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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 5th July 2022.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini (Vice Chair), Button (Chair), De Silva, McClean, Rogers and Sinclair.

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council; PC Dan Stevens; Mr John Ingleby, Waterside; Mike Denness, Jack Brudenell, Angle Property / Cala Homes.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr(s) Johnson and Morrish. (Note: County Cllr Roberts had also given his apologies).

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 None.

3. Public Participation / Question Time / Urgent Planning & Licencing Matters

3.1 Mr Ingleby spoke to object to application 22/01836/MFA (Rectory Farm), particularly on the grounds that very little was included to reduce the carbon footprint of the development, where an opportunity has been missed to reduce it to zero, adding that, of course, Green Belt land absorbs carbon.

The Chair added that the Environment Group had raised issues related to the infrastructure, the loss of the “village” and concern for the impact on wildlife, loss of habitat, and increased pollution during construction, and thereafter because of the increase in the number of vehicles etc.

Cllr Rogers had received representations from members of the public that the Planning Statement (dated 31st May 2022) prepared by Montagu Evans LLP on behalf of CALA Homes and Angle Property, contained the following:

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4.14 The applicant team attended an initial meeting with members of Kings Langley Parish Council (“KLPC”) on 2 March 2022 to inform them of the upcoming application submission. This was followed by the team delivering a detailed presentation of the proposed development to KLPC on 15 March 2022, which included a question and answer session.

4.15 ***KLPC responded positively to the proposals*** and were particularly keen to understand the composition of the community facilities and what the ongoing maintenance arrangements were likely to be.”

Cllr Rogers was particularly unhappy with the statement that the Parish Council “responded positively to the proposals” which he, and the members of the public that had spoken to him, considered to be very misleading as it inferred that the Council was supportive of the planning application, which was and is untrue, (although the full planning application had not been received at this point). Members concurred.



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Mr Denness undertook to check and review the statement and respond accordingly.

Mr Denness then read a statement on behalf of Angle Property and Cala Homes highlighting the need for new homes and the benefits of the proposed development which will retain and improve 40% of the land as green space and provide several community facilities, eg a “repair shed” and an orchard, and plant many more trees. 40% of the homes would be designated as “affordable”.

Mr Denness raised that a rather misleading “impression” of the scheme viewed from the Hempstead Road had been posted on the Kings Langley Matters Facebook site. So he and Mr Brudenell circulated their version alongside the social media item. Mr Brudenell explained this point further with the use of the documents circulated.

Cllr Anderson summarised the Council’s position and, despite the proposed development including several community benefits, stated that the Council is obliged to object to the application because it is development on the Green Belt, in accordance with the wishes of the electorate. The Chair seconded the objection

Cllr Rogers supported the objection in stronger terms, citing the public meeting in November 2016, followed by a village poll in November 2017 where there was a vote of 99% against development in the Green Belt in Kings Langley. He added his personal objection to the development because he was wholly against Green Belt development and the impact it would have on the village.

It was therefore agreed that the Council would object to the application on the grounds that it is development in the Green Belt with insufficient justification for so doing, and that Cllr Johnson be delegated to produce the Council’s submission based on this any other relevant planning issues identified.

3.2 Urgent Planning & Licencing Matters.

3.2.1 Consideration of Planning Applications as listed here:

Reference	Address	Details of Application	Submission	Reason (if any)
22/01836/MFA	Rectory Farm	Comprehensive development comprising 135 residential units, new community buildings (including café and farm shop, cycle hub, repair shed, meeting & office space), creation of new public open space and play space, provision of new vehicular and pedestrian access from Hempstead Road, provision of cycle and car parking and associated works.	Objection	The Council objects to this application - See appendix 1.



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22/02015/TPO	7 Barnsway	Tree felling	Objection	The Council objects to this application as there is insufficient information (eg sketch plan) for consideration.
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3.2.2 Other Planning & Licencing Matters (as specified on the agenda).

