Planning Report for the meeting Mon Feb 6 2017

Applications and decisions from w/e 23 Dec 2016 – w/e 27 Jan 2017

Planning news from MVDC

The Community infrastructure levy (CIL) has now replaced Section 106 charges. The major difference is that the money raised can now be used to fund infrastructure needed to support new development within the district, and not be limited to the location where the money was raised.

The council has been given more power to restrict permissive development rights, which will enable to council to have more control over which offices are converted to residential use. This will help to retain business parks which are seen as essential.

Consultation

Wildlife Aid invited CB and myself to attend a consultation at Woodlands Park Hotel on Nov 30 2016 where they showed their ideas for their new home for the charity. The plot of land they have bought is adjacent to the M25 with access from the A245 just before the M25 bridge. Part of the site has been used for track racing. The river Mole forms part of the boundary, and work has already started clearing the river to reduce flooding downstream at Cobham. My major concern is the large number of buildings the charity is wanting: a hospital, a single residential unit, an education facility containing a classroom and a canteen and associated areas of hardstanding. The site is in the Green Belt, so I feel only the buildings needed for the running of the charity should be allowed, and the residential unit should not be a permanent home. Wildlife Aid hope to submit a planning application in early 2017

Decisions

16/1800 Connaught House, 36 Bridge Street. The application to build a third storey to create an additional flat has been refused.

Applications

16/1825 "Craythorne", Clinton Road. Replace the existing bungalow with a 5 bed property and annex. I wrote objecting to this application, and substantial modifications have now been submitted. I have written again commenting on the modified plans.

16/2027 QEF site detailed planning application for 76 dwellings (outline approval was granted in 2014)

17/0035 4 Bridge Street. Change of use 1st and 2nd floor from office use (Class B1(a)) to residential (Class C3) and erection of a mansard roof extension to create 6 residential units.