

COUNCIL - 6 APRIL 2017

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ITEM 9; INDEPENDENT SHEERWATER SCRUTINY PANEL - UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

ITEM 17; SHEERWATER REGENERATION SCHEME PROPOSALS

1.0 Item 9; Independent Sheerwater Scrutiny Panel – Update on Recommendations

- 1.1 The Schedule of the Independent Sheerwater Scrutiny Panel's recommendations, updated as at 21 March 2017, was considered by the Sheerwater Regeneration Oversight Panel at its meeting on 30 March 2017. The Schedule has been amended to take account of the Oversight Panel's comments. These are shown in track changes in the Schedule appended to this report.
- 1.2 Council is invited to note the position on implementation of the ISSP's recommendations as set out in the Schedule appended to this supplementary report, not as set out in the Schedule attached to the original report to Council on 6 April 2017. The amended recommendation before Council is as follows:

Amended Recommendation

The Council is requested to:

RESOLVE That the position regarding the Independent Sheerwater Scrutiny Panel's recommendations, as set out in the Schedule attached to the supplementary report to Council, be noted.

2.0 Item 17; Sheerwater Regeneration Scheme Proposals

2.1 Petition

- 2.2 On 3 April 2017, a petition in the following terms was received by the Council:

"Our green spaces and recreation ground are valuable community assets and the recreation ground is vital as it is designated Flood Plain 2 and protects the local community and surrounding areas from risk of flooding."

"We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge Woking Borough Council to act now to prevent the established green spaces of Sheerwater including the recreation ground being removed and lost forever, should the proposed regeneration take place in its current scale."

- 2.3 The petitioner stated that the petition contained 903 signatories. However, it appears to have 1,049 signatories. The signatures are dated between June and October 2016.
- 2.4 As the number of signatories exceeds 400, the petition falls to be debated at full Council.
- 2.5 In accordance with the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions, the petitioner has been invited to attend the meeting and present the petition. The presentation of a petition is limited to not more than three minutes, and should be confined to reading out, or summarising, the purpose of the petition, indicating the number and description of

signatories, and making supporting remarks relevant to the petition. Following the presentation, Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the petitioner. Thereafter, the Council can discuss the petition and determine what action, if any, is to be taken.

2.6 Compulsory Purchase Order

As stated in the main report to Council, it will be necessary for the Council to consider making a CPO if it decides to proceed with the Sheerwater Regeneration.

2.7 Consideration should be given to the likelihood of the CPO being successful, particularly if there are objections to it.

2.8 Although no guarantees can be given, it is considered that the Council will have a strong case if it decides to promote a CPO. This view is based on the individual merits of the Sheerwater Regeneration scheme and a review of the success rate of other CPOs.

2.9 Although not “official” figures, the review of other CPOs has identified the following “headline” figures:-

	2012	2013	2014
No. of CPOs	46	36	58
No. of CPOs Opposed	27	14	31
Days taken to determine Un-opposed CPOs	123	97	Not available
Days taken to determine Opposed CPOs	323	281	Not available
% of CPOs not confirmed	14%	7%	4%

2.10 It should also be noted that the Government is actively promoting the use of CPO powers as a means of achieving the regeneration of communities.

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