3.2.2.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

[M054587] Licensing Act 2003 – LA2003 s.41A: Premises licence - Minor Variation application – The Saracens Head.

Members considered this application alongside a letter of objection from a neighbour and agreed that it would submit an objection because it because it will provide opportunities to cause further nuisance and disturbance to neighbours.

3.2.3 Any Other Planning & Licencing Business (Not Requiring Formal Decision).

3.2.3.1 None.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 Crime reports.

4.1.1 The new PC for the area Dan Stevens was welcomed to the meeting, introduced himself and provided an insight into the current structure of policing for the rural areas for which he was responsible and how it integrated with the overall structure for policing in Dacorum. He also explained his shift patterns and that there was an operation called “Target” which dealt specifically with ASB hotspots. This included The Common which was a recent addition. PC Stevens also presented and explained the following table of recorded crimes for Kings Langley, answering various questions:

Kings Langley (D1R) Crimes 2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Burglary (dwelling incl attempt)	1	0	0	0	1	2						
Burglary (other - business & non dwelling)	0	0	0	1	1	1						
Robbery	0	0	0	2	0	1						
Theft of, & attempt theft of motor vehicle	0	0	2	2	0	1						
Vehicle interference	0	0	1	0	1	1						
Theft from motor vehicle	0	0	2	1	0	0						
Criminal Damage inc arson	0	2	1	3	4	0						
Assault	4	6	5	1	6	0						
Theft from shop	1	0	0	0	0	1						
Theft (other)	2	1	2	1	3	0						
Drug related offences	1	0	2	0	2	0						
ASB	6	4	12	7	9	7						
TOTALS												
Notable total investigations	9	9	15	11	18	7						
Athena Total Investigations	21	25	22	25	27	17						

4.2 Any Other Police and Neighbourhood Watch Matters.

4.2.1 Cllr Sinclair re-raised an issue with a regular deposit of rubbish and evidence of drugs use in the woodlands behind Miller and Carter. He cleared up the rubbish on a regular basis, but, unfortunately had never seen the perpetrators. PC Stevens agreed to monitor the area, but asked for further logging information if it was possible.

4.2.2 PC Stevens would be providing a QR poster for police contact use



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5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

5.1 General Matters.

5.1.1 Cllr Roberts was not present.

5.2 Highways Matters.

5.2.2 No report.

5.3 Speed Indicator Device – Watford Road southbound

5.3.1 Although Cllr Roberts was not present, the following was agreed:

1. The Council wished to proceed with the installation on the southbound side of the road, subject to 3, below.
2. The Council's preferred site is immediately after Avenue Approach / lamp column 35 or as close as can be achieved.
3. The Council has placed a cap of £2,100 on its financial commitment (per Cllr Roberts' email of 5th April 2022).

5.4 Integrated Works Programme – Members' requests.

5.4.1 Cllr Button had submitted a request for the footway in Vicarage Lane to receive some attention, but there were no other submissions.

5.5 Signage Request from Kings Langley School.

5.5.1 The Council had received a request from the school for support for signs to encourage drivers to "switch off" their engines when waiting to pick up their children. As these would be placed on lamp columns, the school would need HCC's permission. It was agreed that this would be added to Cllr Roberts' action list.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 3rd May and 7th June 2022 be adopted as a true record.

6.1.1 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 None.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 17th May 2022 were adopted as a true record.

8.2 Chair's Reports.

8.2.1 The Chair reported that the football club would be holding a friendly match against Southend Utd on the coming Saturday and would be taking measures to restrict parking as much as possible.



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There had been another very successful carnival; there were ample bins but, as expected, the public didn't bother to recycle. It was noted that the numbers of people who use the food caddies in Dacorum Borough Council is low.

8.3 Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

8.3.1 A meeting of the Christmas Lights Group had been re-scheduled for Monday 11th July.

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List.

