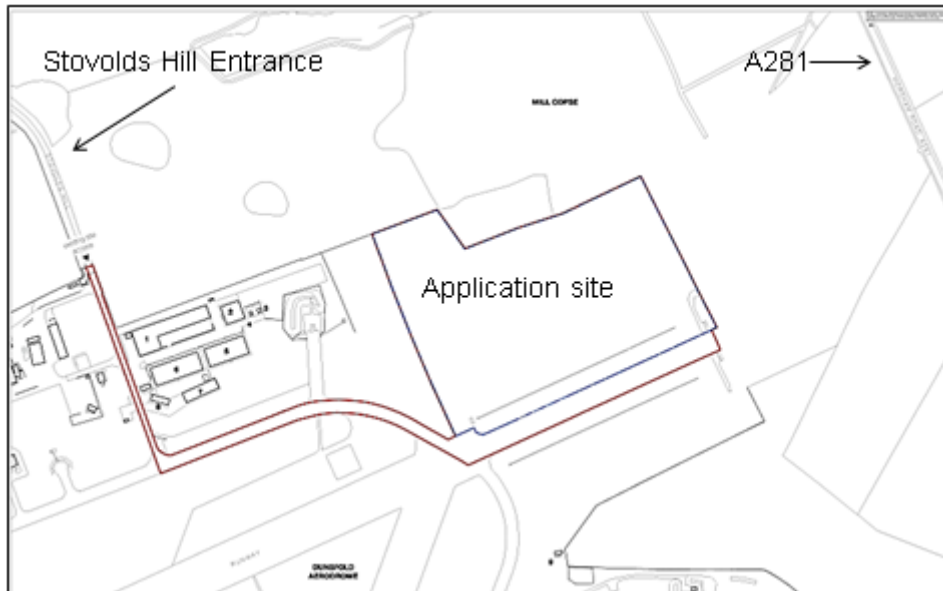
RECOMMENDATION B

That, if the requirements of recommendation A are not met, that permission be REFUSED

1. Introduction

The application has been brought before the Joint Planning Committee because the proposal does not fall within the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

2. Location Plan



3. Site Description

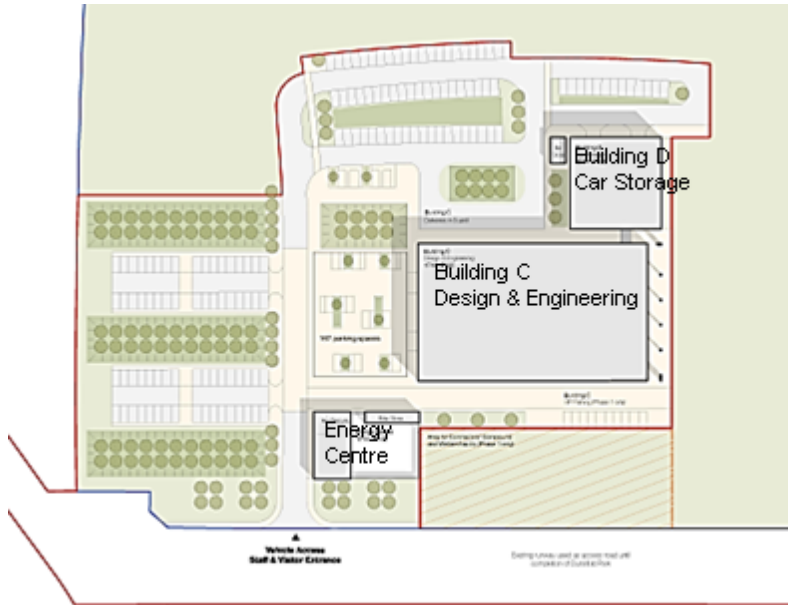
The application site measures 7.2 hectares and is located within Dunsfold Park. The site includes the existing access into Dunsfold Park from Stovolds Hill and extends to an area east of the existing business park.

4. Proposal

Hybrid Planning Permission is sought for

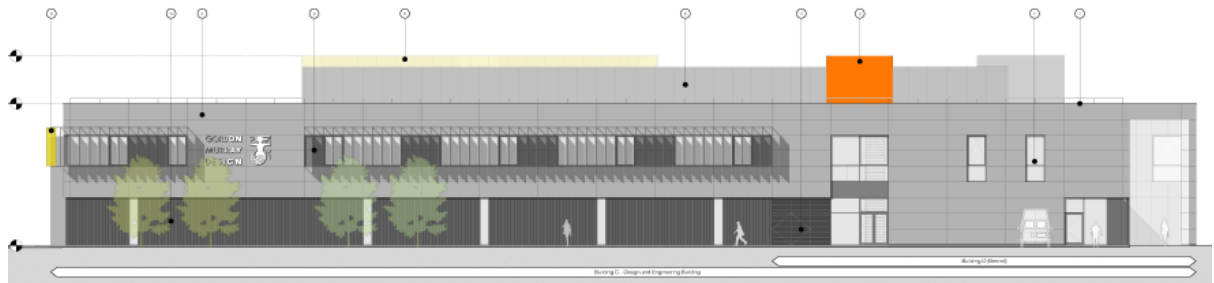
Full Application for the erection of Buildings C, D and Energy Centre to provide approximately 6,400 sq. m. of floor space for Design and Engineering use (Mix of B use Classes to comprise Use Classes B1 Business and B8 Storage and distribution) together with car parking, landscaping and associated works. Access would be via the existing access on Stovolds Hill.





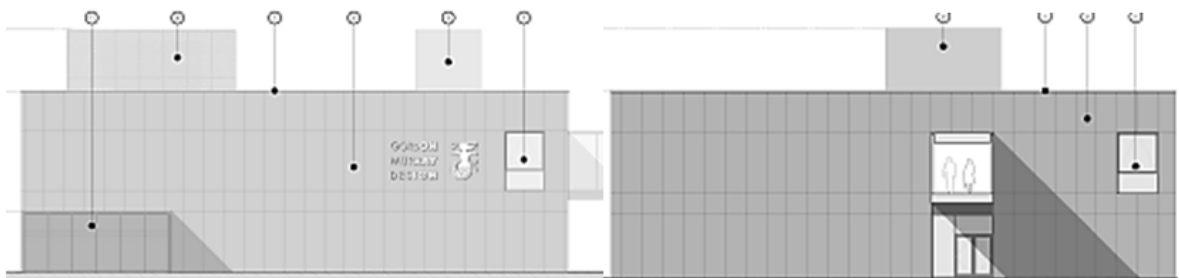
Site Plan – full element of permission

- Building C - Design and Engineering (Use Class B1) - This two storey building would comprise 3 double-height build bay units with open plan design and engineering studios arranged around them on the first floor. The building would also contain a showroom/display area, staff and admin offices, meeting rooms, staff welfare facilities and a staff diner for use until Building B is constructed. Its footprint would be approximately 2,750sqm with a gross internal area of around 4,750sqm.



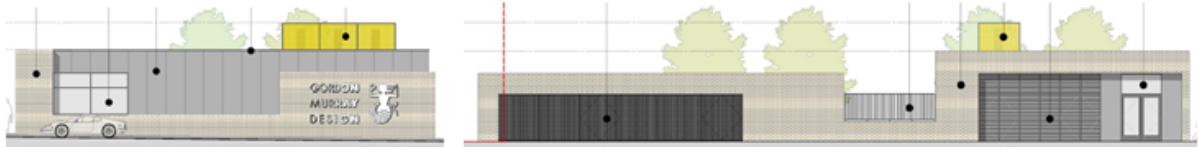
Southern elevation

- Building D - Vehicle Storage Facility (Use Class B8) - This single storey building with mezzanine office space would provide storage for a variety of vehicles used as part of research and development. The building would have a footprint of approximately 750sqm and a gross internal area of around 870sqm.



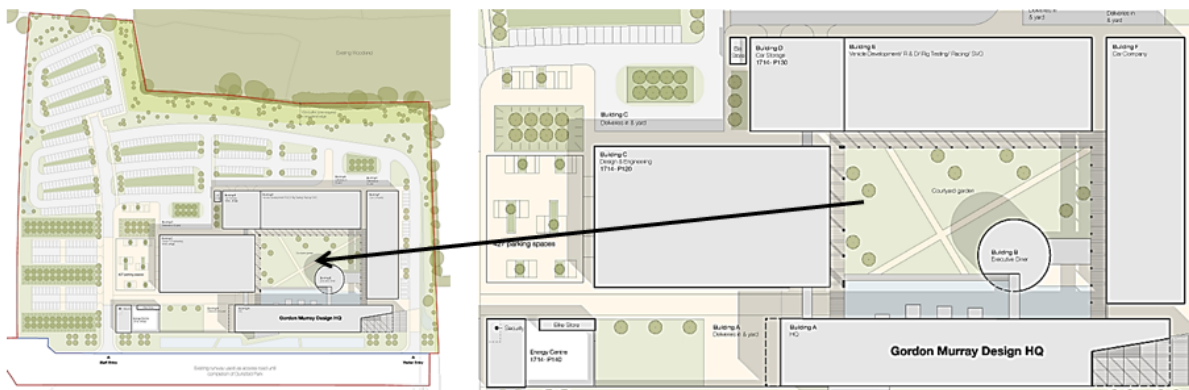
West and eastern elevations

- The energy centre would contain a gas boiler and bulk services such as electricity, boiler plant, chilled water, potable water and domestic hot water within the application site line to process energy and serve the whole of the site through a district ring. The energy centre would have a footprint of approximately 500sqm.



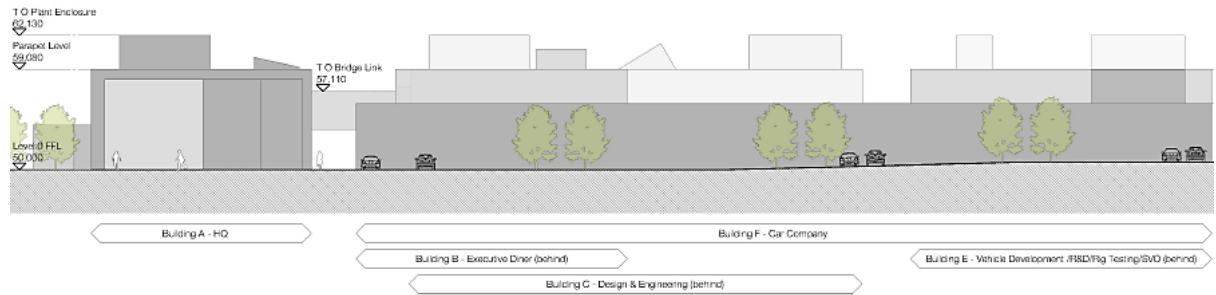
North and western elevations

Outline application for the erection of 4 additional buildings (Mix of B use Classes to comprise Use Classes B1 Business and B8 Storage and distribution) including Design Headquarters; Layout and Scale to be determined at this outline stage. The submitted documents state the proposal is to utilise a new access off the A281:



Site Plan – outline element of scheme

- A – Headquarters and heritage centre (use class B1) with a footprint of circa 2,310sqm and an indicative total floor area (GIA) of 3,100sqm
- B – Staff diner (ancillary to B1 uses) with a footprint of circa 440, and an indicative total floor area (GIA) of 600sqm
- E – Racing/SVO/Research and Development (use class B1) building with a footprint of circa 1,970sqm and an indicative total floor area (GIA) of 2,400sqm
- F – Car company building (use class B1) with a footprint of circa 1,770sqm and an indicative total floor area (GIA) of 1,710



Section showing buildings A and F in foreground, buildings C, C and E behind  
 This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement Addendum which is supplementary to the original Dunsfold Park ES New Settlement planning permission approved under WA/2015/2395

## 5. Heads of terms

The applicant has agreed to enter into a legal agreement to secure the following S106 payments / obligations:

- Prior to first occupation of any building hereby permitted to pay to the county council the Travel Plan Auditing fee of £6,150.
- Provision of a full Travel Plan within 3 months of the first occupation of Phase 1, in general accordance with the approved Framework Travel Plan dated 03/04/2019 and implementation.
- Provision of an updated full Travel Plan within 3 months of the first occupation of Phase 2 and implementation and review.
- Provision of a flexible demand responsive bus service designed around the needs of Gordon Murray employees and existing employees on the site. This shall include, but not be limited to, a bus service between the site and Guildford via the A281. The approved demand responsive bus service shall be implemented within 3 months of the first occupation of Phase 1.
- Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted to submit for the written approval of the Local Planning Authority, in consultation with the Highway Authority, details of appropriate bus stop infrastructure within the site to include shelters and Real Time Passenger Information. The approved bus stop infrastructure shall be provided within 3 months of first occupation of Phase 1.
- Prior to first occupation of Phase 1, details of an on-site car club scheme for use by Gordon Murray employees and existing employees

on the site, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, in consultation with the Highway Authority. The scheme shall comprise the following:

- Within 3 months of the first occupation of Phase 1, a car club vehicle will be provided on site; and
- If viable, and within 3 months of the first occupation of Phase 2, a second car club vehicle will be provided. If not viable at this stage, the viability of a second car club vehicle will be reviewed annually as part of the monitoring of the Travel Plan.
- Each Gordon Murray employee will be offered free membership of the Car Club for the first year; and
- Each Gordon Murray employee will be offered drive time credit to enable the first 25 miles of usage to be free of charge.

## 6. Applicant's Consultation

The application is accompanied by a statement of community involvement. This is contained with the planning statement and sets out the consultation undertaken by the applicant. In this case, the consultation has been limited to with planning officers, with correspondence with parish councils undertaken by the applicant upon submission of the application. However, the statement also indicates that consideration has been given to comments received in relation to the Dunsfold Park New Settlement. That application (WA/2015/2395) was the subject of extensive consultation both pursuant to the planning application itself and also in relation to the Local Plan consultation.

The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (2014) advises that the Council will encourage developers/applicants to consult with the community about their initial schemes. Whilst officers had encouraged applicants to undertake consultation prior to submission, this was not undertaken.

The Council has undertaken its own consultation in line with its statutory requirements, and the applicant has also undertaken consultation during the application process.

The absence of a thorough consultation by the applicant is a negative aspect to this application, however, this does not prevent the application from being determined based on its own planning merits.

## 7. Relevant Planning History

The following table contains relevant planning history. There is an extensive further planning history for the site not reproduced here.

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| WA/2018/0171 | Application under Section 73A to vary Condition 1 & 6 of WA/2009/1891 (condition 1 states that the development is granted for a temporary period only expiring on 1st June 2018 and condition 6 restricts the number of traffic movements) to allow temporary use until 1st June 2021 and to increase the maximum number of traffic movements to 3348 as consented by WA/2015/0695.   | Full Permission<br>25/05/2018                                      |
| SO/2018/0005 | Request for Screening Opinion for proposed building for research and development, engineering/manufacturing, storage, office and ancillary space comprising 14,000 sqm of floorspace, over two floors, within a number of buildings around a courtyard.   | Withdrawn<br>02/05/2018  |
| SO/2015/0008 | Request for Scoping Opinion regarding proposed development for a sustainable, residential-led mixed use development (to include the expansion of the existing employment area).   | Scoping Opinion<br>Given<br>22/07/2015                             |
| WA/2015/2395 | Hybrid Planning Application; Part Outline proposal with all matters reserved for a New Settlement with residential development comprising: 1,800 units, 7,500 sqm care accommodation; a local centre for retail, financial & professional, cafe/restaurant/takeaway and/or public house to total of 2,150 sqm; New business uses including offices, research and development industry (Use Class B1a and B1b) up to max of 3,700 sqm; light and general industry (Use Class B1c and B2) to max of 7,500 sqm; storage and distribution (Use Class B8) to max of 11,000 sqm; a further 9,966 sqm of flexible commercial space (Use Classes B1(b), B1(c), B2 and/or B8); Non-residential institutions; Open space; public transport routes, footpaths & cycleways; landscaping; the removal of | Referred to<br>Secretary of<br>State<br><br>Approved<br>29/03/2018 |

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|  | <p>three runways; all related infrastructure; Part Full application for the demolition of 8,029 sqm of existing buildings and the retention of 36,692 sqm of existing buildings, for their future use; and the temporary use of Building 132 for a construction headquarters (abbreviated description).</p> |  |
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## 8. Planning Policy Constraints

Strategic Site – New Settlement at Dunsfold Aerodrome  
 Countryside beyond Green Belt  
 Section 106 (relates to the New Settlement permission WA/2015/2395)  
 Ancient Woodland 500m buffer  
 Potentially contaminated land  
 Southern Gas Networks - GPL

## 9. Development Plan Policies and Guidance

The Development Plan and relevant policies comprise:

- Waverley Borough Local Plan, Part 1, Strategic Policies and Sites (adopted February 2018):
  - SP1 - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development
  - SP2 - Spatial Strategy
  - ST1 - Sustainable Transport
  - RE1 – Countryside beyond the Green Belt
  - RE3 – Landscape Character
  - TD1 – Townscape and Design
  - HA1 – Protection of Heritage Assets
  - NE1 – Biodiversity and Geological Conservation
  - NE2 - Green and Blue Infrastructure
  - CC1 - Sustainable Construction and Design
  - CC2 - Sustainable Construction and Design
  - CC3 - Renewable Energy Development
  - CC4 - Flood Risk Management
  - SS7 – New Settlement at Dunsfold Aerodrome
  - SS7A – Dunsfold Aerodrome Design Strategy
- Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002 (retained policies February 2018):
  - D1 - Environmental implications of development

- D4 - Design and layout
- D6 – Tree controls
- D7 - Trees, hedgerows and development
- D8 - Crime prevention
- D9 – Accessibility
- C7 - Trees, woodlands and hedgerows
- HE15 - Unidentified Archaeological Sites
- M5 - Provision for cyclists
- M7 - Footpaths and cycleways
- M9 - Provision for people with disabilities and mobility problems

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019q due weight has been given to the relevant policies in the above plans.

