ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

NORTH AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT of a meeting held on 25 September 2017

Members of the Committee:

* Mrs. M.C. Sheldon (Chairman)
* Mrs. A.E. Hill-Purcell (Vice-Chairman)

* Ms. R. Ahmed
* Mrs. C.J. Cross
* Mrs. C. Elmer
* R. Green
* M.F. Howard
* A.H. Kopitko
* T. Popham
* I. Regan
* C.R. Sadler
* S.J. Selleck
* G.L. Woolgar

* Denotes attendance

18/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In respect of application 2017/1421 – Land South of the Pavilion Sports and Fitness Club, Hurst Lane, East Molesey, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary or other interest under the Code of Conduct, S. Selleck wished that it be noted that he had been involved in various discussions, in his capacity as one of the local Ward Councillors, with the applicant prior to the original application, which had subsequently been refused by the Sub-Committee.

In respect of application 2017/1421 – Land South of the Pavilion Sports and Fitness Club, Hurst Lane, East Molesey, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary or other interest under the Code of Conduct, T. Popham wished that it be noted that he was acquainted with some of the objectors.

In respect of application 2017/1421 – Land South of the Pavilion Sports and Fitness Club, Hurst Lane, East Molesey, whilst not a disclosable pecuniary or other interest under the Code of Conduct, Mrs. C. Elmer wished that it be noted that she was previously a member of the fitness club located within the Pavilion.

19/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Link to Council Priorities: P6)

RESOLVED that those applications set out below be determined as indicated, in accordance with authority delegated to the Sub-Committee:

(a) 2017/1421 - Land South of the Pavilion Sports and Fitness Club, Hurst Lane, East Molesey
These Minutes should be referred to in conjunction with the Minutes of the subsequent meeting of the Council, where they are presented; and for completeness to the next relevant meeting when the Minutes are adopted.

Two further letters of representation were received. A representation was also received from the East Molesey Community Action Group by Councillors.

The Sub-Committee was addressed by Mrs. M. Baines, an objector.

During her introduction of the report, the Senior Planning Officer advised that since the publication of the Sub-Committee’s agenda, an appeal against non-determination had been submitted to and validated by the Planning Inspectorate. A Public Inquiry was scheduled for December 2017. The Senior Solicitor confirmed that the application was therefore no longer within the jurisdiction of the Sub-Committee to determine.

Had an appeal against non-determination not been received, the Sub-Committee agreed that the application would have been refused for the reason set out in the agenda, namely:

‘The proposed development would result in the loss of open space that is not considered to meet any of the policy exceptions under para.74 of the NPPF and in particular the loss would not be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location. The loss would not preserve or enhance the character and amenity of the streetscene and the local area. As such the proposal is contrary to Policies CS7, CS14 and CS17 of the Core Strategy 2011, Policy DM20 of the Development Management Plan 2015 and the NPPF 2012.’

20/17 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

(a) List B - For Information - Applications currently under consideration and yet to be determined

The Sub-Committee received and noted the applications currently under consideration and yet to be determined for the North area.

(b) Forthcoming Appeals - Outstanding Written Representations

The Sub-Committee received and noted the forthcoming appeals - outstanding written representations for the East, North and South areas.

The meeting commenced at 7.45 pm and concluded at 8.13 pm

MRS. M.C. SHELDON
Chairman
Democratic Services Officer

Ms. M. Bailey  Committee and Member Services Manager

Other Officers in attendance

E. Chetwynd-Stapylton - Principal Planning Officer
Ms. N. Lynch - Senior Planning Officer

Duty Legal Officer

Mrs. C. Browne - Senior Solicitor