8.4.1 No report.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 There was some debate about the large planters that had been placed within Little Hays. The Chair proposed that they should be disposed of, but it was agreed that all Members would go and look at them and decide their fate / future at the next meeting.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for June 2022.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for June 2022 in the sum of £14,640.64 be approved, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

9.1.2 The Chair then signed the schedule of payments.

9.2 Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 31st May 2022). Members had received copies of the summaries.

9.2.1 The Chair examined the Council's bank account statements and signed a statement to that effect on behalf of the Members that the balances as at the above date were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£243,415.82
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,869.91

9.3 Tree to replace felled ash in the village garden.

9.3.1 This item was deferred until the next meeting because Cllr Johnson was absent.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Other Public Bodies.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllrs Anderson and Johnson – Reports and Members' questions
Nothing to report.

11. Members Items / Reports and Questions (not included elsewhere).

11.1 Parish / Neighbourhood Plan Reports.

11.1.1 Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Morrish).
No report - Cllr Morrish was not present.



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11.1.2 Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button).

Cllr Button added to his report from above (3.3.1) that concerns had been raised regarding parking on the verge opposite the football club, to which Cllr Anderson would be adding later in the meeting, and that Debbi would be contacting the environmental award winners to see how their project was progressing.

11.1.3 Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Johnson),

Cllr Johnson had sent a report which would be attached to the minutes (appendix II).

11.1.4 Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllr McLean).

There had not been a meeting of the group, but Cllr McLean had written to Andrew Freeman to seek an update on the main issues being addressed by the group. No reply yet. He had also been informed that the £300k that had been allocated for the canal footpath improvements had been reduced to £100k. Cllr Anderson was having a meeting shortly to discuss how the shortfall in the required amount could be found.

11.2 Geographical Areas Reports

11.2.1 Abbots Rise area (Cllr Angiolini).

Nothing to report.

11.2.2 The Common, Vicarage Lane / Langley Hill / Great Park (Cllr Button)

Nothing to report.

11.2.3 Hempstead Road areas (Cllr Collins).

No report.

11.2.4 Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva).

Nothing to report.

11.2.5 London Road area (Cllr De Silva).

Nothing to report.

11.2.6 Watford Road area (Cllr Johnson).

Nothing to report.

11.2.7 Rucklers area (Cllr Morrish).

Cllr McLean asked whether there was a published schedule for grass cutting. It was noted that despite many requests over many years the Parish Council had not succeeded in obtaining one from the Borough. However, it was agreed that the Clerk would try again.

11.2.8 High Street area (Cllr Rogers).

Nothing to report.

11.2.9 Coniston Road area (Cllr Sinclair).

Nothing to report.

11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).

11.3.1 Cllr Johnson was not present.

11.4 Litter Picks

11.4.1 Cllr Johnson was not present.

11.5 Sunderland's Yard Allotments

11.5.1 Cllr Johnson was not present.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 The Kings Langley Community Benefit Society (KLCBS) (Cllr Morrish).

12.1.1 Nothing new to report.



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12.2 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.2.1 There would be a committee meeting on the 12th. It was noted that the centre was now back to running as normal.

13. Council Surgeries.

13.1 The next surgery would be at the carnival on Saturday 16th July. Cllr Johnson would not be available..

14. Other Matters.

14.1 Grass verge opposite football club.

14.1.1 Cllr Anderson had obtained a quote (from Sunnyside) and an alternative to create a bund with wild flowers (from the Borough). Members stated that they preferred the former quote, subject to a small amendment that Cllr Anderson had requested. This would require permission from Highways. Formal costings would be presented at the next meeting.

Cllr Rogers gave his apologies and left the meeting at this point.

15. Any Other Business ((Not Requiring Formal Decision)).

15.1 The Clerk reported that Kings Langley School would be applying to build an all-purpose sports facility at the school and that it had requested the support of the Council, which might include some financial assistance. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond in support of the proposal, but not to commit to financial support (at this stage).

Meeting closed 21:05.



APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Submission re Planning Application for Rectory Farm application, Ref 22/01836/MFA.