Other guidance:

- National Planning Policy Framework (2019)
- National Planning Practice Guidance (2014)
- Land Availability Assessment (2016)
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2012)
- Settlement Hierarchy (Update 2012)
- Climate Change Background Paper (2011)
- Open Space, Sport and Recreation (PPG17) Study 2012
- Statement of Community Involvement (2014 Revision)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2015/2016)
- Cycling Plan SPD (April 2005)
- Council’s Parking Guidelines (2013)
- Vehicular and Cycle Parking Guidance (Surrey County Council 2012)
- Waverley Local Plan Strategic Highway Assessment (Surrey County Council, 2016)
- Surrey Hills Management Plan (2014-2019)
- Employment Land Review (2016)
- Council’s Economic Strategy 2015-2020
- Alfold Initiative Design Statement (1999)

10. Consultations and Town/Parish Council Comments

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| Alfold Council | Parish | <p>No objection provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is dealt with as an exception and that future applications would accord with the emerging Masterplan.</li> <li>2. That the additional floorspace granted under this application would form part of the overall within the</li> </ol> |
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|                                    | <p>Masterplan as permitted under WA/2015/2395.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. All appropriate conditions of permission WA/2015/2395 would be applied to this application.</li> <li>4. If construction of the new access road is not included within the above conditions then a condition should provide that access must be via the new road as soon as it is built.</li> <li>5. That the commencement of implementation of this permission would trigger the start of the S106 obligations under the main permission.</li> </ol>  |
| <p>Busbridge Parish Council</p>    | <p>General observations provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport assessment states that phase one will create 723 daily weekday car trips to and from Dunsfold Park which will rise on full buildout to 1,670 per day</li> <li>• Assessment acknowledges there is a pinch point on the single lane part of Brighton Road but offers no solution</li> <li>• Inevitable that a significant number of commuters, coming from Farnham, Elstead and Milford directions will use Station Lane/ Salt Lane / Markwick Lane to Dunsfold Park as their most direct route</li> <li>• Station Lane/Salt Lane/Markwick Lane has been ignored in transport assessment</li> <li>• It is a very narrow, winding, single track country lane with very poor sight lines which is completed unsuited to the volume of traffic it already carries</li> <li>• This volume of traffic has caused accidents two days already this year</li> </ul> |
| <p>Chiddingfold Parish Council</p> | <p>Support subject to suitable conditions regarding overall quantum of development at the site and environmental mitigation measures are applied.</p> <p>There are benefits from the proposed development, it being by a high-quality engineering company with a well established business and with local connections. The council recognises the potential for additional, quality employment locally which is felt to be beneficial. The employment offered as a result of this development will be in the field of engineering and engineering is a part of the history of the Dunsfold site and a field within which many residents of Chiddingfold were previously employed.</p>  |



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|  | <p>The Parish Council notes the recommendations of the Ecological Baseline Report prepared by LUC and commends the mitigation proposals within it.</p> <p>The council believes that tree planting for screening and repopulation purposes should be with suitable, native species and of such substance and quantity to offer a substantial screening effect / break-up of the development outlines.</p> <p>The Parish Council feels that compensatory green space should be allocated to balance the additional development at this location as against the original plans for this section of the site in the masterplan. Provided that this development is allocated within the totality of the masterplan so that the total development at the site is not increased beyond that approved in the local plan, this council Supports the application.</p> |
| <p>Council's Environmental Health Officers</p> | <p>Air Quality – no objection subject to condition to secure provision of electric vehicle charging points</p> <p>Contaminated land – no objection subject to conditions, agree with findings of submitted report</p> <p>Light – no objection subject to lighting strategy</p> <p>Noise and vibration – No objection subject to conditions to secure noise mitigation measures</p>  |
| <p>County Archaeologist</p>                    | <p>No objection subject to a condition –</p> <p>Does not consider that it is necessary for the archaeological work to be undertaken in advance of any planning permission; but securing the archaeological work as a condition of any planning permission is an acceptable and proportionate response.</p>  |
| <p>County Highway Authority</p>                | <p>No objection on highway safety grounds subject to:</p> <p>Completion of Section 106 agreement to secure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel Plan Auditing fee of £6,150.</li> <li>• Submission of a travel plan</li> <li>• Provision of flexible demand responsive bus service prior to first occupation of any building</li> <li>• Details and provision of appropriate bus stop infrastructure</li> </ul>  |

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|                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of on site car club scheme for use by Gordon Murray employees and existing employees on the site</li> </ul> <p>And subject to conditions to include requirement for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast charge sockets for electric vehicles</li> </ul> <p>Subject to the above package of transport mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal would Improve accessibility to the site by non-car modes of travel, therefore the planning application does meet the transport sustainability requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.</li> <li>• The proposed access and movement strategy for the development would enable safe and suitable access to the site for all users.</li> <li>• The proposal would satisfactorily mitigate the highway impacts of the proposed development (both in terms of highway safety/capacity and transport sustainability).</li> <li>• The residual cumulative impact on the road network would not be severe.</li> </ul> |
| Forestry Commission        | Refer to standing advice   |
| Lead Local Flood Authority | <p>No objection subject to conditions:</p> <p>Satisfied that the proposed drainage scheme meets the requirements set out in the aforementioned documents and can recommend planning permission is granted. Would however recommend that should planning permission be granted, that suitably worded conditions are applied to ensure that the SuDS Scheme is properly implemented and maintained throughout the lifetime of the development.</p>   |
| Natural England            | <p>No Objection - Subject To Appropriate Mitigation Being Secured</p> <p>Consider that without appropriate mitigation the application would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a significant impact on the purposes of designation of Surrey Hills AONB.</li> </ul> <p>In order to mitigate these adverse effects and make the</p>   |

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|   | <p>development acceptable, the following mitigation options should be secured:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green infrastructure (GI) should be a prominent aspect of the development site, including the provision of green roofs on the larger buildings, and screening tree planting within the car parking area</li> <li>• Any loss of open space agreed in the permitted masterplan that is proposed to be removed in the use of this development must be replaced within the overall development</li> <li>• A lighting strategy to demonstrate how there will be minimal light spillage onto the AONB and area of Ancient Woodland</li> </ul> <p>Advise that an appropriate planning condition or obligation is attached to any planning permission to secure these measures.</p>   |
| <p>Surrey County Council's in house Environmental Assessment Team</p> | <p>No objection - recommends that the ES Addendum (October 2018) submitted in support of Planning Application WA/2018/2032 is of an acceptable standard, and that the Planning Authority can proceed with the determination of the application.</p>   |
| <p>Surrey Hills AONB Planning Adviser</p>                             | <p>General observations provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current application site appears to be an outward expansion of the permitted development as most of the site was shown on the accompanying illustrative masterplan as being left open.</li> <li>• If the Planning Authority is minded to grant permission for the development of this land, it may wish to consider with those pursuing the main new settlement proposal where an equivalent area open space would replace proposed development shown in that masterplan.</li> <li>• If the Planning Authority is nevertheless minded to accept the principle of this proposal it is asked that considerably more tree planting be carried out.</li> <li>• The mid and dark grey external colours of the buildings are supported. Any brighter contrast colours should be kept to a minimum to avoid the buildings being conspicuous in the landscape.</li> <li>• Plant should be more incorporated, if possible, into the design of the buildings rather than protrude</li> </ul> |

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|              | upwards as appendages to the extent shown in the drawings.  |
| Thames Water | <p>No objection subject to conditions:</p> <p>Foul Water sewage network infrastructure capacity – no objection</p> <p>Thames Water has identified an inability of the existing water network infrastructure to accommodate the needs of this development proposal. Request that the following condition be added to any planning permission.</p> <p>No properties shall be occupied until confirmation has been provided that either:- all water network upgrades required to accommodate the additional flows from the development have been completed; or - a housing and infrastructure phasing plan has been agreed with Thames Water to allow additional properties to be occupied. Where a housing and infrastructure phasing plan is agreed no occupation shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed housing and infrastructure phasing plan.</p> <p>Reason - The development may lead to no / low water pressure and network reinforcement works are anticipated to be necessary to ensure that sufficient capacity is made available to accommodate additional demand anticipated from the new development.</p> |

## 11. Representations

In accordance with the statutory requirements and the “Reaching Out to the Community – Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement – August 2014” the application was advertised in the newspaper on 14/12/2018 site notices were displayed around the site 17/12/2018 and neighbour notification letters were sent on 07/12/2018.

13 letters (from 9 address points) have been received raising objection on the following grounds:

### Traffic:

- Stovolds Hill (which contains blind bends and is unsuitable for HGVs) is totally incapable of accommodating more large vehicles, already too many.

- Use of Stovolds Hill by large vehicles becoming a safety issue, particularly with the speed of large vehicles.
- An appropriate traffic plan for construction vehicles should ensure all construction vehicles use Trunk and A roads and not the unsuitable rural routes to the A3.
- Unacceptable on grounds of traffic safety to allow any increase in traffic along Stovolds Hill
- The use of Stovolds Hill ignores requirements of Local Plan Policy SS7 and the Secretary of State decision in relation to the proposed New Settlement
- Request a 7.5 tonne HGV restriction is placed on the entire east - west route from Cranleigh Crossroads on the A281 to Station Lane at Milford (Tuesley Lane junction).
- The route from Cranleigh Crossroads on the A281 to Station Lane at Milford is currently designated "Unsuitable for HGVs" but the advisory signs are routinely ignored by a large number of commercial vehicles including HGVs destined for Dunsfold Airfield where there is a Fuel depot and Biodigester unit are currently using the Markwick Lane route - vehicles from Watson Fuels, Certas, CPS Fuels, LC Energy and Butler Fuels.

#### Visual impacts:

- New application is large
- It will be a massive eyesore, not only to the current neighbours but also to the new development

#### Loss of green space and wildlife:

- Proposed on green land, which is not acceptable
- Total disregard to the importance of the preservation of our natural flora and fauna.
- Unclear where the open space would be replaced within the site – there is a statement in environmental statement which suggests it wont be replaced. Should be a matter for the masterplan as a whole

#### Consultation:

- No notification received either by the applicant or Waverley
- Application was posted just before Christmas when people go on holiday - makes we wonder about the integrity of the application
- Applicant was asked in pre-app response to commence consultation, however, none has taken place
- Questions submitted to the applicant have not been answered

#### Noise and impacts on neighbouring dwellings:

- Boundary of our property (hall place farm) is 500m from site boundary not 720m as reported
- Noise and light pollution will be a problem
- Management and mitigation of all dust, noise, vibration and air pollution should be addressed within site wide management plan pursuant to the master plan
- Disturbance by way of dust, noise, vibration, reversing beepers and air pollution was experience during construction of the most recently constructed industrial buildings.

Relationship to the New Settlement permission and amount of floorspace:

- Question why application has not been submitted as a reserved matters application / part of the New Settlement Permission
- Masterplan should be developed for the whole site prior to development commencing
- Secretary of state made it clear no development should commence until new road is in place.
- With no masterplan there is no certainty over how the scheme will relate to the remainder of commercial development on the site
- This building should be part of the already proposed industrial buildings, not extra, this should be enforced by condition
- Granting this application could set a precedent for further piecemeal applications without proper consultation
- Question why proposal was not included in the earlier applications
- Quantum of development proposed for each use class should be taken off the amounts approved under the New Settlement permission
- This application should be bound by same conditions as on the outline permission

Timescales:

- Applicant under pressure to move out premises by 2019 however realistic occupation not likely until mid 2020 so temporary relocation would still be necessary – therefore no case to allow piecemeal development

Infrastructure

- No allowance for infrastructure improvements

## 12. Submissions in support

In support of the application the applicant has made the following points:

- Dunsfold Aerodrome in Surrey, near the village of Cranleigh.

- It is sited within short commuting distance of the current Shalford premises, which will reduce the need for existing employees to relocate.
- With regards to development opportunities within Surrey, a large proportion of land is designated as green belt. Hence Dunsfold Aerodrome - a substantial brown field designated as a strategic site by Waverley Borough Council's adopted local plan (February 2018) provides an opportunity to avoid developing on other green field sites.
- The site falls within the Dunsfold Park masterplan footprint, with the west and south of the proposed Gordon Murray Design site bound by land allocated for significant residential and commercial development. This provides the opportunity for existing and new employees from the GMD Campus to live and work locally in the long term.
- Dunsfold Aerodrome has had strong links with cars, notably as the site of the BBC show Top Gear's studio and test track since 2002. The addition of GMD's new campus would extend this heritage.
- The proposed GMD campus has a role to play in helping deliver business and industrial units. As well as additional jobs, it will act as catalysis and enable the promotion and expansion of the cluster of knowledge-driven and technology industries already established at Dunsfold together with possible spin-off businesses.
- Proposal will help to bring in different business sectors and creative talents to support a diverse economic growth within the Waverley area.
- The application is submitted in hybrid format to accommodate the applicant's immediate needs (moving from existing, constrained premises at Shalford in Guildford Borough), and the business vision for the future.
- The detailed part of the application will allow the existing business to relocate with the outline offering certainty to the company that it can expand quickly when the need arises
- The location of GMD in the local region is of great importance, providing a source of employment and economic benefit to the surrounding area.
- The ambition of the company to expand and develop their operations will enhance these benefits, therefore the ability to retain GMD within the vicinity of their current location is key to securing this.
- The requirement of a phased approach to construction has led to the creation of a composed scheme that has the quality to stand alone and appear complete at each point of development.
- The proposal buildings are appropriate to the functionality and ambition of Gordon Murray Design, while also complementing a sustainable landscape strategy

## 13. Planning Considerations

### 13.1 Principle of development

The consideration of planning applications takes place in the context of a plan-led system. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Policy SP1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) states that when considering development proposals the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the NPPF.

Policy EE1 sets out that the provision of development for economic growth to meet the needs of the economy, including at least 16,000sqm of new Use Classes B1a/b floorspace will be delivered through (in part) the allocation of sites for additional employment floorspace on land at Dunsfold Aerodrome in accordance with Policy SS7 and SS7a of this plan.

Policy SS7 allocates Dunsfold Aerodrome for a mixed use New Settlement to contain up to 2,600 homes and an expanded business park with around 26,000sqm of additional employment (B Class) floor space.

Policy SS7A sets out a number of design principles to guide the future development of Dunsfold Aerodrome.

### 13.2 Compliance with Policy SS7 & SS7A

Dunsfold Aerodrome, as identified on the Adopted Policies Map and on the plan below, is allocated for mixed use strategic development to accommodate housing, employment and associated supporting uses.

Policy SS7 states:

The development should create a high quality, mixed use community with its own identity and character, forming a New Settlement, with a range of community facilities and services, appropriate to a settlement of this size. The development should fully recognise the significance of the heritage value of the site and conserve the site's heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance.

The setting of the Surrey Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty will be protected, in accordance with Policy RE3.



The scheme should include:

- a) About 2,600 homes to be delivered by 2032.
- b) An expanded business park with around 26,000 sq m of new employment (B Class) floorspace.
- c) A local centre providing -
  - i. At least 3,750 sq m gross floorspace with shops, financial and professional services, restaurants and cafes, drinking establishments and hot food takeaways (Use Classes A1 to A5) to provide for the day to day needs of residents, and
  - ii. Social infrastructure including a new primary school, which will additionally provide early education for two to four year olds, health facilities, and community facilities. A financial contribution will also need to be made to off-site secondary school provision.
- d) The provision of publicly accessible local and strategic open space, to include a managed Country Park of at least 103 ha.
- e) Appropriate on and off site leisure facilities.
- f) A new canal basin to the Wey and Arun Canal.
- g) Land to be reserved on or adjoining the site for the provision of a museum reflecting the site's history as an aviation centre.
- h) Public art to reflect the heritage of the site.
- i) Necessary highways improvements to adequately mitigate the likely impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed development on both the safe operation and the performance of the surrounding road network.
- j) A package of sustainable measures, including a frequent bus service to be provided and secured in perpetuity to serve the whole site, to maximise opportunities for alternative forms of transport and to support alternatives to the private car.
- k) The reinforcement of existing utility infrastructure for electricity, gas, water and telecommunications to serve the development.
- l) An appropriate buffer between the permitted anaerobic digestion facility and any new housing development.

Policy SS7 allocates Dunsfold Aerodrome for a mixed use New Settlement to contain up to 2,600 homes and an expanded business park with around 26,000sqm of additional employment (B Class) floor space. This current proposal is not for a New Settlement; rather, it seeks to bring forward part of the employment floorspace permitted by virtue of Policy SS7 and the New Settlement hybrid planning permission (WA/2015/2395) ahead of any reserved matters applications in relation to the New Settlement. Given the scale and nature of the proposal, it would not be reasonable to insist upon full compliance with Policy SS7 (for example, requiring the provision of 2,600 dwellings or the associated infrastructure).

Officers are satisfied, however, that the proposal is compliant with Policy SS7 criterion b) in principle as the proposal relates to the expansion of the existing business park and would fall within the total amount of floorspace permitted by Policy SS7.

Officers are satisfied that the scheme would not prevent, or conflict with, bringing the New Settlement forward. The proposed development would be closely related to the existing business park which benefits from full planning permission.

Policy SS7a (Dunsfold Aerodrome Design Strategy) states (in summary):

Dunsfold Aerodrome New Settlement will be a high quality design-led new Surrey village for the 21st Century, a place where residents choose to live, work and visit.

The following are the key design principles which will guide the future development of Dunsfold Aerodrome. In addition to Policy TD1, all proposals for the development of Dunsfold Aerodrome shall clearly demonstrate how it achieves the following strategic design principles:

- i. A village that has a distinct local character:
- ii. Safe, connected and efficient streets:
- iii. A significant network of greenspaces and public places
- iv. A secure environment
- v. A choice of access and inclusive communities:
- vi. An efficient use of natural resources
- vii. Cohesive and vibrant neighbourhoods

The Masterplan - the developer must produce a Masterplan for the overall site that will respond to the design principles set out in this policy.

(Full Policy contained at appendix 1)

The current proposal is not accompanied by an approved masterplan for the New Settlement. Given the proposal relates just to a small part of the strategic site, and is solely for employment uses, it would be unreasonable to require an approved masterplan in advance of consideration of this application. Rather, the consideration for members is whether granting this application would prejudice achieving compliance with SS7A in respect of the future submission of an acceptable master plan for the New Settlement. Officers are of the view that there would be no material conflict in this respect.

The design principles set out in Policy SS7A, where relevant to this proposal which solely relates to a proposed employment use, are considered later in this report (Landscape and Visual Amenity). That section concludes that the proposal is considered to be compliant with the principles set out in Policy SS7A having regard to the high quality of the proposed design, and the way in which the scheme responds to its surroundings.

