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ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

REPORT of a meeting held on 13 June 2017

Members of the Committee:

\* Mrs. S.R. Kapadia (Chairman)  
P.M. Harman (Vice-Chairman)

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| * | D.J. Archer   | * | P.R.C. Heaney      |
| * | O.T. Chappell | * | A. Kelly           |
| * | B.J.F. Cheyne | * | Mrs. D.M. Mitchell |
| * | A. Davis      | * | A.M. Muddyman      |
| * | V.G. Eldridge | * | Mrs. K. Randolph   |
| * | Mrs. C. Elmer | * | Mrs. M.C. Sheldon  |
| * | R. Green      | * | Mrs. J.R. Turner   |

\* Denotes attendance

Substitutes:

Mrs. A.E. Hill-Purcell (Substituting for P.M. Harman)

2/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3/17 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2017 (TO BE SIGNED)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS OF REPORT

4/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the reports of various meetings of the East, North and South Area Planning Sub-Committees.

RESOLVED that the reports of the East, North and South Area Planning Sub-Committees held on 3 & 24 April and 22 May 2017 be received and noted.

5/17 DESIGNATION OF TEMPLEMERE, WEYBRIDGE, AS A NEW CONSERVATION AREA

The Committee considered a report in respect of the proposed designation of Templemere, Weybridge as a new Conservation Area and were invited to

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endorse the Character Appraisal and Management Plan document for Templemere.

Elmbridge had 25 Conservation Areas which included historic town centres in Esher and Weybridge, village greens at Giggs Hill Green and West End, an Edwardian “Arts and Crafts” style retirement village at Whiteley and a motor racing circuit at Brooklands. The majority of these historic areas were designated in the 1970s and it was only relatively recently that the significance of mid or late 20th Century heritage assets was being recognised. More recently, the Planning Committee had also designated a collection of 16 houses, built in the 1970s, of modular brick and glass components at Lakeside Drive in Esher in November 2013.

Templemere was an estate of 1960s houses set in a series of octagonal forms and these were set in an 18<sup>th</sup> Century historic landscape with a setting of mature trees. Constructed c1963-65, its significance was that it was an excellent example of the work of Span Developments Ltd. These were housing developers, whose design philosophy evolved from the Modernist Movement in architecture. The Span ethos was to build new houses to accommodate existing landscape features and to devise plans which fostered a sense of community. The houses were conceived as “modern machines for living” designed to allow maximum light into the open plan layouts. The architectural styles were consistent, with repetitive features for windows, doors, porches and brickwork & roof details.

The Committee acknowledged the consultation responses that had been received and considered the concerns raised in respect of the implications of Conservation Area designation on home owners, particularly in respect of the effects on Permitted Development rights. However, Members were of the view that it was important to retain and protect the special character of the area given its architectural interest, particularly as this area was considered to be of local significance to both Weybridge and the Borough of Elmbridge.

Members noted that, if designated, notice of the designation would be published in the London Gazette and at least one newspaper circulating in the locality. The designation would, in addition, be notified to the Secretary of State and to Historic England. The Council would also notify all owner-occupiers within the new Conservation Area.

Members thanked the Heritage, Landscape and Tree Manager and her Team for their hard work undertaken in assessing the potential designation of the area.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the area of Templemere, Weybridge as indicated on the plan in Appendix A to the report be designated as a Conservation Area as defined in Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990; and