KLPC response to Rectory Farm application

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to planning application 22/01836/MFA. For the avoidance of doubt, notably the suggestion in the planning statement that the parish council responded ‘positively’ to the proposals, KLPC unanimously OBJECTED to this application. The Council did, as it should do, listen carefully to the applicant’s proposals and asked appropriate questions.

The first point to make is that there appear to be a number of notable omissions which are equally relevant to this application:

Green Belt development

Paragraph 138 of the National Planning Policy Framework outlines that the Green Belt serves five purposes. What it does not do is seek to argue, as planners and developers are wont to do, is that some Green Belt has a higher value than other Green Belt. This Green Belt site has been neglected for nearly 30 years by successive owners who have done nothing to maintain what has always been private land. Imagine how a visitor would describe Gadebridge Park, Chipperfield Common or any open space if it suffered a similar level of neglect?

Whilst there are five purposes of the Green Belt, not all five have to be met in order to ‘justify’ retention as Green Belt. One is sufficient; there is no hierarchy or ‘standard’ which has to be met. The five purposes are:

- a) to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- b) to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- c) to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- d) to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- e) to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

In terms of the need ‘to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas’ it is difficult to understand how the industrial estates a very short distance to the east of the application site were missed. The site is already abutted by extensive housing estates to the west and south.

In terms of ‘preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another’ the industrial sites to the east are in Abbots Langley – Three Rivers District Council.



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In terms of ‘to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment’ a great deal is made of the site’s lack of public visibility, but takes no account of the fact that the site is private land, i.e. there is no public access. However, this does not detract from its importance as a Green Belt site and an important buffer between Kings Langley and other developments.

In terms of ‘to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns,’ Kings Langley is an historic settlement incorporating the site of a Royal Palace (hence the village name), a 12th century church and a 13th century Priory. The developments on this one site would increase the size of this historic village by 4%, with other major planning proposals and the Local Plans of both Dacorum and Three Rivers due to add more development, all without any sufficient supporting infrastructure.

A map is attached showing the local developments completed, under construction or that have been proposed. The vast majority being proposed are on Green Belt. Whilst planners and developers would argue that the site does not meet the any of the five criteria, this is what the **independent** Planning Inspector said the last time this site was considered for development:

Extracts from Planning Inspector’s report on Rectory Farm

“In respect of the impact on the Green Belt, the housing on this site would significantly extend the built-up area of the village along the floor of the Gade Valley, reducing the narrow strategic gap between Kings Langley and Nash Mills on the southern edge of Hemel Hempstead. Although the new housing would not be any closer to Hemel Hempstead than the existing housing on Coniston Road it would nevertheless reduce the limited area of open land between the two settlements. I consider, therefore, that development of the land would not only lead to a significant expansion of built development but it would also contribute towards the merging of Kings Langley and Hemel Hempstead contrary to the main purposes of the Green Belt.

*I am also concerned that development of the land would erode the vulnerable green wedge between the development **on the opposite side of the canal in Three Rivers District** and the housing on the western side of the A4251 in Kings Langley.”*

“Whilst it would be no closer to Hemel Hempstead than the existing housing on the western slopes of the valley it would extend the built up area on the valley floor well beyond the existing development on the opposite side of the canal. In my view, therefore, it would result in a very substantial erosion of the important wedge of green space between Hemel Hempstead and Kings Langley contrary to the



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well-established aims of the Green Belt. I do not consider that the undertaking of additional landscaping and/or the provision of public open space would outweigh the harm to the Green Belt."

In other words, applications such as this should not be considered in isolation or even on a borough-by-borough basis where the cumulative impact of development is so egregious.

The application also seeks to argue that it provides very special circumstances to justify building on the Green Belt.