### 13.3 The existing New Settlement permission WA/2015/2395

The existing hybrid planning permission WA/2015/2395 relates to:

- Part Outline proposal with all matters reserved for a New Settlement with residential development comprising: 1,800 units (Use Classes C3), 7,500 sqm care accommodation (Use Classes C2); a local centre to comprise retail, financial and professional, cafes/restaurant/takeaway and/or public house up to a total of 2,150 sqm (Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5);
- New business uses including offices, and research and development industry (Use Classes B1a and B1b) up to a maximum of 3,700 sqm; light and general industry (Use Classes B1c and B2) up to a maximum of 7,500 sqm; storage and distribution (Use Class B8) up to a maximum of 11,000 sqm; a further 9,966 sqm of flexible commercial space (Use Classes B1(b), B1(c), B2 and/or B8);
- Non-residential institutions including health centre, relocation of existing Jigsaw School into new premises and provision of new community centre (Use Class D1) up to a maximum of 9,750 sqm; a two-form entry Primary School;
- Open space including water bodies, outdoor sports, recreational facilities, canal basin and nature conservation areas; public transport routes, footpaths and cycleways; landscaping; the removal of three runways; all related infrastructure including roads, car and cycle parking, energy plant and associated equipment, water supply, telecommunications, drainage systems and waste water treatment facilities;
- Part full application for the demolition of 8,029 sqm of existing buildings and the retention of 36,692 sqm of existing buildings, for their future use for a specified purpose as defined by the Use Classes as specified in the schedule of buildings and their uses; and the temporary use of Building 132 for a construction headquarters.

For the outline elements of the hybrid permission, which includes the expansion of the existing business park, reserved matters applications will need to be made prior to those elements of the scheme commencing.

The current proposal sits within the application site area for the hybrid permission. The amount of employment space proposed (between 6,400sqm

and 14,000sqm) would fall within the quantum of B Class floorspace permitted under WA/2015/2395 (up to 32,166sqm). The effect of this, is that when the reserved matters applications come forward, the current proposal, if granted, would need to be shown within the reserved matters application, and it would need to be demonstrated that the employment floorspace approved falls within the parameters of the outline permission.

It is acknowledged that the proposal does represent a variation to the parameter plans, and the indicative masterplan, submitted pursuant to that permission. The proposal would see the employment floorspace positioned further to the east and south, closer to the A281, than indicatively previously shown and approved. It should be noted that whilst the parameter plan was an approved plan, the masterplan submitted pursuant to that application was indicative only. The New Settlement permission is subject of a condition (condition 7) to submit and have approved, a masterplan for the proposal. This would need to take account of this proposal, should permission be granted.

Site in context of Dunsfold indicative master plan (Figure 3.5 of Design and Access statement):



Approved land use parameter plan extract for New Settlement permission (WA.2015.2395):



As a point of information, it may be necessary for the Dunsfold Park applicants to seek to vary condition number 5 (plan numbers) to reflect the current proposal, should permission be granted. Officers note, given the overall scale of the New Settlement permission, that it would be possible to provide sufficient alternative open space within the development.

In terms of the current proposal, it is necessary to assess the application on its own individual merits. Whilst Officers anticipate that the applicants will be keen to progress the New Settlement in the near future, through the submission of relevant condition discharge and reserved matters applications, it remains a theoretical possibility that the New Settlement development may not come forward, or may be delayed. As such, the starting point is to assess the application against the current on site position and any delay to the current proposal to await progress on the implementation of the New Settlement Permission could not be reasonably justified in planning terms.

For the reasons set out in this section, and elsewhere in this report, Officers are satisfied that the proposal would not prejudice the New Settlement coming forward, and that an appropriate level of open space could be achieved. The detail of the final Masterplan will be a matter to be considered pursuant to the New Settlement permissions and not in relation to the current proposal.

The principle of development in relation to the current application is therefore acceptable in both policy terms and in terms of the extant planning history.

#### 13.4 Environmental Impact Regulations 2017

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement Addendum which is supplementary to the original Dunsfold Park ES submitted under WA/2015/2395.

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) state that an Environmental Statement (ES) should 'include the data required to identify and assess the main effects which the development is likely to have on the environment'.

An ES is required to ensure that the likely significant effects (both direct and indirect) of a proposed development are fully understood and taken into account before the development is allowed to go ahead. An ES must describe the likely significant effects and mitigating measures envisaged.

Officers have sought the independent review of the content and scope of the ES by Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team. The advice was that, as submitted, the Environmental Statement was compliant with the minimum information requirements set out in Regulation 18(3)(a)-(e) of the EIA Regulations 2017 and that the Local Planning Authority can proceed with the determination of the application.

The relevant planning policies and guidance relating to the ES topics, are set out within the 'Development Plan Policies' section of this report (above).

The submitted ES Addendum (October 2018) includes the following chapters that address the impacts of the proposed development on those aspects of the environment identified by the Planning Authority as likely to experience significant impacts:

- Ecology and Nature Conservation
- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Cultural Heritage
- Land Quality and Hydrogeology
- Hydrology and Water Resources
- Access, Traffic and Transport
- Air Quality and Odour
- Noise and Vibration
- Social and Community Wellbeing
- Economic Issues
- Climate Change
- Major Accidents and Disasters

Although no formal Scoping Opinion was adopted in respect of the proposed development, the information submitted in the ES Addendum (October 2018) is consistent with the principles set out in Regulation 18(4). Furthermore, the original Environmental Statement which was submitted pursuant to the New Settlement Permission WA/2015/2395 was informed by a Regulation 5 Screening Opinion and a scoping opinion SO/2015/0008.

The main conclusions of the ES topics and the Officers' response to them are set out in the relevant sections of this officer report.

### 13.5 Ecology and Nature Conservation and compliance with Habitat Regulations 2017

Ecology and Nature Conservation is considered within Chapter 4 of the submitted Environmental Statement addendum.

Relevant Development Plan Policies, guidance and their requirements are:

- Policy NE1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 states that the Council will seek to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Development will be permitted provided it retains, protects and enhances biodiversity and ensures any negative impacts are avoided or, if unavoidable, mitigated.
- Further, Circular 06/2005 states 'It is essential that the presence or otherwise of protected species and the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development, is established before planning permission is granted.'
- Paragraph 175(c) of the NPPF 2018 sets out that, when determining planning applications, development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists.

The ecological reports submitted with the application comprise updated habitat and vegetation surveys with a focus on the grassland habitat types. The key ecological features which could be impacted by the proposal are identified as being:

- The adjacent Mill Copse which is an area of Ancient Woodland and locally designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance.
- A range of grassland habitat including an area of higher value unimproved grassland which includes presence of ground nesting birds.
- Site boundaries which could potentially be used by bats

The main change affected by the current application when compared with the Dunsfold Park New Settlement is the additional area of grassland that would be lost.

Mitigation against possible impacts on the ecological features is in some cases incorporated into the design. The proposed layout shows that a 15m buffer zone would be provided. In respect of the grassland habitats, it is noted that these areas have been the subject of regular management in line with the site's use as an aerodrome. This management would have reduced the value of the site for wildlife.

The ES concludes that in respect of protected species (including bats, great crested newts, reptiles and badgers), with mitigation, there would not be adverse significant effects either at the construction or operational stage.

There are potential significant effects at a local study area level upon ground nesting birds as a result of habitat loss during the construction phase after mitigation. This is having regard to the loss of habitat. However, in the longer term and when the scheme is operational, significant beneficial impacts are identified after mitigation and enhancement measures.

The Environmental Statement concludes that when considering the findings of the New Settlement Environmental Statement together with the current proposal, the construction and operational impacts for the Dunsfold Park Masterplan remained valid.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on Ecology and Nature Conservation.

Natural England has raised no objection to the proposal subject to appropriate mitigation being secured. In respect of appropriate mitigation, Natural England has recommended the following measures in respect of ecology and nature conservation:

- A lighting strategy to demonstrate how there will be minimal light spillage onto the AONB and area of Ancient Woodland and to maintain a dark woodland edge for foraging and commuting



In addition to the above mitigation measures by consultees, Officers support the inclusion of the following mitigation and enhancement measures (to be secured by condition):

- Enhancing of grassland habitats through translocation, and to be the subject of a monitoring programme
- Best practice construction methods and sensitive timing of works to prevent harm to protected species during the construction process
- Creation of a grassland/scrub/tree mosaic within the Ancient Woodland Buffer Zone
- Restoration of hedgerow boundaries
- Creation of SuDS including linear swales and wetlands sown and planted with native species
- Areas of wildflower grassland and native trees / scrub planting
- Water feature and wildlife friendly planting within formal areas of the development
- Securing a Landscape and Habitat Management Plan

Officers are satisfied that the Environmental Survey and accompanying reports are sufficient to identify the likely impacts of the development in respect of Ecology and Nature Conservation. Where there are identified impacts on habitats or protected species, these could be appropriately mitigated. There would also be some longer term enhancements in respect of the site's ecology.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees that the likely effects upon ecology and habitats have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation and, in respect of the majority of impacts, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall in EIA terms.

Officers are also satisfied, that subject to conditions to secure the mitigation outlined in the Environmental Statement and supporting documents, the proposal would not result in significant adverse effects upon any protected species, and the proposal would be acceptable in terms of biodiversity. As such, the proposal would comply with Policy NE1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) and the requirements of the NPPF.

### 13.6 Landscape and Visual Amenity

Landscape and Visual Amenity are considered within Chapter 5 of the submitted Environmental Statement addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:

- Policy TD1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) requires development to be of high quality design and to be well related in size, scale and character to its surroundings. Retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002 are attributed substantial and full weight respectively due to their level of consistency with the NPPF 2018.
- The site is located within the Countryside beyond the Green Belt outside any defined settlement area. Policy RE1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 states that in this area the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside will be recognised and safeguarded in accordance with the NPPF.
- The site is located in close proximity to the to the AONB and AGLV. Policy RE3 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 sets out that the setting of the AONB will be protected where development outside its boundaries harms public views from or into the AONB.
- Policy NE2 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 states that the Council will seek, where appropriate, to maintain and enhance existing trees, woodland and hedgerows within the Borough. Retained Policies D6 and D7 of the Local Plan 2002 are attributed full and significant weight respectively due to their level of consistency with the NPPF 2018.

The application site itself does not form part of a protected landscape, nor does it comprise open countryside as it forms part of the existing aerodrome. The site boundaries, particularly to the north, are well defined with security fencing and woodland beyond. There are some longer distance views of the site from within the Surrey Hills AONB.

The methodology used in the landscape and visual amenity chapter of the Environmental Statement addendum includes a review of 17 of the viewpoints used in the New Settlement assessment in relation to the current proposal.

The Environmental Statement addendum identifies that the site lies within the Low Weald and close to an area of Greensand Hills which forms part of the Surrey Hills AONB. The landscape of the site and its immediate surrounds is similar to the position at the time of the New Settlement Permission. However, there have been some changes since that time and these include the completion of the anaerobic digestion plant which is now operational and completion of the six new commercial buildings situated within the north of the business park. The application site is not covered by any formal landscape designations. However, it does lie 1.7m from the Surrey Hills AONB and just over 200m from the Surrey Hills AGLV. The wooded character of the area around the site limits views in. Views are possible from some private residential properties and also from some elevated positions. These include Hascombe Hill and Winterfold Hill within the AONB. Where these longer

vantage points do exist, the submitted Environmental Statement Addendum indicates that Dunsfold Aerodrome represents a small portion of those views.

The design and siting of the proposal is considered to make use of existing screening along the site boundaries. The proposal also maintains a 15m Buffer to the Ancient Woodland to the north. Landscaping is proposed along the boundary to the east – to views from the A281. Islands of planting are proposed within the parking areas to mitigate against the visual impact of the car park.

It is acknowledged that the construction phase would result in the loss of grassland land cover where operational development / engineering operations are proposed. This would amount to an adverse impact on Local Character Area A1 – Wey and Arun Clay Vale. The Environmental Statement Addendum report finds that these impacts would not be significant taken given the impact would be contained by areas of woodland bordering the site and also the scale in relation to the wider landscape area. There would be some adverse impacts on users of the A281 and users of the existing business park who would have views of the construction process itself.

During the operational phase, the Environmental Statement Addendum identifies a moderate (significant) effect upon the Alfold Crossways Wey and Arun Clay Vale due to a large change to a small area. The effects however would be a mixture of positive and negative, the report identifies positive effects would arise from the introduction of a high quality landmark building together with the proposed environmental improvements.

The Environmental Statement Addendum identifies that during the operational phase, visual effects arising from views of the proposed development would not be significant because there would only be oblique views afforded from the A281, which would be at some distance, and those within the business park are limited in number.

In terms of the proposed development as part of the New Settlement, the Environmental Statement addendum does not consider that the current proposal would have such an impact as to change the overall effect on the above visitors to the site (or A281 users). The New Settlement as a whole is much more extensive than the current proposal in isolation.

The impact of the construction and operational phases of the development on the AGLV and AONB are considered to be negligible and therefore mitigation is not required.

The main change in comparison with the impact of the New Settlement is the alteration to the positioning and orientation of the proposed development when compared with the parameter plan approved pursuant to the New Settlement permission. The current proposal would see the commercial buildings extended further east in the site, and would bring the buildings closer to the A281 than would otherwise be the case.

In allowing the New Settlement permission, the Secretary of State concluded that due to the current use of the site as a business park and operational aerodrome, the sensitivity of the landscape character is not high. It was further concluded that the aerodrome has limited value in landscape terms and that the intactness of the landscape was lost when the aerodrome was created and it has little scenic quality. It was therefore concluded that the impact of the proposal on landscape character would attract no more than moderate weight.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on Landscape and Visual Amenity.

The Surrey Hills AONB Planning Advisor identifies some potential adverse landscape impacts resulting from the proposal, although does not raise objection. The Surrey Hills AONB Planning Advisor notes the potential impacts of the New Settlement were considered pursuant to the assessment of that application, and was ultimately found to be acceptable having regard to the detailed plans and landscaping proposals which would minimise that potential impact. The Surrey Hills AONB Planning Advisor expresses concern that the current application site appears to be an outward expansion of the permitted development as most the application site was shown to be left open on the plan approved pursuant to the New Settlement Permission, and questions the necessity for the proposed development to be sited in its current position rather than within the commercial areas shown on the approved parameter plan.

Notwithstanding the comments of the Surrey Hills AONB Planning Advisor, officers consider that the appropriate forum for considering where the open space should subsequently be delivered, pursuant to the New Settlement, is as part of an assessment of the New Settlement conditions and relevant reserved matters applications. This current proposal could be delivered in isolation should for any reason; the New Settlement is not delivered or is significantly delayed. The New Settlement permission includes minimum levels of open space to be delivered within the scheme (set out in the section

106 legal agreement), and is also subject to a masterplan condition which would require the applicants for that scheme to apply to the Council for its approval of a masterplan which addresses the requirements of the hybrid permission in an acceptable manner. It is important to note that the current proposal does not amount to an expansion of the New Settlement permission; rather it seeks to amend the location of part of the approved commercial industrial uses.

Further, if the Planning Authority is minded to grant permission for the development of this land, it may wish to consider with those pursuing the main New Settlement proposal where an equivalent area open space would replace proposed development shown in that masterplan.

The submitted Environmental Statement makes the point that the proposed buildings are to be located where less visible from the AONB because of existing tree cover to the north. Instead car parking is proposed in this more visible location. Having regard to the basis upon which the New Settlement permission was granted it is disturbing to see already a potential expansion proposal. It would mean that the New Settlement would be less contained and even larger than previously proposed and permitted thereby increasing its impact upon the neighbouring AONB and AGLV.

The Surrey Hills AONB advisor supports the use of mid and dark grey external colours of the buildings. This, together with minimising the use of brighter contrast colours serves to avoid the buildings appearing unduly conspicuous in the landscape.

The Surrey Hills AONB advisor also requests that if permission is to be granted, considerably more tree planting be carried out and this should include large native trees; needed in an effort to assimilate the development into its setting rather than the currently proposed more delicate looking trees and planting such as silver birches. An opportunity is also identified for planting to be incorporated into the design of the buildings. This is a viewpoint shared by the Council's Tree and Landscape Officer.

The Council's Tree & Landscape officer recommends that an appropriate buffer of planting (a woodland shaw – this is a strip of woodland typically measuring between 5 and 15m in width) along the Eastern boundary to supplement the existing hedgerow and provide longer term screening. This would border the access road and also would delineate the end of the business park.

In terms of planting incorporated into the design of the buildings, there is an opportunity to secure such planting as part of the reserved matters

(appearance and landscaping) for the outline element of the proposal. It is the buildings subject of the outline element of the scheme that would be positioned closest to the A281 and are of the greatest significance in terms of the potential landscape impacts of the scheme.

Further mitigation planting could also be secured to the east of the application site pursuant to New Settlement reserved matters applications, should it be necessary in order for the proposed development, when implemented as part of the New Settlement, to be visually acceptable.

The principal public view of the site is currently from the A281 to the east where limited hedgerow quality means the reduced buffer to new built form that the proposal invokes makes it more visually significant within the current rural context.

The proposed strip of land to the east of the access road is not of a depth (even if planted up as a shelterbelt) to provide a longer term visual buffer to the built form. The scheme proposes bulking up to the current gappy, hedgerow line. Officers consider that a more robust landscape strategy is required.

The proposal includes the banks of disposed soil from the foundation requirements with poplars planted atop (“raised aspen groves”), officers have some reservations over this feature as they are not a natural design concept. That noted, the southernmost bund could be successful in providing screening and reducing longer/wider views from the South across the large area of car parking proposed and in maturity could also provide some screening of built form from the west. The Council’s Tree and Landscape Officer advises that good well maintained wildflower mixes could be visually acceptable within the formal urban context of an industrial park, however, if latterly found to be considered untidy or of limited seasonal interest, there may be pressure to revert to shorn turf over time beyond the control of short term landscape condition of permission. Officers consider that it would be appropriate to implement a landscaping management plan to cover a 10 year period rather than the standard 5 years. This reflects the scale of the proposed development, and also of the extent of change likely to occur at Dunsfold Park in relation to the New Settlement.

Natural England has raised no objection subject to appropriate mitigation secured, and has noted that without appropriate mitigation the application could result in a significant impact on the purposes of designation of the Surrey Hills AONB. In respect of appropriate mitigation, Natural England has recommended:

- Green infrastructure (GI) to be incorporated as a prominent aspect of the development site, including the provision of green roofs on the larger buildings, and screening tree planting within the car parking area
- Any loss of open space agreed in the permitted masterplan that is proposed to be removed in the use of this development must be replaced within the overall development
- A lighting strategy to demonstrate how there will be minimal light spillage onto the AONB

These comments are largely reflective of those made by the Surrey Hills AONB Planning Advisor and comments are given on these above. In respect of a lighting strategy, the need for this is further echoed by the Council's Environmental Health Officer who has noted that there are both the new residential properties proposed as part of the Dunsfold Park New Settlement, and there are premises in Hall Place to the north of the site within 500m which may be affected. The lighting statement contained in part 4.4.4 of the Design and Access Statement is not clear on the proposed operating hours of the site.

