

Martyn Williams Report for LRA meeting on Monday 5th August 2019

Forward Planning Group

1)-The Local Plan-the consultation report on the preferred greenfield sites for residential development is scheduled to be issued in late September for a 6 week consultation period.

2)-Transform Leatherhead- the format for the next public meeting has been changed to a series of “drop-in” meetings and on-line information in an attempt to widen the audience. The dates will be in October/November and will be announced in August.

- The Swan Centre- Work is ongoing.

- Claire/James House-Having obtained planning consent, the Transform team are now looking for development partners.

- High Street-The preferences expressed during the consultation in respect of the improvement options will now be considered and a recommendation will be drafted in August and considered by the Council in September. LRA is attempting to meet with Transform team to ensure that the LRA High Street Petition responses are taken into account as well.

- MVDC have submitted a bid for money from the High Street Heritage Action Zone Fund .LRA submitted a letter of support.

- Transport Study-the Study’s objective was to identify changes to the Towns gyratory system that might ease congestion and improve access to the Town Centre. 9 proposals were identified. 3 have been short-listed for further consideration. Option 3 provides for the reconfiguration of the road junction in front of Lidl to include a signalised pedestrian crossing and the shutting off of North Street to all but buses. Option 5 provides for a new one-way road across the Park adjacent to the railway line (with traffic running south) and the closure of Bull Hill from M&S to Lidl. Option 7 is the same as Option 5 but with the addition of alterations to the junction of the Epsom Road with Ermyn Way (adjacent to Downsends School) and alterations to Waterway Road as it approaches Station Road (making it one way, running north ??)

- Sustainable Transport-work on the Randalls Road scheme is on-going

3)-Kingston House Gardens-the application was considered at the Committee meeting on Wednesday 3rd July. The LRA spoke objecting, as did local Councillors. However there was a majority in favour of acceptance and consent was granted.