At paragraph 1.6 of the Planning Statement, the applicant argues that 'very special circumstances' exist to justify building on the Green Belt. None of the reasons stated actually comply with the exceptions set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. This states a local planning authority should regard the construction of new buildings as inappropriate in the Green Belt. Exceptions to this are:

- a) buildings for agriculture and forestry;
- b) the provision of appropriate facilities (in connection with the existing use of land or a change of use) for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation, cemeteries and burial grounds and allotments; **as long as the facilities preserve the openness of the Green Belt** and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it;
- c) the extension or alteration of a building provided that it does not result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original building;
- d) the replacement of a building, provided the new building is in the same use and not materially larger than the one it replaces;
- e) limited infilling in villages;
- f) limited affordable housing **for local community needs** under policies set out in the development plan (including policies for rural exception sites); and
- g) limited infilling or the partial or complete redevelopment of previously developed land, whether redundant or in continuing use (excluding temporary buildings), which would: – not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development; or – not cause substantial harm to the openness of the Green Belt, where the development would re-use previously developed land and contribute to meeting an identified affordable housing need within the area of the local planning authority.

However, even the reasons put forward to support the 'very special circumstances' are very thin. For example, in terms of environmental benefits CALA plans to do no more than meet existing regulations for reducing CO2 emissions. The new buildings will **not** eliminate carbon emissions.

Current building regulations were established in 2014, when the government replaced a previous commitment to build all homes to "zero-carbon" standards after 2016. Since then, of course, in 2019 the



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government declared a Climate Emergency defined as "a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and avoid potentially irreversible environmental damage resulting from it."

CALA's Energy Strategy takes no account of the Climate Emergency, and word searches for "climate", "climate change" and "climate emergency" yield no results. Instead, this Strategy will increase emissions of CO2 by installing gas combi boilers in 135 homes when previously assurances were given that there would be no gas on the site at all. It should, but does not, show how gas boilers will be replaced or supplemented at a future date with Air Source Heat Pumps.

The document **does** explain why various renewable energy systems are considered "unsuitable", such as a district heat network, wind turbines, Ground Source Heat Pumps and anaerobic digestion. It considers the costs but does not consider the advantages of eliminating CO2 emissions altogether.

As a Council we would argue this and other claims actually meet none of the very special circumstances set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, not least because it ignores entirely the Kings Langley draft Neighbourhood Plan which sets out what the local community needs rather than what will maximise profits and draw more people into Dacorum from London and other large towns and cities.

Relevant extracts from Kings Langley's Draft Neighbourhood Plan, completion of which has been delayed by the pandemic.

"Compared to the district, the parish has a high percentage of residents, aged 45 and over and in particular those aged 65+. This age bracket grew considerably between 2001 and 2011.

- There is a below average number of children and young adults in the parish, when compared to the district. Number in both demographic groups dropped between 2001 and 2011.*
- There are high levels of detached and semi-detached homes in the parish, with few opportunities to rent. Houses are less affordable than in many neighbouring areas, which could be pricing out first time buyers and younger families."*

"A Local Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) for Kings Langley was undertaken and published in 2019, which revealed: "The key message to draw [...] is the over-supply of larger dwellings, which is leading to high levels of under-occupation. The relative lack of smaller dwellings both restricts access to smaller, younger families, but also limits the downsizing options for more elderly residents who may



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wish to move to smaller, more manageable properties. It is therefore key that any strategic housing allocation is supportive in policy terms of these local housing needs”.

Urban Vision Enterprise CIC, Housing Needs Assessment: Section 8.2 5.4 The picture painted within the Urban Vision CIC HNA is consistent with the views of local estate agents in that the absence of two-bedroom homes has an impact on the ability for smaller, younger families to find starter homes and also older residents looking to downsize.”

“New dwellings should not exceed two stories plus pitched roof where they would be out of keeping with the prevailing height of buildings in the Character Area. This is in line with Policy CS10 (Quality of Settlement Design) in the adopted Dacorum Core Strategy, which seeks to reinforce the topography of natural landscape and the existing soft edges of towns and villages.”

Instead of 1 and 2 bedroomed properties that are needed, what is being proposed is even more of 3 and 4 bedroomed properties that – based on Miller Homes development on the brownfield element of Rectory Farm – will *start* at more than £600k. This is out of reach of local people looking for starter homes or to downsize and of young families looking to get onto the property ladder.