Having regard to the comments both from the Council's Environmental Health Officer as well as from Natural England and the Surrey Hills AONB Planning Advisor, it is important to impose appropriate controls over lighting. This is both to minimise light pollution to nearby residential properties, and also to protect the tranquillity of the area. There is a duty to seek to protect existing areas of dark skies within rural locations. This area easily falls within an E2 zone and that the applicant proposes lights that are not lit unnecessarily. Officers would seek to secure a lighting management strategy which minimises any light usage between 23:00 and dawn as an E2 area should be kept as dark as possible between these hours.

Officers consider the indicative plans provided for the outline element of the scheme, together with plans for determination pursuant to the full element of the permission are both indicative of a high quality design. The design is considered to reflect the location of the site and has the potential to be a flagship building within the wider New Settlement. The designs show a high quality of finish and as much attention has been given to the inward facing elevations as to the external facing elevations. The materials result in a contemporary appearance which reflects the nature of the proposed occupier, but could also be adopted by an alternative occupier.

The importance of the design of these buildings cannot be over emphasised given their position with the site, and the potential for the scheme to form an early phase within the New Settlement. Notwithstanding officers' positive

conclusions in respect of the assessment of the design, to ensure the high quality shown on the plans is translated into the quality upon construction, conditions are imposed to secure and control the details and finishes of the scheme.

In terms of the outline element of the scheme, the information submitted is considered sufficient to ensure a high quality design could be achieved which is responsive to its position its site and the character. This would be assessed further and controlled through the relevant reserved matters applications.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees, that the likely effects in terms of the landscape and visual impacts have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, and, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Officers are satisfied given the buffer that would be provided to the ancient woodland that the proposal would comply with Policy NE2 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

Although not significant in EIA terms, in respect of the landscape character, and impact on Countryside beyond the Green Belt, the introduction of buildings of a substantial size in what is a currently open area of land, would result in some modest harm. However, Officers consider given the existing nature of Dunsfold Aerodrome which contains an existing business park and aerodrome, the harm would not be significant. There would therefore be a modest conflict with Local Plan (Part 1) 2018. Furthermore, Officers are satisfied that there would be no material harm to the setting of the AONB resulting from the proposal, (either in relation to the scheme in isolation or in combination with the New Settlement), having regard to the scale of the proposal and the long distance of the views that are possible.

The development is considered to be of high quality design and to be well related in size, scale and character to its surroundings such to comply with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1).

### 13.7 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology

Cultural Heritage is considered within chapter 6 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:



- Policy HA1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 outlines that the Council will ensure that the significance of heritage assets are conserved or enhanced to ensure the continued protection and enjoyment of the historic environment. Retained Policies HE3 and HE5 of the Local Plan 2002 are afforded significant weight owing to their consistency with the NPPF 2018.
- Retained Policies HE14 and HE15 of the Local Plan 2002 require that appropriate desk based or field surveys should be submitted with an application and appropriate measures taken to ensure any important remains are preserved. These policies are afforded full weight owing to their consistency with the NPPF.

The site has a varied and significant history associated with its World War Two use and later association with the aviation industry.

The application is accompanied by a Heritage Statement and Impact Assessment for the Land North of the Runway Extension produced by Oxford Archaeology which combines the findings of previous studies and reports and the various addenda to the ES that were previously submitted in support of the New Settlement Permission. The submitted reports consider the buried archaeology, historic buildings and structures on the wider aerodrome site, and structures related to the wartime airfield and later usage in the aerospace industry. The reports reflect the recent listing of certain structures on site.

The report identifies that there is the potential for buried archaeological remains pre-dating the airfield to be present. As there is potential for archaeology to be present within the site, the report suggests that further archaeological works are required in order to properly assess the nature and extent of any archaeology that may be present. The effects of the development in isolation are considered to be negligible at the operation stage, with minor negative impacts arising at the construction phase.

In terms of the construction phase, there is a marginal increase in the potential for the discovered of archaeological remains, and for the operational phase there would be marginal changes to the visual impact of the buildings proposed.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on Cultural Heritage.

The Council's Heritage Officer has reviewed the submitted proposals and has advised that the proposal is considered not to have any direct impacts on any designated heritage assets or their immediate settings.

The County Archaeological Officer has advised that given the submitted assessment does not suggest that remains of national importance are likely to be present, it is not necessary for the archaeological work to be undertaken in advance of permission being granted. The County Archaeological Officer has recommended that the further archaeological work to be undertaken be secured as a condition on any planning permission.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees, that the likely effects upon cultural heritage have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, and, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Furthermore, having regard to the submitted desktop study and the findings of the County Archaeologist, there would be no adverse impacts on archaeology subject to conditions. The proposal would therefore comply with the requirements of Policy HA1 of Local Plan (Part 1) and retained policy HE15 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002. As no harm has been identified, it is not necessary to weigh up the public benefits against any identified harm.

### 13.8 Land Quality and Hydrogeology (contaminated land)

The proposal is located on potentially contaminated land.

Land Quality and Hydrogeology are considered within chapter 7 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:

- Paragraph 180 of the NPPF states that planning decisions should ensure that new development is appropriate for its location by taking into account the effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development.
- Where a site is affected by contamination or land stability issues, responsibility for securing a safe development rests with the developer and/or landowner in accordance with paragraph 179 of the NPPF.

- Retained Policy D1 of the Local Plan 2002 states that the Council will have regard to the environmental implications of development and will promote and encourage enhancement of the environment. Development will not be permitted where it would result in material detriment to the environment by virtue of noise and disturbance or potential pollution of air, land or water, including that arising from light pollution.

The baseline situation in respect of hydrogeology remains unchanged from that reported in the 2015 New Settlement Environmental Statement. In respect of the application site, it has not been developed in the past and comprises open grass. There is no readily identifiable source of site contamination, however, there is the possibility that the site has been previously used as part of the air base historically, or waste to have been buried. As such, there is the potential for contaminated material to be present. The majority of the uses identified pursuant to the New Settlement permission, were located outside of the application site area, and as such do not pose a constraint on this development. The geology of the site comprises impermeable deposits of the Weald Clay. This means that the potential for contamination to migrate from elsewhere in the site is low. There are no identified pathways for any contamination on the site to migrate to existing water bodies / water courses. Proposed mitigation measures include undertaking site specific ground investigation prior to the construction of the development.

No significant effects are identified in respect of the in combination effects from the proposed development and the New Settlement with other nearby developments. The overall effects would remain unchanged from those identified in relation to the New Settlement.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on Land Quality and Hydrogeology.

The Council's Pollution Control Officer has reviewed the submitted deskstudy "Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Deskstudy, Gordon Murray Design HQ, Arup Ltd, Report reference: GMD-ARP-XX-XX-RP-G-001 Issue 1, December 2017" and agrees with its recommendations regarding the need for a risk assessment, intrusive ground investigation and buried services. Conditions are recommended in order to secure the necessary ground investigation works and any necessary remediation.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees, that the likely effects upon land quality and hydrogeology have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, and, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Subject to conditions, the proposal would comply with clauses 170 and 178 of the NPPF.

### 13.9 Hydrology and Water Resources

Hydrology and Water Resources are considered within chapter 7 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:

- Policy CC4 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 states that in order to reduce the overall and local risk of flooding, development must be located, designed and laid out to ensure that it is safe; that the risk from flooding is minimised whilst not increasing flood risk elsewhere and that residual risks are safely managed. In those locations identified as being at risk of flooding, planning permission will only be granted where it can be demonstrated that it is located in the lowest appropriate flood risk location, it would not constrain the natural function of the flood plain and where sequential and exception tests have been undertaken and passed. Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) will be required on major development proposals.
- Paragraph 155 of the NPPF 2018 states that inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at high risk, but where development is necessary, make it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere.
- The NPPG states that whether SuDS should be considered will depend on the proposed development and its location, for example, where there are concerns about flooding. SuDS may not be practicable for some forms of development. New development should only be considered appropriate in areas at risk of flooding if priority has been given to the use of SuDS. When considering major development, SuDS should be provided unless demonstrated to be inappropriate. Whether a SuDS system is appropriate to a particular development proposal is a matter of judgement for the Local Planning Authority and advice should be sought from relevant flood risk management bodies, principally the LLFA.

The application and Environmental Statement are accompanied by a flood risk assessment and details of a Sustainable Urban Drainage Strategy (SuDS) Flood Risk Assessment (Revision 2 prepared by ARUP and dated 11 September 2018) and a Proposed Drainage Strategy (Surface Water Drainage Pro-forma prepared by ARUP and dated 14/11/2018). The proposed SuDS would provide better water quality control and pollution reduction of receiving water bodies. Storage structures would collect and store surface water and release it slower than the existing flow rate to protect downstream water features from flooding. Whilst cumulatively, the proposals around the site would add pressure on the water supply in the Dunsfold Area, reinforcement works to water supply infrastructure which are likely to be required, would help mitigate this effect, with the result being a negligible cumulative effect.

The Environmental Statement concludes that the findings in relation to the New Settlement would be unchanged by the current proposal which involves alterations to the parameter plan.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on

It is noted that the whole of the application site falls within Flood Zone 1 which has the lowest probability of flooding.

Surrey County Council in its role as Lead Local Flood Authority has raised no objection to the proposal subject to conditions. This is on the basis it is satisfied that the proposed drainage scheme meets the requirements set out in the aforementioned documents. The conditions recommended would ensure that the SuDS Scheme is properly implemented and maintained throughout the lifetime of the development.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees, that the likely effects upon Hydrology and Water Resources have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, and, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Having regard to the above considerations, the proposal is located such to minimise any risk of flooding and would provide a suitable sustainable drainage system such to comply with the requirements of Policy CC4 of the Local Plan (Part 1).

### 13.10 Access, Traffic and Transport

Access, Traffic and Transport are considered within chapter 9 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

- Policy ST1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) states that development schemes should be located where it is accessible by forms of travel other than by private car; should make necessary contributions to the improvement of existing and provision of new transport schemes and include measures to encourage non-car use. Development proposals should be consistent with the Surrey Local Transport Plan and objectives and actions within the Air Quality Action Plan. Provision for car parking should be incorporated into proposals and new and improved means of public access should be encouraged.
- The NPPF supports the adoption of local parking standards for both residential and non-residential development. The Council has adopted a Parking Guidelines Document which was prepared after the Surrey County Council Vehicular and Cycle Parking Guidance in January 2012. Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 states that development schemes should have appropriate provision for car parking. Development proposals should comply with the appropriate guidance as set out within these documents.

The submitted environmental statement states that:

- Car parking provision for both phases is in line with local guidelines and would not result in overspill on adjoining roads
- Vehicle trips generated by Phase 1 do not result in severe residual highway impacts nor do they exceed the existing site vehicle cap when added to existing daily vehicle trips
- The number of vehicles trips generated by the whole development do exceed the site vehicle cap when added to existing vehicular movements but would not result in a severe residual highway impacts

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on highway safety.

The NPPF is clear that significant development should be focused on locations which are or can be made sustainable, through limiting the need to

travel and offering a genuine choice of transport modes. However, the NPPF does acknowledge that opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary between urban and rural areas, and this should be taken into account in both plan-making and decision-making.

The County Highway Authority has raised no objection to the proposal subject to a package of S106 payments, obligations and conditions which would secure transport sustainability improvements.

Dunstable Park currently has a maximum cap of 3,348 total road vehicular movements per day. This cap has been imposed in part due to sustainability reasons due to the isolated location of the site, but also for reasons of highway safety and residential amenity. The most recent traffic count data for Dunstable Park shows that the average number of weekday traffic movements is 2,740. Based on existing data on travel patterns of staff at the applicant's (Gordon Murray Design) current headquarters in Shalford, it is possible to estimate the traffic generation associated with the proposed development. It is estimated that Phase 1 of the Gordon Murray proposal would generate 457 vehicle movements per weekday. The addition of these daily vehicle trips to the current Dunstable Park daily trips of 2,740 results in 3,197 daily vehicle trips. Officers, and the County Highway Authority, are therefore satisfied that Phase 1 would not exceed the daily vehicle cap of 3,348.

With regard to transport sustainability, the Highway Authority considers that any consent for the Gordon Murray proposals should deliver the maximum possible opportunities for sustainable travel, given that it could be some time until the wider sustainable transport improvements from the new settlement hybrid planning permission are in place. As such, the Highway Authority considers it necessary that Phase 1 of the development provides the following sustainable transport improvements:

- Provision of a flexible demand responsive bus service designed around the needs of Gordon Murray employees and existing employees at Dunstable Park (as required for the new settlement permission first phase (WA/2015/2395).
- Provision of bus stop infrastructure including Real Time Passenger Information.
- Provision of a car club scheme on the site, available for use by all employees at Dunstable Park, to provide a greater degree of flexibility for employees to take advantage of the bus service but still be able to have access to a car during the day for work related trips.

These sustainable transport improvements will need to be continually reviewed and adapted through the Travel Plan once both Phases 1 and 2 are built out and occupied. The above requirements would be secured by way of legal agreement. The car club and bus service overlap with the requirements of the Dunsfold Park New Settlement permission (WA/2015/2395). The applicant (Gordon Murray) would be expected to provide the above sustainability improvements and maintain these until such a time as the first phase of transport improvements are implemented as part of the New Settlement.

The applicant has provided indicative details of the access for phase 2 (albeit access is a reserved matter), namely that the site would utilise a new access to be provided off the A281 (as due to be delivered to serve the new settlement). Phase 2 would further increase vehicle trips associated with the proposal, such that the daily cap of 3,348 will be exceeded. Therefore, the County Highway Authority considers it necessary that prior to any building in Phase 2 being first brought into use, a new roundabout junction onto the A281, (as indicatively agreed as part of the new settlement hybrid planning permission) is constructed. It would also be expected that the sustainable transport improvements provided as part of Phase 1 would also be provided to serve the site when fully built-out. The new access/roundabout junction onto the A281 currently has outline consent only. The final details of this access are yet to be agreed as part of an access reserved matters application for the New Settlement. However, Officers are satisfied that this is a suitable indicative solution for phase 2 of the development. The applicant (Gordon Murray) would be required to apply for detailed permission for the access (access reserved matters application). At this stage, full details of the proposed access onto the A281 would be required.

Officers note that with mitigation the County Highway Authority is satisfied that:

- Appropriate opportunities to promote sustainable transport modes have been taken up;
- Safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all users;
- The layout of the parking and turning areas accords with current technical standards
- The impacts from the development on the transport network can be cost effectively mitigated to an acceptable degree; and
- The residual cumulative impacts on the road network would not be severe.

In terms of car parking, the scheme proposed 167 spaces for phase 1, and 427 for the remainder (resulting in a total of 594). This equates to provision on



the basis of 1 space per 30sqm of B1 floor space (and ancillary B1 floor space) together with 1 space per 70sqm of B8 floor space. This would be sufficient to accord with the Council's Parking Guidelines.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees, that the likely effects upon Access, Transport and Parking have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Having regard to the above conclusions, Officers are satisfied that the proposal would be acceptable in terms of highway safety and parking, such to comply with the requirements of Policy ST1 and the Council's Parking Guidelines 2013.

### 13.11 Air Quality and Odour

Air Quality and Odour are considered within chapter 10 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:

- Paragraph 180 of the NPPF states that planning decisions should ensure that new development is appropriate for its location by taking into account the effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development.
- Retained Policy D1 of the Local Plan 2002 states that the Council will have regard to the environmental implications of development and will promote and encourage enhancement of the environment. Development will not be permitted where it would result in material detriment to the environment by virtue of noise and disturbance or potential pollution of air, land or water, including that arising from light pollution.

The submitted Environmental Statement finds that air quality impacts were previously assessed in relation to the New Settlement Permission, and subject to mitigation measures, there would not be any significant effects in terms of air quality. No adverse impacts in respect of odour are identified. No monitoring is considered necessary as the predicted air quality would fall well below the air quality objectives

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on

The application site does not fall within an Air Quality Management Area. The Council's Air Quality Officer has raised no objection to the proposal, and has advised that the impact of dust is to be reduced by mitigation measures within an agreed Construction Environmental Management Plan and overall the impact of this development on air quality is considered to be negligible at all relevant receptors. To encourage more sustainable methods of transport in accordance with paragraph 103 of the NPPF 2018 it is recommended that a condition is included to require the inclusion of electric vehicle charge points.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees, that the likely effects upon air quality and odour have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Having regard to the above considerations, the proposal is considered to be acceptable in terms of air quality impacts, and compliance with Retained Policy D1 of the Local Plan 2002 and Paragraph 180 of the NPPF.

### 13.12 Noise and Vibration

Noise and Vibration are considered within chapter 11 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:

- Paragraph 180 of the NPPF states that planning decisions should ensure that new development is appropriate for its location by taking into account the effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development. This includes, inter alia, mitigating and reducing to a minimum the potential adverse impacts resulting from noise from new development and to avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and the quality of life.
- Retained Policy D1 of the Local Plan 2002 states that the Council will have regard to the environmental implications of development and will

promote and encourage enhancement of the environment. Development will not be permitted where it would result in material detriment to the environment by virtue of noise and disturbance or potential pollution of air, land or water, including that arising from light pollution.

The Environmental Statement notes that the impacts of climate change are likely to involve an increase in temperatures which is likely in turn to increase noise levels from mechanical cooling equipment.

The Environmental Statement concludes that the inclusion of the proposed development as part of the wider New Settlement would not result in any change to the conclusions in respect of noise and vibration for the New Settlement. The report recommends mitigation in the form of a Construction Environmental Management Plan and standard noise controls for building services and noise break out. The effects by way of noise and vibration are not considered to be significant.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on noise and vibration.

The proposal is for a mixture of B Use Classes and, as such, has the potential to include noisy activities. The proposal would site alongside an existing business park which does not contain noise sensitive uses. However, outside of the application site there are residential (noise sensitive) properties that could be affected by the proposals and new residential properties are proposed as part of the New Settlement.

The Council's Environmental Health Officer has reviewed the proposal in respect of its potential noise and vibration impacts, and has raised no objection subject to a number of conditions. The officer has noted that at that stage the information submitted is limited in terms of detail, reflecting that the majority of the application is submitted in outline form. It is noted that the proposal contained fixed plant, and within the Noise Report in 6.2, Appendix B states "it is likely that noise from fixed plant at GMD will have to be limited to around 5dB below the existing background noise levels. This is an exceptionally low noise limit. This should be discussed with the EHO, once permitted, so that a higher limit may be negotiated". The Council's Environmental Health Officer considers that this limit should remain in place unless and until appropriate justification is provided for why this limited should be increased. The figures contained in "Table 2: Proposed maximum noise

levels at noise sensitive receivers” is acceptable as long as all noise sensitive premises in all directions are included.