The height of some of the proposed blocks is also an issue as they are sited on some of the most visible parts of the development and it is by no means clear from the drawings what the visible roof height is as floor levels are used which is, at the very least, unhelpful. In any event, all the housing would be visible from every direction, particularly the north, south and east if the drawings accompanying the application are accurate. This is not complying with ‘*New dwellings should not exceed two stories plus pitched roof*’ nor does it ‘*reinforce the topography of natural landscape and the existing soft edges of towns and villages*’. Being in a valley makes the dwellings more, not less, visible.

The application talks at great length about the inclusion of Rectory Farm in the previous Regulation 18 consultation and assumes – on what basis it is not clear - that the site will be included in a subsequent Regulation 19 consultation. The applicant ignores entirely decisions subsequently reached by the Borough Council to restart the consultation process as the impact of Brexit, the pandemic, changing employment and work patterns, and Council and Government statements on doing more to protect the Green Belt have made it clear that previous assumptions about housing demand were grossly overstated.

Extracts from a report to Dacorum Borough Council Cabinet (February 2022) on the Council’s Local Plan.

“Urban Capacity – In addition to the specific projects being undertaken for Hemel Hempstead Town Centre and South Hemel Hempstead Opportunity Area, officers continue to progress work which seeks



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to maximise development potential in existing settlements. These include: - A new Call for Sites for residents and developers to suggest and promote sites to the Council for consideration. To date, over 20 sites have been promoted through the new interactive online form, however some of these are updates to sites previously assessed by the Council. - A new Site Assessment Study will consider the existing role of other town centres (Berkhamsted and Tring) and local and neighbourhood centres in the borough, including in Hemel Hempstead where new regeneration opportunities may exist. - A further review of the Council's supply of employment land is also being undertaken to identify if further opportunities for redevelopment exist."

"Officers advise that a delay to the Local Plan is required to allow for the further evidence to be gathered and, potentially, the testing of further growth scenarios for the Borough to be undertaken before the Plan is finalised.Officers consider it appropriate that a further Regulation 18 consultation is added because:

- There is expected to be significant updates to the evidence base supporting the new Local Plan.*
- The evidence will likely inform changes to the draft strategy consulted on in November 2020 and it is appropriate that stakeholders and the wider community have the opportunity to feedback on the changes made.*
- An additional consultation allows for the Local Plan to respond to potentially substantial changes to be made to the planning system, as proposed by Government in August 2020. Timetable:*

Consultation (Regulation 18) June 2023

Publication of the Plan (Regulation 19) June 2024

Submission of Plan to Planning Inspectorate (PINS) October 2024

Public Examination January 2025

Plan Adopted October 2025"

As a result, there appears no justification pressing ahead with a large Green Belt development when the Borough Council have 'paused' the previous consultation and decisions on its future housing need whilst other previously developed or town centre sites are considered. In addition, there is little, if anything in this application to address the current issues raised by the Zone of Influence of the Chilterns Beechwood's Special Area of Conservation (SAC). As stated, the proposed development is only likely to exacerbate the situation.



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MAP SHOWING POTENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND KINGS LANGLEY

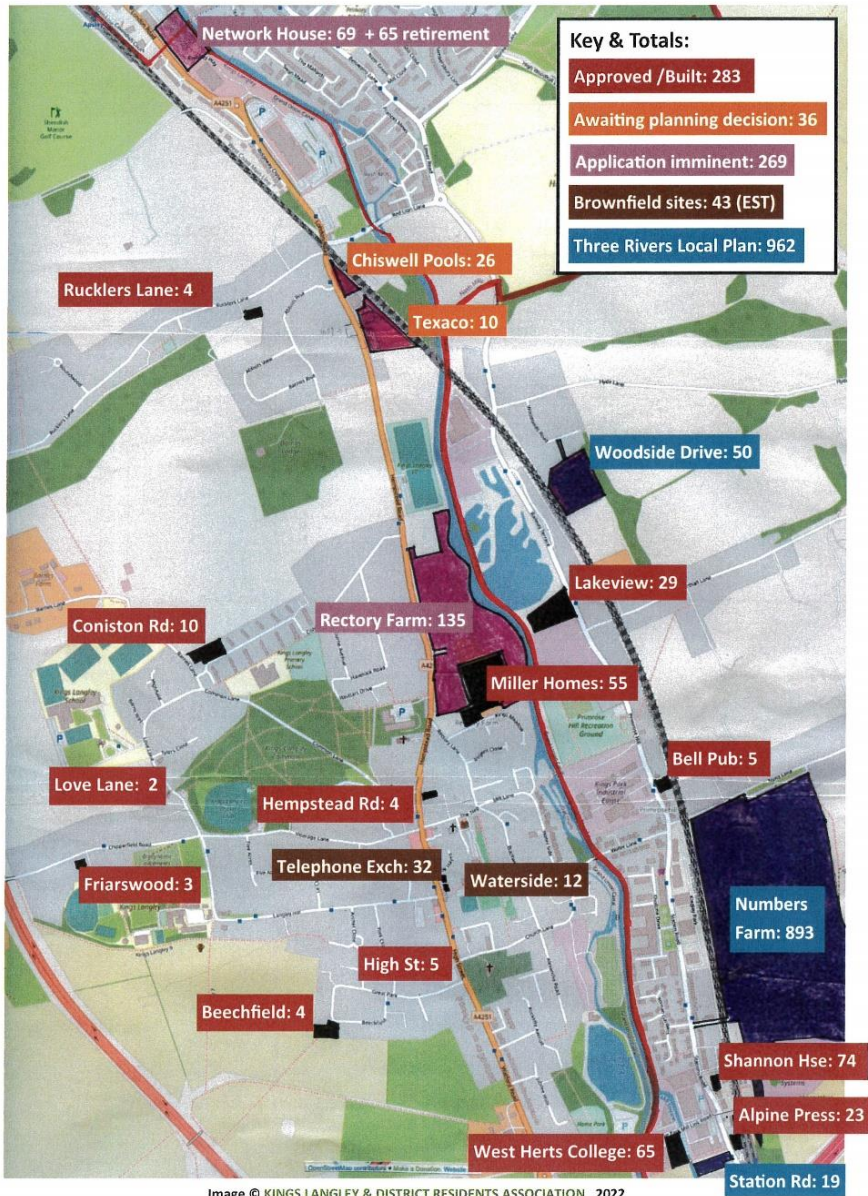


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Appendix II

LEISURE GROUP REPORT – JUNE 2022

Repair Shed

A meeting to be arranged with Simon Aulton (Community Action Dacorum)

Commons and woods

DBC have confirmed they do not have the funding to carry out maintenance work. The likelihood is this will fall on the parish council.

The joint project between Imagination Technology also appears to have stalled, but an update will be sought from Imagination Technology.

Trim Trail

Following two and a half months of one-sided emails to Dacorum, an email had been sent to Claire Hamilton, Chief Executive. A series of responses the same afternoon confirmed payment of the invoice would be expedited and installation arranged.

Cycling

There would be none of the proposed cycling events this year.

Community Toilet Scheme

The scheme had been advertised in Village News and MyKings.

Heritage Trail guide

Alan agreed to update the current document using the A3 village map on one side.

Signage

The Canals and Rivers Trust had not responded to requests for a Village Map on the towpath opposite Tooveys Mill. A location in Tooveys Mill close would be sought.

The Village Warden has yet to add the pavement signage, but will be asked to do so.

Leisure facilities on Rectory Farm

The intention was to submit a response on the proposed leisure facilities from the Group to the forthcoming planning application.

Other projects

As other projects were reaching fruition or stalled, it was felt there was an opportunity to consider other projects, subject to the views of the parish council. For example, improve the football area at Green Park.