Whilst earlier versions of the scheme had included a shakedown track, this does not form part of the proposal. In order to finalise necessary mitigation, further information relating to the vehicle testing and Energy Centre to include details of all activities, machinery and equipment that may affect nearby residents once it is in operation is required.

The Council’s Environmental Health Officer has recommended conditions to secure a construction management plan, and full details of the proposed mitigation measures necessary to prevent adverse impacts by way of noise and vibration on the nearest noise sensitive properties.

Imposing careful controls over the level of noise to be emitted from the development is also of relevance having regard to potential future occupants of the New Settlement. As there is no approved masterplan for the New Settlement, it is not yet know where the nearest noise sensitive properties would be. It is nonetheless advisable to ensure that noise levels are restricted to a minimal level.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees that the likely effects by way of noise and vibration have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Furthermore, subject to suitable conditions, and having regard to the above considerations, the proposal is considered to comply with Retained Policy D1 of the Local Plan 2002 and also Paragraph 180 of the NPPF.

### 13.13 Social and Community Wellbeing

Social and Community Wellbeing are considered within chapter 12 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The Environmental Statement considers the impact of the proposal on Public Rights of Way and open space. Other issues identified within the New Settlement Environmental Statement included housing need, demand for healthcare, education, community and leisure facilities, these are not considered relevant to the current proposal which relates solely to industrial/commercial uses.

The impacts on users of the rights of way are considered to be negligible during the construction phase, with no effect during the operational phase or open space availability. The report does not identify any need for mitigation. In

respect of open space the Environmental Statement acknowledges that the application site (5.76ha) would be lost in terms of open space provision within the New Settlement, however, sufficient alternative open space would remain (128.24ha). The Environmental Statement notes that users of the public right of way already encounter traffic when crossing the road, and as such, the addition of construction traffic in relation to the Gordon Murray proposal would not result in a significant adverse effect.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on Social and Community Wellbeing.

Officers consider that the key potential impact in respect of social and community wellbeing are in relation to the loss of an area shown as open space on the parameter plan for the New Settlement Permission. This is relevant to the current proposal were it to be implemented as part of the New Settlement, as this would introduce residents onto the site. However, the New Settlement contains requirements within the legal agreement for set amounts of open space to be provided within the proposal. Officers are satisfied that even if the current proposal were to be granted, these amounts of open space could still be achieved as part of the New Settlement masterplan to be approved. As there is an existing mechanism in place to secure this open space pursuant to the New Settlement Permission, there would be no need for further mitigation to be secured directly in relation to the current proposal.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports and the views of consultees that the likely effects by way of noise and vibration have been satisfactorily addressed subject to mitigation, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

#### 13.14 Economic Issues

Economic issues are considered within chapter 13 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:

- Policy EE1 sets out that the provision of development for economic growth to meet the needs of the economy, including at least 16,000 of new Use Classes B1a/b floorspace will be delivered through (in part) the allocation of sites for additional employment floorspace on land at

Dunsfold Aerodrome in accordance with Policy SS7 and SS7a of this plan.

The Environmental Statement Addendum focuses upon direct impacts by way of employment and Gross Value Added. For both the construction phase and the operation phase, minor positive impacts are identified and as such no mitigation is required. When considering the scheme in isolation, the scheme would make a positive contribution towards the economy through an economic and employment contribution, over and above that which would be generated by the existing business park. In terms of implementation as part of the New Settlement, the proposal would not result in any additional employment over and above that permitted proposed and approved pursuant to the New Settlement permission.

The submitted Environmental Statement Addendum states that Phase 1 of the GMDHQ scheme is likely to create approximately 40-50 full time equivalent (FTE) construction jobs during the first third of the programme and approximately 100 jobs for the final two thirds of the programme. Figures are not provided for the latter phases. Business rates would also be payable to Waverley Borough Council. The increase in employment and the value added from employee spending and business rates to the economy are positive impacts to be considered.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on economic issues.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports, it is considered that the likely effects by way of employment issues have been satisfactorily addressed without any need for mitigation, and, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

### 13.15 Climate Change

Climate change is considered within chapter 14 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The relevant Development Plan Policies, relevant guidance and their requirements are:

- Policy CC2 – this states (in summary) that the Council will seek to promote sustainable patterns of development and reduce the level of greenhouse gas emissions

The Environmental Statement Addendum concludes that the scale of the proposed project would fundamentally alter the baseline conditions or judgements set out in the Environmental Statement for the New Settlement Permission. With the design and mitigation measures identified in the other chapters of the Environmental Statement Addendum, the proposal is considered to be suitably resilient to climate change.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts on climate change.

Consultees have recommended a number of measures pursuant to other topics within the Environmental Statement Addendum, such to maximise the longer term sustainability of the development (for example – securing electric vehicle charging points and a sustainable drainage scheme). No objections have been received from consultees in relation to effects resulting from climate change.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports, it is considered that the likely effects resulting from climate change have been satisfactorily addressed without any need for additional mitigation over and above that relevant to other topics in the Environmental Statement Addendum, and, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

Having regard to the above considerations, the proposal is considered to comply with the requirements of Policy CC2 of the Local Plan (Part 1).

#### 13.16 Major Accidents and Disasters

Major Accidents and Disasters are considered within chapter 15 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The report considers topics including acts of extreme weather, fog, fires and wildfires, droughts terrorism, accidents involving transport. The addendum concludes that no significant adverse effects are expected.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of impacts by way of major accidents and disasters.

No consultees have raised any objection in relation to major accidents or disasters.

In conclusion, having regard to the submitted reports, it is considered that the likely effects by way of employment issues have been satisfactorily addressed without any need for mitigation, and, there would not be a significant adverse effect overall, in EIA terms.

### 13.17 Cumulative Effects

Cumulative effects are considered within chapter 16 of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

The cumulative effects assessment contained in the Environmental Statement Addendum concludes that there would be no significant cumulative effects arising from the proposal itself, in combination with other developments currently in the planning system.

The Surrey County Council's in-house Environmental Assessment Team has confirmed that the information set out in the ES and its supporting appendices, in combination with any additional information or evidence forthcoming from the consultation on the planning application, is sufficient for the application to be determined, with reference to the question of potential cumulative impacts.

### 13.18 Impact on residential amenity

Policy TD1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 seeks to ensure that new development is designed to create safe and attractive environments that meet the needs of users and incorporate the principles of sustainable development. Retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002 are given substantial and full weight respectively due to their consistency with the NPPF 2018.

The nearest existing residential properties to the proposed development are at Compasses Bridge to the south east, Fastbridge and Vastbridge Farms on the A281 north of the access road, dwellings along Alfold Road to the south and west, dwellings along Dunsfold Road including Tickner's Heath and Cobdens



Farm. In addition, there is an existing dwelling on site to be retained – Primemeads.

The existing (listed) dwelling on Dunsfold Park is positioned much further south within the aerodrome site.

The proposed development would be positioned adjacent to the existing business park within the aerodrome. It is also noted that the existing aerodrome does include noise generating activities (particularly from use of the runway and track). The matter of noise is addressed elsewhere in this report. Officers are satisfied that through conditions, the proposal would not result in significant adverse impacts by way of noise disturbance. The visual impacts from neighbouring properties are also considered elsewhere in this report.

The buildings are considered to be sufficiently separated from neighbouring dwellings to avoid any material adverse impacts on the amenities of neighbouring occupiers. The proposal is therefore considered to accord with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and Retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002.

#### 13.19 Accessibility and Equalities Act 2010, Crime and Disorder and Human Rights Implications

There are no implications for this application.

#### 13.20 Pre Commencement Conditions

“Pre commencement condition” means a condition imposed on the grant of permission which must be complied with: before any building/ other operation/ or use of the land comprised in the development is begun.

Article 35 of the DMPO 2015 requires that for any application for planning permission, the Notice must state clearly and precisely the full reasons, in the case of each pre-commencement condition, for the condition being a pre-commencement condition.

Where pre commencement conditions are justified, these are provided with an appropriate reason for the condition.

13.21 Development Management Procedure Order 2015 - Working in a positive/proactive manner

In assessing this application, officers have worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner consistent with the requirements of paragraphs 186-187 of the NPPF. This included:-

- Provided pre application advice to seek to resolve problems before the application was submitted and to foster the delivery of sustainable development.
- Provided feedback through the validation process including information on the website, to correct identified problems to ensure that the application was correct and could be registered;
- Have proactively communicated with the applicant through the process to advise progress, timescales or recommendation.

13.22 Parish/Town Council and or Third Party Representations

The objections which have been raised regarding the proposal by Busbridge Parish Council and Third Party representations are noted by Officers and have been carefully considered as part of the assessment which has been undertaken by Officers.

The majority of areas of concern raised have been fully considered as part of the assessment undertaken in relevant sections of this report. However, Officers would make the following additional comments in relation to the areas of concern which have been raised:

- Traffic/use of Stovolds Hill- The current proposal would see phase 1 of the development utilising Stovolds Hill, however, it has been demonstrated that the proposal would not exceed the existing vehicular cap. As such, there would not be material increase in use of Stovolds Hill over and above that already permitted. Access for phase 2 is indicatively shown as being from the A281
- Local Plan Policy SS7 requires an appropriate package of transport mitigation. The proposed package of transport improvements is considered to be appropriate to the scale of development proposed.

- The Secretary of State decision in relation to the proposed New Settlement made provision for Stovold's Hill to be used for the full element of the permission subject to compliance with the existing vehicle cap. This is a standalone scheme so there is no requirement for the scheme to accord with conditions on that consent, rather a bespoke set of conditions tailored to the current proposal are recommended.
- It is outside of the remit of this planning application to impose blanket restrictions on vehicles using particular lanes, however, a construction management plan would be sought by condition which could include restrictions on vehicle routing.
- Unclear where the open space would be replaced within the site – there is a statement in environmental statement which suggests it wont be replaced. Should be a matter for the masterplan as a whole
- Consultation was undertaken by Waverley in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement, and included a neighbour notification process. Submission of the application before the Christmas is acceptable; applications can be submitted at any time of the year.
- It is acknowledged that there would be temporary disturbance to neighbouring dwellings as a result of the construction process, however, subject to appropriate controls and mitigation to be secured through condition; this would not amount to material harm in planning terms.
- The New Settlement permission was submitted in 2015. This proposal has resulted from a need to relocate from the applicant's existing premises. It is open to applicants to submit applications at Dunsfold Park at any time. These will be assessed in terms of compliance with Policy SS7 and having regard to any in combination effects with the new settlement, or any other permission.

In summary, the points of objection raised would not justify refusal of the application.

#### 14. Conclusion

The planning balance assessment of the main planning considerations concludes that the benefits of delivering additional employment on a site, which is allocated for further employment growth would outweigh the adverse

impacts in relation to the identified modest harm to the Countryside beyond the Green Belt. The access and highways impacts of Phase 1 is considered to be acceptable subject to transport sustainability improvements. Phase 2 (outline element) is intended to use the new access off the A281 and would otherwise be unacceptable. As such, planning permission is recommended for approval.

## 15. **Recommendation A**

That, subject to completion of a legal agreement by 23/10/2019 to secure highway sustainability improvements and travel plan auditing fee, and subject to conditions, permission be GRANTED:

Conditions – applying to phase 1 full permission of the scheme only:

### 1. Condition

The plan numbers to which this permission relates are Location Plan 1714-P001, Existing Block Plan 1714-P002, Proposed Site Elevations 1714-P302, Proposed Site Elevations 1714-P300, Proposed Site Elevations 1714-P301, Energy Centre Floor Plan 1714-P140, Building D Plans 1714-P130 and 1714-P131 and 1714-P312; Building C Plans 1714-P311, 1714-P310, 1714-P122, 1714-P121 and 1714-P120. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans. No material variation from these plans shall take place unless otherwise first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

### Reason

In order that the development hereby permitted shall be fully implemented in complete accordance with the approved plans and to accord with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002.

### 2. Condition

No development shall take place until

- a) Samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development
- b) Full details of the materials to be used in the construction of the hard surface areas in the development

have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for each phase of development. Development of that phase shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason

In the interest of the character and amenity of the area in accordance with Policies TD1 and SS7A of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002.

3. Condition

No development shall commence on site until a scheme for the landscaping and replacement tree planting that phase, including the retention of existing landscape features, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Landscaping schemes shall include details of hard landscaping, planting plans, written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with tree, shrub, and hedge or grass establishment), schedules of plants, noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/densities and an implementation programme. All hard and soft landscaping work shall be completed in full accordance with the approved scheme, prior to occupation or use of the approved development or in accordance with a programme agreed in writing with the local planning authority. All new tree planting shall be positioned in accordance with guidelines and advice contained in the current British Standard 5837.

Reason

In the interest of the character and amenity of the area in accordance with Policies TD1 and SS7A of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002.

4. Condition

There shall be no more than 3,348 total road vehicular movements (excluding pedal and motorcycles) in any one calendar day allowed to gain access to any part of the airfield, and a management and monitoring agreement shall be made with the Local Planning Authority before implementation. The applicant is required to set down Automatic Traffic Count Systems or other appropriate measuring device at every vehicular access to the Airfield to provide evidence that the requirements of this condition are being met.

Reason

To ensure the likely traffic generated by the existing and proposed uses does not result in unacceptable harm to the amenity of surrounding residential properties, in the interests of highway safety and sustainability reasons due to the location of the site in accordance with

retained policies D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan and Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

5. Condition

Prior to the first occupation of Phase 1, space for the parking of vehicles and space for vehicles to turn so that they may enter and leave the site in a forward gear shall be provided in accordance with the approved plans. Thereafter the approved parking and turning areas shall be retained and maintained for its designated purpose.

Reason

In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

6. Condition

Prior to first occupation of Phase 1, a scheme for providing fast charge sockets (current minimum requirements - 7 kw Mode 3 with Type 2 connector - 230v AC 32 Amp single phase dedicated supply) for electric vehicles, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the approved scheme shall be implemented within 3 months of the first occupation of Phase 1 and thereafter retained and maintained for its designated purpose.

Reason

In order to promote sustainable travel and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and in recognition of Section 9 "Promoting Sustainable Transport" in the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

7. Condition

Prior to the first occupation of Phase 1, a scheme specifying arrangements for deliveries to and removals from the site, to include details of:

- (a) The types of vehicles to be used and hours of their operation
- (b) The design of delivery areas within the development site
- (c) The dimensions and layout of lorry parking area(s) and turning space(s)

shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented prior to first occupation of Phase 1 and thereafter retained and maintained for its designated purpose.

Reason

In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

8. Condition

Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, a Construction Transport Management Plan, to include details of:

- (a) parking for vehicles of site personnel, operatives and visitors
- (b) loading and unloading of plant and materials
- (c) storage of plant and materials
- (d) programme of works (including measures for traffic management)
- (e) provision of boundary hoarding behind any visibility zones
- (f) HGV deliveries and hours of operation
- (g) vehicle routing
- (h) measures to prevent the deposit of materials on the highway
- (i) before and after construction condition surveys of the highway and a commitment to fund the repair of any damage caused
- (j) on-site turning for construction vehicles

shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Only the approved details shall be implemented during the construction of the development.

Reason

In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

9. Condition

Prior to first occupation of Phase 1, details of the type of cycle parking to be provided within the cycle store shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved details shall then be implemented prior to the first occupation of Phase 1 and thereafter permanently provided for its designated purpose.

Reason

In order to promote sustainable travel and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and in recognition of Section 9 "Promoting Sustainable Transport" in the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

Conditions – applying to phases 2 + - outline element of the scheme only

10. Condition

Details of the reserved matters set out below ("the reserved matters") shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval within three years from the date of decision:

1. Appearance
2. Landscaping

The reserved matters shall be carried out as approved. Approval of all reserved matters shall be obtained from the Local Planning Authority in writing before any development is commenced.

Reason

To comply with Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

11. Condition

The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of two years from the final approval of reserved matters or, in the case of approval on different dates, the final approval of the last such matter to be approved.

Reason

To comply with Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

12. Condition

The plan numbers to which this outline permission relates are Location Plan 1714-P001, Existing Block Plan 1714-P002, Proposed Site Plan 1714-P100, Proposed Site Elevations 1714-P302, Proposed Site Elevations 1714-P301. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans. No material variation from these plans shall take place unless otherwise first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

In order that the development hereby permitted shall be fully implemented in complete accordance with the approved plans and to accord with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002.



13. Condition

Any subsequent landscaping reserved matters application shall include a scheme for the landscaping and replacement tree planting of the site, including the retention of existing landscape features. The Landscaping scheme shall include details of hard landscaping, planting plans, written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with tree, shrub, and hedge or grass establishment), schedules of plants, noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/densities and an implementation programme. All hard and soft landscaping work shall be completed in full accordance with the approved scheme, prior to occupation or use of the approved development or in accordance with a programme agreed in writing with the local planning authority. All new tree planting shall be positioned in accordance with guidelines and advice contained in the current British Standard 5837.

Reason

In the interest of the character and amenity of the area in accordance with Policies TD1 and SS7A of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002.

14. Condition

Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, a scheme for providing fast charge sockets (current minimum requirements - 7 kw Mode 3 with Type 2 connector - 230v AC 32 Amp single phase dedicated supply) for electric vehicles, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the approved scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of any building hereby permitted and thereafter retained and maintained for their designated purpose.

Reason

In order to promote sustainable travel and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and in recognition of Section 9 "Promoting Sustainable Transport "in the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

15. Condition

Prior to the first occupation of any building hereby permitted, space for the parking of vehicles and space for vehicles to turn so that they may enter and leave the site in a forward gear shall be provided in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the approved scheme shall

be retained and maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason**

In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

**16. Condition**

Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, a scheme specifying arrangements for deliveries to and removals from the site, to include details of:

- (a) The types of vehicles to be used and hours of their operation
- (b) The design of delivery areas within the development site
- (c) The dimensions and layout of lorry parking area(s) and turning space(s) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The approved details shall then be implemented prior to the first occupation of any building hereby permitted and thereafter maintained for its designated purpose.

**Reason**

In order to promote sustainable travel and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and in recognition of Section 9 "Promoting Sustainable Transport" in the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

**17. Condition**

Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, a Construction Transport Management Plan, to include details of:

- (a) parking for vehicles of site personnel, operatives and visitors
- (b) loading and unloading of plant and materials
- (c) storage of plant and materials
- (d) programme of works (including measures for traffic management)
- (e) provision of boundary hoarding behind any visibility zones
- (f) HGV deliveries and hours of operation
- (g) vehicle routing
- (h) measures to prevent the deposit of materials on the highway
- (i) before and after construction condition surveys of the highway and a commitment to fund the repair of any damage caused
- (j) on-site turning for construction vehicles shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Only the approved details shall be implemented during the construction of the development.

Reason

In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

18. Condition

Prior to commencement of the development a scheme to provide secure cycle parking for Gordon Murray employees shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall then be implemented prior to the first occupation of any building hereby permitted and thereafter permanently provided for its designated purpose.

Reason

In order to promote sustainable travel and in order to accord with Policy ST1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and in recognition of Section 9 "Promoting Sustainable Transport" in the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

Conditions applying to the whole development (outline and full elements):

19. Condition

No development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason

The development proposed covers a large surface area and it is considered likely that it will affect currently unknown archaeological information. It is important that the site is surveyed and work is carried out as necessary in order to preserve as a record any such information before it is destroyed by the development in accordance with Policy HA1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and retained Policy HE15 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002. This is a pre commencement condition because the matter goes to the heart of the permission.

20. Condition

The development hereby permitted shall not commence until details of the design of a surface water drainage scheme have been submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority. The design must

satisfy the SuDS Hierarchy and be compliant with the national Non-Statutory Technical Standards for SuDS, NPPF and Ministerial Statement on SuDS. The required drainage details shall include:

- a) The results of infiltration testing completed in accordance with BRE Digest: 365 and confirmation of groundwater levels.
- b) Evidence that the proposed solution will effectively manage the 1 in 30 & 1 in 100 (+20 allowance for climate change) storm events, during all stages of the development (Pre, Post and during), associated discharge rates and storages volumes shall be provided using a maximum Greenfield staged discharge rate of 18 litres/sec 1 in 1 year event, 48.1 litres/sec 1 in 30 year event, 66.1 litres/sec 1 in 100 year + climate change event (as per the SuDS pro-forma or otherwise as agreed by the LPA).
- c) Detailed drainage design drawings and calculations to include: a finalised drainage layout detailing the location of drainage elements, pipe diameters, levels, and long and cross sections of each element including details of any flow restrictions and maintenance/risk reducing features (silt traps, inspection chambers etc.).
- d) If the site is developed in Phases the drainage strategy should demonstrate that greenfield run-off rates are applied to that phase only, so surface water discharge rates are not increased.
- e) Details of how the drainage system will be protected during construction and how runoff (including any pollutants) from the development site will be managed before the drainage system is operational.
- f) Details of drainage management responsibilities and maintenance regimes for the drainage system.
- g) A plan showing exceedance flows (i.e. during rainfall greater than design events or during blockage) and how property on and off site will be protected.

Reason:

To ensure an acceptable Sustainable Drainage System and to comply with retained Policy D1 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002, Policy CC4 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and the advice contained within the NPPF, NPPG and Non-Statutory Technical Standards for SuDS. This is a pre-commencement condition because it goes to the heart of the consent.

21. Condition

Prior to the first occupation of the development, a verification report carried out by a qualified drainage engineer must be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. This must demonstrate that

the drainage system has been constructed as per the agreed scheme (or detail any minor variations), provide the details of any management company and state the national grid reference of any key drainage elements (surface water attenuation devices/areas, flow restriction devices and outfalls).

Reason:

To ensure an acceptable Sustainable Drainage System and to comply with retained Policy D1 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002, Policy CC4 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and the advice contained within the NPPF, NPPG and Non-Statutory Technical Standards for SuDS.

22. Condition:

No building hereby permitted shall be occupied until confirmation has been provided that either:- all water network upgrades required to accommodate the additional flows from the development have been completed; or - a housing and infrastructure phasing plan has been agreed with Thames Water to allow additional properties to be occupied. Where a housing and infrastructure phasing plan is agreed no occupation shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed housing and infrastructure phasing plan.

Reason:

The development may lead to no / low water pressure and network reinforcement works are anticipated to be necessary to ensure that sufficient capacity is made available to accommodate additional demand anticipated from the new development such to accord with Policy CC2 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018.

23. Condition

Details, including acoustic specifications, of all fixed plant, machinery and equipment associated with air moving equipment [(including fans, ducting and external openings)], compressors, generators or plant or equipment of a like kind, installed within the site which has the potential to cause noise disturbance to any noise sensitive receivers, shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority before installation. The rating level of noise emitted from the use of this plant, machinery or equipment shall not exceed 5dB below the background sound level when measured according to British Standard BS4142: 2014, at any adjoining or nearby noise sensitive premises.

Reason

In the interests of the amenities of neighbouring occupiers and future occupants of the site such to accord with with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan Part 1 2018 and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002.

24. Condition

All vehicles, plant and machinery used on site and those under the applicant's control moving to and from the site that are required to emit reversing warning noise, shall use white noise alarm as opposed to single tone "bleeping" alarms throughout the operation of the development hereby permitted.

Reason

In the interests of the amenities of neighbouring occupiers and future occupants of the site such to accord with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan Part 1 2018 and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002.

25. Condition

No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a Construction Environmental Management Plan has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The approved Plan shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The Plan shall provide for:

- a. An indicative programme for carrying out of the works
- b. The arrangements for public consultation and liaison during the construction works
- c. Measures to minimise the noise (including vibration) generated by the construction process to include hours of work, proposed method of piling for foundations, the careful selection of plant and machinery and use of noise mitigation barrier(s)
- d. Details of any floodlighting, including location, height, type and direction of light sources and intensity of illumination
- e. The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors

The above measures shall outline how important on site and adjacent habitats shall be protected from the development process.

Reason

To protect the air quality for the existing receptors in the locality, to

safeguard the ecological interest of the site and to protect the amenities of neighbouring occupiers such to accord with Policies NE1 and TD1 of the Local Plan Part 1 2018 and retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Council Local Plan 2002. This is a pre-commencement condition as this relates to the construction process.

26. Condition

Prior to the commencement of development, full details of a scheme for the provision of fast charge sockets (current minimum requirements - 7 kw Mode 3 with Type 2 connector - 230v AC 32 Amp single phase dedicated supply) for electric vehicles, such to accord with accordance with Surrey County Council's Vehicular and Cycle Parking Guidance (January 2018), shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the approved scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of any building hereby permitted and thereafter retained and maintained for their designated purpose.

Reason

In order to promote sustainable travel and to protect the air quality for the existing receptors and nearby Air Quality Management Areas in accordance with Policies ST1 and TD1 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and the NPPF 2018. This is a pre-commencement condition because it goes to the heart of the consent.

27. Condition

Prior to commencement of development, other than that required to be carried out as part of demolition or approved scheme of remediation, the following shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:

- a) An investigation and risk assessment, in accordance with a scheme to assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site, whether or not it originates on the site. The investigation and risk assessment shall be undertaken by a competent person as defined in Annex 2: Glossary of the NPPF.
- b) If identified to be required, a detailed remediation scheme shall be prepared to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing unacceptable risks to human health, buildings and other property. The scheme shall include
  - (i) All works to be undertaken
  - (ii) Proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria
  - (iii) Timetable of works
  - (iv) Site management procedures

The scheme shall ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the intended use of the land after remediation. The remediation works shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved scheme. The Local Planning Authority shall be given two weeks written notification of commencement of the remediation scheme works.

#### Reason

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors in accordance with retained Policy D1 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002. This is a pre commencement condition because the details cannot be reasonably discharged after permission has been implemented. The matter goes to the heart of the planning permission.

#### 28. Condition

Upon completion of the approved remediation works, a verification report demonstrating the effectiveness of the approved remediation works carried out shall be completed in accordance with condition 27 and shall be submitted to the Local Planning authority for approval prior to occupation of the development.

#### Reason

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors in accordance with retained Policy D1 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002.

#### 29. Condition

Following commencement of the development hereby approved, if unexpected contamination is found on site at any time, other than that identified in accordance with Condition 27, the Local Planning Authority shall be immediately notified in writing and all works shall be halted on the site. The following shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the recommencement of works:

- a) An investigation and risk assessment, undertaken in the manner set out in Condition 27 of this permission.
- b) Where required, a remediation scheme in accordance with the requirements as set out in Condition 27.



- c) Following completion of approved remediation works, a verification report, in accordance with the requirements as set out in Condition 27

Reason

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors in accordance with retained Policy D1 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002.

30. Condition

The development shall be undertaken in full accordance with the mitigation measures set out in chapter 4 of Appendix 4.1 (Ecological Baseline Report) of the Environmental Statement Addendum.

Reason

To ensure that protected species under Schedules 1 and 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and their roosts/setts are not endangered by the development in accordance with Policy NE1 of the Local Plan Part 1 (2018).

31. Condition

No development of a phase or sub phase shall take place until a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) for that phase or sub phase to ensure the appropriate management of existing and proposed habitats in the long term, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The LEMP shall include the provision of a minimum 15m ecological buffer zone to the Ancient Woodland (Mill Copse) to the north of the application site, it shall include methodologies of the sensitive management of both new and retained/enhanced habitat and a landscape, planting and seeding plan (with species list). This shall include a schedule of landscape maintenance for a minimum period of 10 years Replacement native tree and hedgerow planting is required to exceed any such habitat removed. The development on a phase or sub phase shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason

To safeguard the ecological interest of the site in accordance with Policy NE1 of the Local Plan Part 1 (2018).

32. Condition

- A) Prior to the commencement of construction of each building hereby permitted, a BREEAM scheme to achieve BREEAM Very Good shall be submitted in writing for approval by the Local Planning Authority for that building. The scheme shall include a lower level of BREEAM along with a justification if a building cannot technically or viably achieve BREEAM Very Good. The approved scheme shall be implemented for that building.
- b) Within six months of occupation of each building hereby permitted, a final Code Certification shall be issued certifying that the standard identified in the approved BREEAM scheme for that building has been achieved shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for its records.

Reason

In order to provide a highly efficient and sustainable form of development and to accord with Policies CC1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and the requirements of the NPPF (2019). This is a pre-commencement condition as the matter goes to the heart of the permission.

33. Condition

No development shall take place until a strategy for the sustainable re-use of soils on-site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved strategy.

Reason:

To ensure the sustainable re-use of soils within the site, in accordance with Policy CC1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and Paragraph 170(a) of the NPPF 2019. This is a pre-commencement condition as the matter relates to the construction process.

34. Condition

The buildings hereby approved shall not be used for any other purpose other than for purposes falling within Classes B1 (a-c inclusive) Business use; B2 General Industry and B8 Storage and Distribution use as defined within the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, or any other orders revoking these Acts.

Reason:

To allow the Local Planning Authority adequate control over the proposed uses on the site and to ensure that they are retained for employment uses, in accordance with Policies SS7 and EE1 of Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and Retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Council Local Plan 2002 and the NPPF.

35. Condition

Prior to the first occupation of any building, a sensitive lighting strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This strategy shall demonstrate how any proposed lighting would comply with the recommendations of the Bat Conservation Trusts' document entitled "Bats and lighting in the UK – Bats and The Built Environment Series", and measures to minimise light spillage onto the AONB, the adjacent area of Ancient Woodland, and such to avoid light pollution to neighbouring properties and upon recognised dark skies. The strategy shall include the proposed hours of any lighting. The development shall therefore be undertaken in complete accordance with the approved details.

Reason

In order to preserve the setting of the nearby AONB, to avoid adverse impacts on the amenities of neighbouring properties, and to preserve the ecological interests of the site such to accord with in accordance with Policy NE1 of the Local Plan Part 1 (2018) and paragraph 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

36. Condition

The total floorspace to be constructed pursuant to this permission shall not exceed 14,000sqm (as measured externally).

Reason

To avoid any significant adverse environmental impacts arising from the proposed development, in order that the development accords with the details submitted within this application and to accord with Policies SS7 and EE1 of Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and Retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Council Local Plan 2002 and the NPPF.

## 16. **Informatives**

1. "IMPORTANT" This planning permission contains certain conditions precedent that state 'before development commences' or 'prior to commencement of any development' (or similar). As a result these must

be discharged prior to ANY development activity taking place on site. Commencement of development without having complied with these conditions will make any development unauthorised and possibly subject to enforcement action such as a Stop Notice. If the conditions have not been subsequently satisfactorily discharged within the time allowed to implement the permission then the development will remain unauthorised.

2. There is a fee for requests to discharge a condition on a planning consent. The fee payable is £116.00 or a reduced rate of £34.00 for household applications. The fee is charged per written request not per condition to be discharged. A Conditions Discharge form is available and can be downloaded from our web site.

Please note that the fee is refundable if the Local Planning Authority concerned has failed to discharge the condition by 12 weeks after receipt of the required information.

3. If proposed site works affect an Ordinary Watercourse, Surrey County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority should be contacted to obtain prior written Consent. More details are available on our website.
4. If proposed works result in infiltration of surface water to ground within a Source Protection Zone the Environment Agency will require proof of surface water treatment to achieve water quality standards.
5. In submitting applications to discharge materials conditions and subsequent reserved matters applications, the applicant is advised that any brighter contrast colours should be kept to a minimum to avoid the buildings being conspicuous in the landscape.
6. The developer can request information to support the discharge of condition 22 by visiting the Thames Water website at [thameswater.co.uk/preplanning](http://thameswater.co.uk/preplanning).
7. The applicant is reminded that it is an offence to disturb protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Should a protected species be found during the course of the works, the applicant should stop work and contact Natural England for further advice on 0845 600 3078.
8. Green infrastructure (GI) should be a prominent aspect of the development site, including the provision of green roofs on the larger buildings, and screening tree planting within the car parking area

9. Dunsfold Airport Ltd (Certificate B party in relation to this application) are advised that any loss of open space agreed pursuant to this permission shall be compensated for in the permitted masterplan that is proposed to be removed in the use of this development must be replaced elsewhere within the proposed New Settlement.
10. In discharging condition 31 (LEMP) the applicant is advised to have regard to the advice from Surrey Wildlife Trust dated 26/02/2019 which contains identifies a number of opportunities for enhancing biodiversity on the site. These measures should form part of the Landscape Ecological Management Plan to be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
11. The applicant is therefore advised that should any reserved matters application come forward for Phase 2, then the Highway Authority would expect to see access being provided via a new roundabout junction onto the A281, as agreed as part of the new settlement hybrid planning permission (WA/2015/2395).
12. Design standards for the layout and construction of access roads and junctions, including the provision of visibility zones, shall be in accordance with the requirements of the County Highway Authority.
13. The Highway Authority has no objection to the proposed development, subject to the above conditions but, if it is the applicant's intention to offer any of the roadworks included in the application for adoption as maintainable highways, permission under the Town and Country Planning Act should not be construed as approval to the highway engineering details necessary for inclusion in an Agreement under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980. Further details about the post-planning adoption of roads may be obtained from the Transportation Development Planning Team at Surrey County Council.
14. Details of the highway requirements necessary for inclusion in any application seeking approval of reserved matters may be obtained from the Transportation Development Planning Division of Surrey County Council.
15. Notwithstanding any permission granted under the Planning Acts, no signs, devices or other apparatus may be erected within the limits of the highway without the express approval of the Highway Authority. It is not the policy of the Highway Authority to approve the erection of signs or other devices of a non-statutory nature within the limits of the highway.

16. The permission hereby granted shall not be construed as authority to obstruct the public highway by the erection of scaffolding, hoarding or any other device or apparatus for which a licence must be sought from the Highway Authority Local Highways Service.
17. The permission hereby granted shall not be construed as authority to carry out any works on the highway or any works that may affect a drainage channel/culvert or water course. The applicant is advised that a Streetworks permit and a Section 278 agreement must be obtained from the Highway Authority before any works are carried out on any footway, footpath, carriageway, verge or other land forming part of the highway. All works on the highway will require a Streetworks permit and an application will need to be submitted to the County Council's Streetworks Team up to 3 months in advance of the intended start date, depending on the scale of the works proposed and the classification of the road. Please see <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-permits-and-licences/the-traffic-management-permit-scheme>. The applicant is also advised that Consent may be required under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991. Please see [www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/flooding-advice](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/flooding-advice).
18. The developer is reminded that it is an offence to allow materials to be carried from the site and deposited on or damage the highway from uncleaned wheels or badly loaded vehicles. The Highway Authority will seek, wherever possible, to recover any expenses incurred in clearing, cleaning or repairing highway surfaces and prosecutes persistent offenders. (Highways Act 1980 Sections 131, 148, 149).
19. When access is required to be 'completed' before any other operations, the Highway Authority may agree that surface course material and in some cases edge restraint may be deferred until construction of the development is complete, provided all reasonable care is taken to protect public safety.
20. Section 59 of the Highways Act permits the Highway Authority to charge developers for damage caused by excessive weight and movements of vehicles to and from a site. The Highway Authority will pass on the cost of any excess repairs compared to normal maintenance costs to the applicant/organisation responsible for the damage.
21. The developer is advised that as part of the detailed design of the highway works required by the above condition(s), the County Highway Authority may require necessary accommodation works to street lights, road signs, road markings, highway drainage, surface covers, street trees,

highway verges, highway surfaces, surface edge restraints and any other street furniture/equipment.

22. The permission hereby granted shall not be construed as authority to erect a structure including telecommunication masts and associated equipment without a detailed design assessment. The applicant is advised that a detailed design must be approved from Surrey County Council Structures Team before any works are carried out on any footway, footpath, carriageway, or verge. Please telephone 0300 200 1003 to arrange for the detailed design to be assessed by Surrey County Council Structures Team.
23. The developer would be expected to agree a programme of implementation of all necessary statutory utility works associated with the development, including liaison between Surrey County Council Streetworks Team, the relevant Utility Companies and the Developer to ensure that where possible the works take the route of least disruption and occurs at least disruptive times to highway users.
24. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that the electricity supply is sufficient to meet future demands and that any power balancing technology is in place if required. Please refer to: <http://www.beama.org.uk/resourceLibrary/beama-guide-to-electric-vehicle-infrastructure.html> for guidance and further information on charging modes and connector types.

**17. Recommendation B**

That, if the requirements of recommendation A are not met, that permission be REFUSED for the following reason:

The proposal would fail to deliver an appropriate package of transport mitigation measure such to improve accessibility to the site by non-car modes of transport, and such to maximise opportunities for sustainable travel. The proposal would therefore fail to accord with Policy ST1 of Waverley Borough Council's Local Plan 2018 and Section 9 of the NPPF (2019).

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## Agenda Item 8.

B1 NMA/2019/0059      Amendment to WA/2016/0268 for amendments to building named 'D15' (as amended by plans received 10/04/2019) at Land At East Street Farnham  
Crest Nicholson Regeneration Limited  
05/04/2019

Committee: Joint Planning Committee  
Meeting Date: 23/04/2019

Public Notice: Was Public Notice required and posted: N/A  
Grid Reference: E: 484270 N: 146934

Town: Farnham  
Ward: Farnham Moor Park  
Case Officer: Ruth Dovey  
Expiry Date: 02/05/2019

RECOMMENDATION      That, the Non-Material Amendment Application be APPROVED.

### Introduction

The submission has been brought before the Joint Planning Committee at the request of the Head of Planning and Economic Development, for reasons of transparency given the Council's interest in the site as owner and development partner.

This submission is for a Non-Material Amendment (NMA) to the East St redevelopment scheme. Planning permission for this development has been granted and implemented under application ref. no. WA/2012/0912 and a subsequent permission for minor material amendments under permission ref. no. WA/2016/0268.

The applicant has advised that they are seeking this NMA as it will result in a more efficient layout to building D15 (a building in the northern portion of the site) and a more comfortable relationship between this building and the adjacent northern boundary wall.

As set out in the Government guidance, there is no statutory definition of non-material. This is because it will be dependent on the context of the overall scheme. The Local Planning Authority must be satisfied that the amendment sought is non-material in order to grant an application under Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act.

Section 96A of the Act sets out that “in deciding whether a change is material, a local planning authority must have regard to the effect of the change, together with any previous changes made under this section, on the planning permission originally granted”.

The power conferred includes the “power to remove or alter existing conditions”.

Under condition permission WA/2016/0268, condition 2 states the following:

2. Condition

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans 13512 – TPN-D6-051 01, 13512 – TPN-D6-052 01, 13512 - TPN-D6-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-002 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-003 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-004 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-005 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-006 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-007 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-051 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-052 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-004 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-052 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D15-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D15-002 01, 13512 – TPN-15-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-002 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-003 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-004 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-005 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-006 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-051 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-052 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D21-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D21-002 01, 13512 – TPN-D21-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D4A-050 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-007 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-008 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-009 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-010 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-011 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-014 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-052 01. No material variation from these plans shall take place unless otherwise first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

In order that the development hereby permitted shall be fully implemented in complete accordance with the approved plans and to accord with Policy D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002.

This application seeks to amend some of the plans referred to in condition 2 to enable changes to be made to approved building D15, a residential building in the north western corner of the development site. The 15 units all comprise affordable housing in the form of shared ownership.

For the reasons set out below, Officers are of the view that the revised plans are acceptable and comprise a non-material amendment within the context of this large redevelopment scheme. Officers are also satisfied that, having

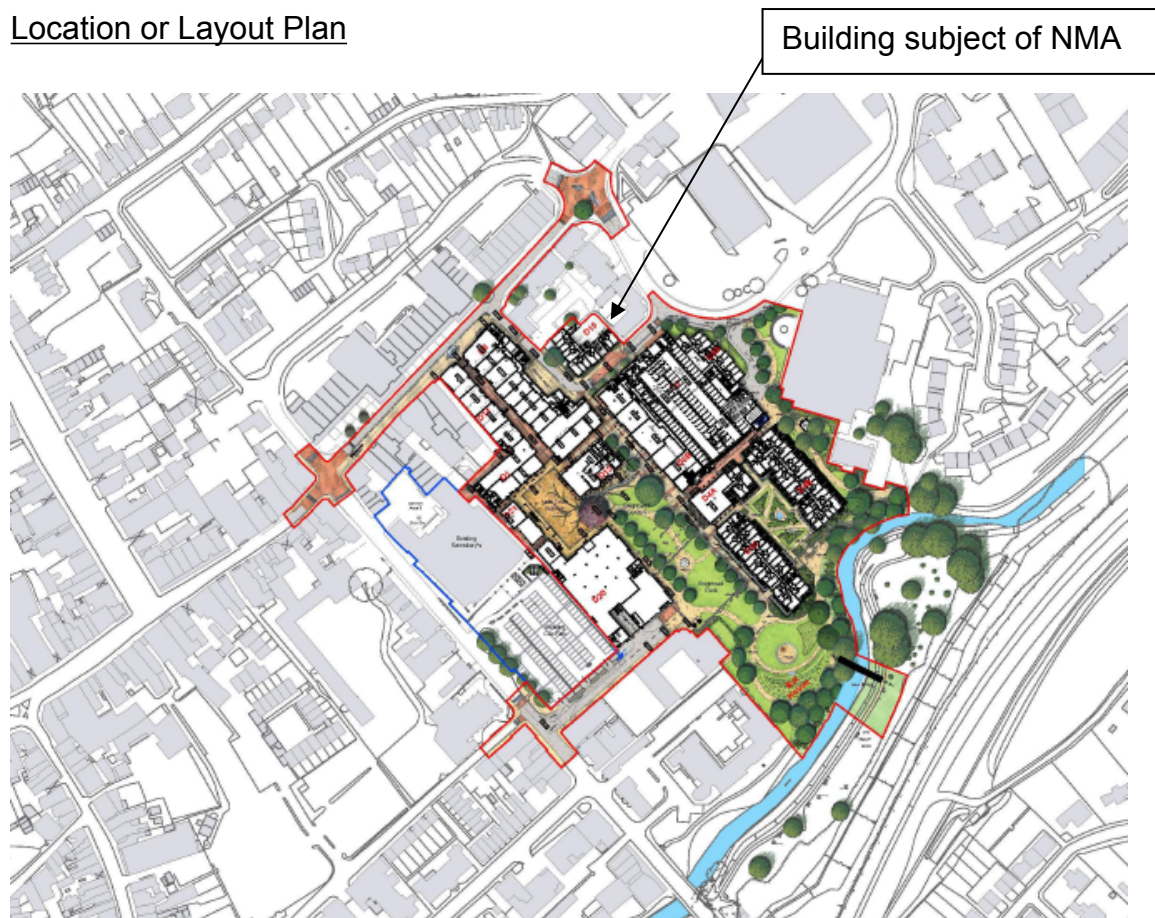
regard to S96A of the Act, the legislation allows for the alteration of conditions as a non-material change to a planning permission.

As the plans comprise a non-material amendment, under Section 96A there is no duty to consult. As such, an update Environmental Statement is not required to accompany this NMA application and the NMA is not considered to be EIA development.

Application WA/2012/0912 was accompanied by an Environmental Statement. This Environmental Statement was updated for planning permission WA/2016/0268. This NMA seeks only very minor changes to the approved development. Having regard to the nature of the changes and their implications, Officers are satisfied that the proposal would not have any additional significant environmental effect over the approved scheme.

This report is concerned solely with the acceptability of the proposed revisions and no other matters. Matters relating to the redevelopment of the site as a whole do not fall to be considered under this application as these have already been agreed under planning permission ref. nos. WA/2012/0912 and WA/2016/0268.

#### Location or Layout Plan



## Site Description

The application relates to part of a major development in Farnham Town Centre, which was granted planning permission in August 2012 under application reference no. WA/2012/0912 and later under application ref. no. WA/2016/0268 which saw the approval of some minor material amendments.

The application site for this permission extends to 3.95ha and is located between South St, The Woolmead (East St) and Dogflud Way. The River Wey and the A31 are beyond to the South. To the east of the site lies Farnham Leisure Centre. Various buildings have recently been demolished on site and associated utility works have commenced.

## Proposal

Application ref. no. WA/2016/0268 granted approval of the following development:

Mixed-use redevelopment comprising: 9,814 sq m of retail, restaurant and cafe-bar accommodation (Use Classes A1, A3 & A4, including the change of use of Brightwell House and Marlborough Head); 239 residential units (Class C3); a multi-screen cinema (Class D2); multi-storey, surface and basement car parks providing a total of 426 spaces; associated highway and access works; provision of infrastructure and landscaping; replacement facility for the existing 'Gostrey Centre'; demolition and clearance of the site. This application is accompanied by a supplementary Environmental Statement.

Condition 2 of this permission reads as follows:

2. Condition

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans 13512 – TPN-D6-051 01, 13512 – TPN-D6-052 01, 13512 - TPN-D6-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-002 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-003 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-004 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-005 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-006 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-007 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-051 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-052 01, 13512 – TPN-D8-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-004 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-052 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D15-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D15-002 01, 13512 – TPN-15-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-002 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-003 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-004 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-005 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-006 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-051 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-052 01, 13512 – TPN-D20-053 01, 13512 – TPN-D21-001 01, 13512 – TPN-D21-002 01, 13512 – TPN-D21-050 01, 13512 – TPN-D4A-050 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-007 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-008 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-009 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-010 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-011 01, 13512 – TPN-MP-014 01, 13512 – TPN-D12-052 01. No material variation from these plans shall take place unless otherwise first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

In order that the development hereby permitted shall be fully implemented in complete accordance with the approved plans and to accord with Policy D1 and D4 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002.

The approved scheme includes a wholly residential block in the northern corner of the site that comprises 15 residential units for affordable housing with associated parking, cycle and refuse store.

The application seeks to make amendments to this part of the development as follows:

- Stepping the building back approximately 857mm from the north western boundary of the site;
- Stepping the south western wall of the building (fronting Brightwells Road where it runs north to south) forward by between 557 and 622 mm in places;
- Stepping the south eastern wall of the building (fronting onto Brightwells Road where it runs east to west) forward by between 948 and 987mm;
- Internal reconfiguration to the building
- Amendments to cycle and bin storage area
- Provision of Juliet balconies to ground floor windows
- Amendments to windows on north eastern and north western elevation

It should be noted that the number of residential units proposed and the mix within D15 would not change and the dwellings would remain as affordable shared ownership units. It is not proposed to remove any trees as a result of the change (tree shown on the pavement in front of the south western elevation of the building on the approved plans was removed some time ago).

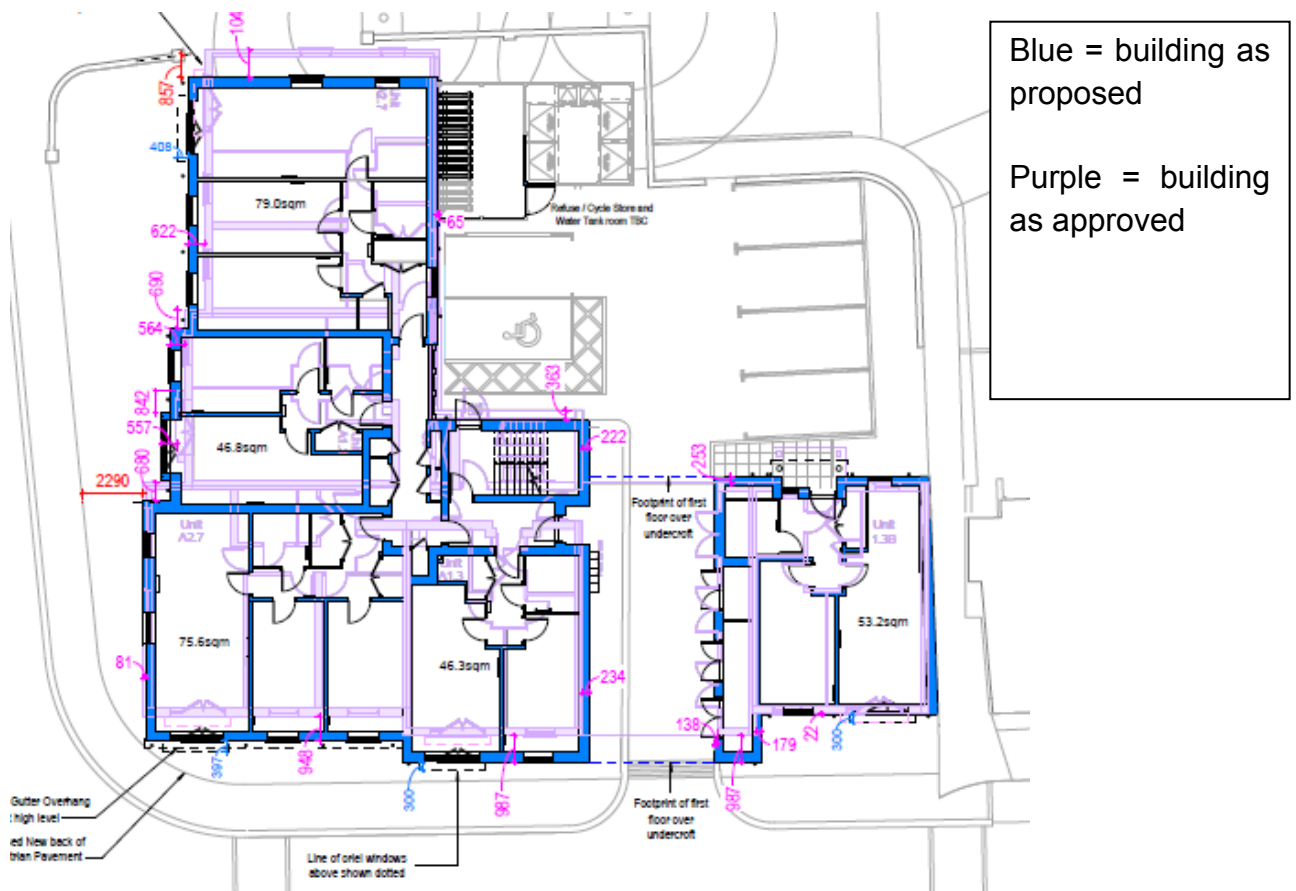
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*Extract from ground floor masterplan as proposed*



Overlay plan showing footprint of building



Approved ground floor plan



Proposed ground





Approved first floor plan



Proposed first floor



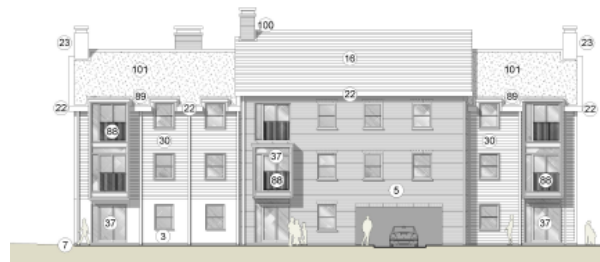
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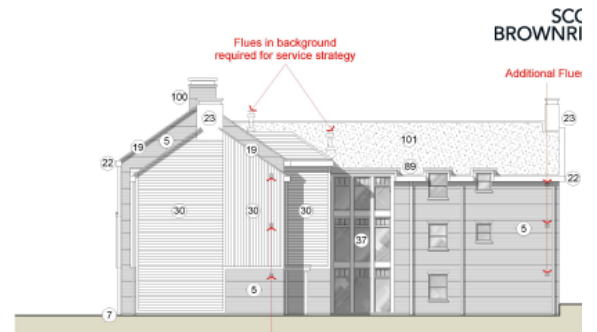
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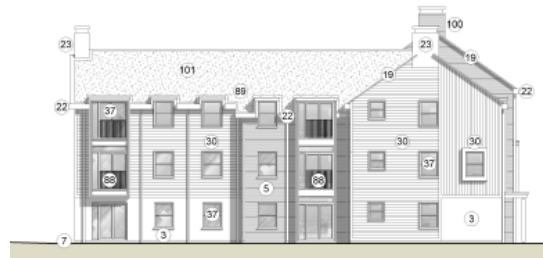
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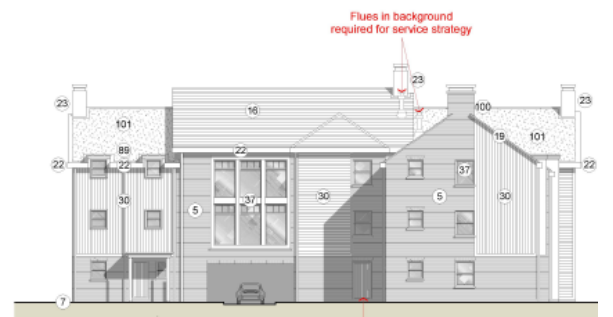
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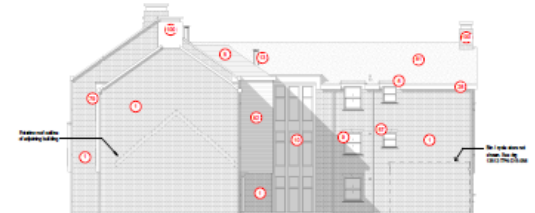


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*Proposed elevations*



**South East Elevation**  
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**North East Elevation**  
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**South West Elevation**  
(Scale 1: 100 @ A1)



**North West Elevation**  
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The applicant is proposing the following amended wording to condition 2 of WA/2016/0268 to reflect the revised plans:

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans 13512-TPN-D6-051-01, 13512-TPN-D6-052-01, 13512-TPN-53-01, 13512-TPN-D8-001 01, 13512-TPN-D8-002 01, 13512-TPN-D8-003 01, 13512-TPN-D8-004 01, 13512-TPN-D8-005 01, 13512-TPN-D8-006 01, 13512-TPN-D8-007 01, 13512-TPN-D8-050 01, 13512-TPN-D8-051 01, 13512-TPN-D8-052 01, 13512-TPN-D8-053 01, 13512-TPN-D12-001 01, 13512-TPN-D12-004 01, 13512-TPN-D12-050 01, 13512-TPN-D12-052 01, 13512-TPN-D12-053 01, 13512-TPN-D15-001 05, 13512-TPN-D15-002 04, 13512-TPN-D15-050-03, 13512-TPN-D15-056 03, 13512-TPN-D20-001 01, 13512-TPN-D20-002 01, 13512-TPN-D20-003 01, 13512-TPN-D20-004 01, 13512-TPN-D20-005 01, 13512-TPN-D20-006 01, 13512-TPN-D20-050 01, 13512-TPN-D20-051 01, 13512-TPN-D20-052 01, 13512-TPN-D20-052 01, 13512-TPN-D21-001 01, 13512-TPN-D21-002 01, 13512-TPN-D21-050 01, 13512-TPN-D4A-050 01, 13512-TPN-MP-007-004, 13512-TPN-MP-008-03, 13512-TPN-MP-009-03, 13512-TPN-MP-010-03, 13512-TPN-MP-011-03, 13512-TPN-MP-014-03, 13512-TPN-D12-052-01.

No material variation from these plans shall take place unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Relevant Planning History Relating To This NMA

There is lengthy planning history to this site, the most relevant of which is set out below (NMAs highlighted in bold):

| Reference    | Proposal  | Decision                      |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| WA/2008/0279 | Mixed-use redevelopment comprising: 9,814 sq m of retail, restaurant and cafe-bar accommodation (Use Classes A1, A3 & A4, including the change of use of Brightwell House and Marlborough Head); 239 residential units (Class C3); a multi-screen cinema (Class D2); multi-storey, surface and basement car parks providing a total of 426 spaces; associated highway and access works; provision of infrastructure and landscaping; replacement facility for the existing 'Gostrey Centre'; demolition and clearance of the site. (as amended by | Full Permission<br>06/08/2009 |

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|              | plans and documents received 20/8/08).   |  |
| WA/2012/0912 | Mixed-use redevelopment comprising: 9,814 sq m of retail, restaurant and cafe-bar accommodation (Use Classes A1, A3 & A4, including the change of use of Brightwell House and Marlborough Head); 239 residential units (Class C3); a multi-screen cinema (Class D2); multi-storey, surface and basement car parks providing a total of 426 spaces; associated highway and access works; provision of infrastructure and landscaping; replacement facility for the existing 'Gostrey Centre'; demolition and clearance of the site. (as amended by plans and documents received 20/8/08).   | Full permission – subject to Section 106 Agreement - 07/08/2012 (Implemented - extant) |
| WA/2016/0268 | Application under S73 for the variation of Condition 3 (Plans) and removal of Condition 61 (Sustainability Statement) and Condition 60 (Combined Heat and Power Scheme) of WA/2012/0912 (East St Redevelopment) to allow 106 sq m increase in size of extension to Brightwell House, realignment of rear of Building D21, removal of Gostrey Centre community use from Building D20 resulting in space to be occupied by Use Classes A1/A3 Retail/Food and Drink, internal alterations and amendment to landscaping scheme; revision to heating strategy, omitting energy centre and changes to comply with current Building Regulations and other regulation requirements with subsequent revisions to Sustainability Statement; amendment to affordable housing provision to provide 100% shared ownership flats. This application is accompanied by an Addendum to the Environmental Statement (as amplified by emails and plans received 21/03/2016 and 01/06/2016 in relation to flood risk and as amended by email and viability | Full permission 09/09/2017 (Implemented – extant)                                      |

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|                      | information received 06/05/2016 in relation to the proposed affordable housing mix).  |                       |
| <b>NMA/2017/0177</b> | Amendment to WA/2016/0268 to change the market and affordable housing mix and re-distribute various shared ownership and market housing units.                    | Allowed<br>01.02.2018 |
| <b>NMA/2018/0022</b> | Amendment to WA/2016/0268 to amend the wording of conditions 22, 23, and 24 to remove the restriction on felling.   | Allowed<br>20/02/2018 |
| <b>NMA/2018/0039</b> | Amendment to WA/2016/0268 to amend condition 35 (bat mitigation measures) to include 'bat report addendum' dated 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018.                    | Allowed<br>16/07/2018 |
| <b>NMA/2018/0049</b> | Amendment to WA/2016/0268 to provide alterations to approved phasing plan.  | Allowed<br>06/06/2018 |
| <b>NMA/2018/0090</b> | Amendment to WA/2016/0268 for amendments to the design of the temporary construction bridge and the permanent footbridge.   | Allowed<br>24/08/2019 |
| <b>NMA/2018/0091</b> | Amendment to condition 29 of WA/2016/0268 for amended foundation design.  | Allowed<br>23/08/2019 |
| <b>NMA/2018/0138</b> | Amendment to WA/2016/0268 to amend the wording of condition 15 to enable the approval of a revised working method statement.                                      | Allowed<br>09/01/2019 |
| <b>NMA/2018/0152</b> | Amendment to WA/2016/0268 to remove condition 19 referencing 'method of works' and amend condition 30 to provide alterations to method of construction statement. | Allowed<br>06/02/2019 |

In connection with the delivery of this redevelopment scheme, planning permission has also been granted for the provision of a temporary construction access bridge and subsequent permanent footbridge as follows:

| Reference    | Proposal  | Decision  |
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| WA/2018/0544 | Provision of dual lane temporary construction access bridge across River Wey, pedestrian underpass, temporary | Full permission<br>09/07/2018 –<br>implemented. |

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|              | vehicular access from South St and other associated temporary works to enable the bridge.  |   |
| WA/2018/1678 | Application under S73a to vary condition 5 and remove condition 11 of WA/2018/0544 to allow for the demolition of Brightwell Cottage and the tennis pavillion and the provision and collection of welfare facilities prior to the completion of the temporary construction bridge and to allow for the temporary 24 hour closure of a lane of the A31, to enable the construction of the bridge. | Full permission 15/11/2019 – implemented. |

The temporary construction access bridge has been completed.

### Planning Policy Constraints

Developed/Built-up Area of Farnham - north of River Wey only  
Town Centre Area – area north of River Wey only  
Countryside Beyond the Green Belt – area south of River Wey only  
Area Strategic Visual Importance (ASVI) – River Wey and its south bank only  
Green Infrastructure: Amenity Greenspace, Green Corridor Land, Biodiversity, Opportunity Area  
Thames Basin Heath 5km Buffer Zone  
Wealden Heaths I SPA 5km Buffer Zone  
Ancient Woodland 500m Buffer Zone  
Within 8m of Riverbank  
Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Routes (Borelli Walk)  
Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) Buffer Zone  
Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) – River Wey and north bank  
Flood Zones 2 and 3 (southern part of site)  
Special Area of Advertisement Control (SPAD) – south of River Wey  
Grade II Listed Building (Brightwell House) and Building of Local Merit (Brightwell Cottage) to the northwest of the site, outside the application site red line  
Conservation Area (adjacent)  
Area of High Archaeological Potential (adjacent)  
Listed Building Grade II (Brightwell House)  
Listed Building curtilage buildings, walls and structure  
Building of Local Merit (Brightwell Cottage)  
Central Shopping Area (East Street frontage to a depth of approx 50m)  
Pedestrian Improvement Area in East Street  
Potentially contaminated land

Gas pipeline (non-hazardous)

### Development Plan Policies and Guidance

The development plan includes:

- Waverley Borough Local Plan, Part 1, Strategic policies and sites (adopted February 2018): SP1, SP2, ALH1, ST1, AHN1, AHN3, TCS1, LRC1, RE1, TD1, HA1, NE1, NE2, NE3, CC1, CC2, and CC4.
- Farnham Neighbourhood Plan (made May 2017): FNP1, FNP2, FNP10, FNP11, FNP12, FNP13, FNP15, FNP21, FNP23, FNP25, FNP27, FNP29, FNP30, FNP31 and FNP32.
- Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002 (retained policies February 2018): D1, D2, D4, D6, D7, D8, D9 C5, BE1, HE1, HE2, HE3, HE4, HE5, HE8, HE10, HE14, CF2, S6, S7, TC2, TC3, TC8, TC9, TC12, TC13, TC15, TC16, LT2, LT6 LT11, M5, M6, M7, M9, M10, M15 and M17.
- South East Plan: Policy NRM6)

Other guidance:

- National Planning Policy Framework (2019)
- National Planning Practice Guidance (2014)

### Consultations and Town Council Comments

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| Farnham Town Council                     | Any comments received to be reported at committee.   |
| County Highway Authority                 | No objection.  |
| Housing Delivery and Communities Officer | No objection, subject to confirmation from the Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing Association that it has no concerns. |
| Waste and Recycling Officer              | No objection.  |

### Representations

No letters of representation have been received.

### Submissions in support

In support of the application the applicant has made the following points:



- The proposal would result in a more efficient layout and a more comfortable relationship with the adjacent boundary wall to the north of the site.
- The proposal would result in a marginal floor area increase to 14 of the 15 units and so would provide an improved quality of accommodation.
- The proposal would provide better outlook for the ground floor living room and an area of defensible space.
- The number of units, mix and tenure, remain the same from what has been consented and the carriageway and footway will be unaffected by the change.
- The proposal would enable easier maintenance of the retained garden wall and area around it and will better preserve the character of the adjacent courtyard by setting back the building from this boundary.

### Planning Considerations

As set out above, Section 96A allows a non-material amendment to be made to an existing planning permission via a simple application procedure with a quick decision time.

In deciding whether a change is material, a local planning authority must have regard to the effect of the change, together with any previous changes made under this section, on the planning permission as originally granted. This includes power to remove or alter conditions.

The NPPG provides guidance on non-material amendments. The NPPG makes it clear that a non-material amendment application is not an application for planning permission. Therefore, the planning merits of the proposed amendments are not before the Council and the focus is whether the proposed amendments are non-material or not.

The only consideration in the assessment of this application is whether the proposed changes to the plans approved under condition 2 of planning permission WA/2016/0268 are deemed material.

In consideration of the application, the Council must have regard to the effect of the change or changes, together with any previous changes made under Section 96A. They must also take into account any representations made by anyone notified.

Would the condition, with the revised wording, continue to satisfy the purposes for which it was originally required?

Condition 2 confirms the plan numbers that have been approved as part of the planning application in order to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with those plan numbers. Any deviation from the plans could have a potential impact on the acceptability of the scheme.

The question is, therefore, whether the proposed re-wording of the condition to replace the originally approved drawing numbers with revised drawing numbers has an impact on the acceptability of the scheme. The Head of Planning and Economic Development is satisfied that the proposed changes are acceptable and that, provided the revised plan numbers are referenced in the amended Condition 2, that the revised wording of the condition would continue to satisfy its original purpose.

#### Impact on visual amenity

Policy TD1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part 1) requires development to be of high quality design and to be well related in size, scale and character to its surroundings. Retained Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002 are attributed substantial and full weight respectively due to their level of consistency with the NPPF 2018.

Policy FNP1 of the Farnham Neighbourhood plan relates to the design of new development. In particular, it states that, amongst other things, new development will be permitted where it is designed to a high quality which responds to the heritage and distinctive character of the area of Farnham in which it is located and sets out.

Policy FNP21 of the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan relates specifically to the East St, South St and Dogflud Way. Most relevant to the consideration of this application is that development will be permitted where it is designed to a high quality which responds to the heritage and distinctive character of the Town Centre Conservation Area and that the scheme is visually and well related, and physically well connected, to adjoining development including the Woolmead Development Site.

The design of the proposed building largely remains the same when viewed in elevational form albeit there are some minor changes to the building line in various places. The modest change to the position of the building is not considered to be significant or harmful within the context of the overall development scheme. Whilst the development may result in the loss of a small strip of landscaping between the south eastern frontage of the building

and the back of pavement, this is not considered significant within the context of the overall development and would not result in visual harm.

A modest change to the fenestration is proposed on the north eastern and north western elevations. As the windows retain the rhythm and proportions of the windows already approved they are acceptable in this respect and are not considered to be a material change. Likewise, the introduction of railings at ground floor level in front of patio doors is not deemed material.

The Council's Design and Conservation Officer has reviewed the changes and has raised no objection to them.

The plans indicate some changes to materials on the building in comparison to what is shown on the approved drawings. However, the materials for the building, along with materials for the entire site, would be considered under condition 6 of the main permission (WA/2016/0268) which requires samples of materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the building to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council.

Overall, the revisions to building D15 are considered minor in nature within the context of the scheme as a whole and accord with Policy TD1 of the Local Plan Part 1, Policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002 and Policies FNP1 and FNP21 of the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Impact on residential amenity

Policy TD1 of the Local Plan 2018 (Part1) seeks to ensure that new development is designed to create safe and attractive environments that meet the needs of users and incorporate the principles of sustainable development. Retained policies D1 and D4 of the Local Plan 2002 are given substantial and full weight respectively due to their consistency with the NPPF 2018.

The proposed revisions result in very limited change to the building along its eastern boundary. Where there is currently a gap of up to 366mm under the approved plans, the revised plans show the building encroaching into this gap so that it sits against the boundary line. Officers are of the view that this very modest change would not result in loss of light or increased sense of enclosure to neighbours given that there are no windows in the neighbouring building immediately adjacent to this boundary that would be affected.

The proposed building would be set away from the northern boundary by a further 1m in comparison to the approved scheme. The shift of the building away from this boundary ensures that it results in less of an impact on the neighbouring building to the north of the site than the approved scheme.

### Highways, car and cycle parking impacts

Policy ST1 of the Local Plan Part 1 relates to sustainable transport and seeks to ensure that development schemes make an appropriate provision for car parking, having regard to the type of development, its location, in accordance with local standards.

ST1 also states that development schemes should include measures to encourage non-car use such as on-site cycle parking.

Although the proposals result in a slight change to the building line in places, the number of car parking spaces proposed and their arrangement would not change as result of the proposals. Officers are therefore satisfied that the proposed development is acceptable with regard to car parking provision and that the scheme does not represent a material alteration in this respect.

The proposal results in a slight change to the size and position of the cycle parking store associated with Building D15. The approved plans show space for 15 bicycles (1 per unit), as required by the Council's cycle parking standards. The revised cycle store would also have space for 15 bicycles. As the level of cycle parking provision remains unaffected by the revisions, the changes are not considered material in this respect.

Although the building is moving slightly closer to the back of pavement towards the south east and south west, it would not encroach onto the pavement and would not, therefore, have an impact on the pedestrian footway.

Surrey County Highway Authority has reviewed the proposals and confirmed it has no objection to the proposed amendments.

### Quality of accommodation

Policy TD1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 seeks to maximise the opportunity to improve the quality of life, health and well-being of current and future residents through the provision of appropriate private, communal and public amenity space, appropriate internal space standards for new dwellings, on site playspace provision, appropriate facilities for the storage of waste and private clothes drying facilities.

The Government Technical Housing standards – nationally described space standards (2015) requires dwellings to meet certain internal space standards in order to ensure that an appropriate internal standard of accommodation has

been provided for future occupiers. Until the Council has a Local Plan Policy in respect of these standards, they should only be given limited weight and used as guidance to inform the decision on this proposal.

With regard to unit sizes, the following table provides comparison floorspace figures between the approved scheme and the revised proposal:

| Unit | Size | Approved size (sq m) | Proposed Size (sq m) | Standard (sq m)      |
|------|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0-1  | 1b2p | 49.5                 | 53.3                 | 50                   |
| 0-2  | 1b2p | 45.6                 | 46.3                 | 50                   |
| 0-3  | 2b4p | 75.4                 | 75.6                 | 79                   |
| 0-4  | 1b2p | 46                   | 47.1                 | 50                   |
| 0-5  | 2b4p | 78                   | 79.4                 | 79                   |
| 1-1  | 2b4p | 78.3                 | 80.9                 | 79                   |
| 1-2  | 2b4p | 69.5                 | 70.1                 | 79                   |
| 1-3  | 2b4p | 76.1                 | 76.6                 | 79                   |
| 1-4  | 2b2p | 46                   | 47.1                 | No specific standard |
| 1-5  | 2b4p | 78.5                 | 80.7                 | 79                   |
| 2-1  | 2b4p | 78.3                 | 80.9                 | 79                   |
| 2-2  | 2b4p | 69.5                 | 69.5                 | 79                   |
| 2-3  | 2b4p | 76.1                 | 76.6                 | 79                   |
| 2-4  | 1b2p | 46                   | 47.1                 | 50                   |
| 2-5  | 2b4p | 78.5                 | 80.7                 | 79                   |

The table shows that 9 of the 15 units would be below the space standards. However, as the development has already been implemented, the applicants could build Building D15 as approved. This fallback position is a material consideration in assessing the acceptability of this revised proposal.

The table shows that all the units see a modest increase in size as a result of the revised plans with the exception of unit 2 on the second floor which remains the same size. This floor area increase is considered to be a modest improvement on the approved quality of accommodation. The proposed development is not considered material different in this respect and is acceptable.

The quality of accommodation with regard to light and outlook would remain similar to the approved scheme and remains acceptable in this respect.

Overall, the proposal does not result in any material or harmful changes to the development with regard to quality of accommodation.

The Housing Delivery and Communities Officer has reviewed the plans and raises no objection to the proposal subject to confirmation from Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing Association that it has no concerns. At the time of writing Officers are awaiting its comments.

### Refuse and recycling

The proposal would result in a slight change to the refuse and recycling store. Whilst it remains broadly in the same position as approved, the plans show a minor reconfiguration of it. The Council's Refuse and Recycling Officer has reviewed the plans and has confirmed that the refuse and recycling store provides sufficient capacity for 15 residential units.

The proposed changes are therefore considered acceptable in this respect.

### Would the change be material in combination with other NMA approvals?

A number of NMA applications have been granted recently in connection with the East Street development project, as set out in the Planning History section of this report. The individual changes that have been agreed are not significant and Officers consider that the change currently proposed, with the other agreed changes (highlighted in the history section of this report) made under Section 96A of the Act, do not comprise a material amendment to planning application ref. no. WA/2016/0268.

### Other Planning Issues

Officers are satisfied that the amendment to the plans as proposed and as listed under condition 2 would not alter the conclusions of the main permission on the following planning issues:

- Open space and recreation
- Retail provision
- Housing land supply
- Housing mix
- Affordable housing
- Heritage and listed building impacts
- Leisure and community uses
- Crime and disorder
- Financial considerations
- Infrastructure contributions
- Climate change and sustainability

- Biodiversity and compliance with the Habitat Regulations 2010
- Effect on the SPAs
- Archaeology
- Air quality
- Noise
- Flooding
- Contaminated land
- Accessibility and Equalities Act 2010
- Human Rights implications

#### Environmental Impact Regulations 2017

Application WA/2012/0912 was accompanied by an Environmental Statement. This Environmental Statement was updated for planning permission WA/2016/0268.

An updated Environmental Statement is not required to accompany this NMA application and the NMA is not considered to be EIA development.

#### Conclusion

The consideration with regard to this application is whether the amendments to the approved plans relating to building D15 of planning permission ref. no. WA/2016/0268 constitute a non-material amendment within the context of this overall planning permission.

As outlined above, Officers consider the changes to building D15 to be minor that do not comprise a material amendment to the approved scheme. The changes are not considered to alter the conclusions on the main permission with respect to the planning issues that were considered and agreed at the time.

Furthermore, whilst a number of other NMA applications relating to WA/2016/0268 have recently been approved, Officers are satisfied that the proposal, in conjunction with these, does not amount to a material amendment.

#### **Recommendation**

That, the Non-Material Amendment Application be APPROVED.

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