

## Martyn Williams Report for LRA meeting on Monday 20th August 2018

### Forward Planning Group

1)-The Local Plan-Housing-a report on the planners preferred options regarding greenfield sites that might be suitable for development (inc. Green-belt sites) is still scheduled for release for consultation in the Autumn.

-5 villages are being considered for modest expansion (Beare Green, Boxhill, Capel, Leigh and Westhumble ). Consultations to take place.

-depending on methodology used, assessed housing demand over the next 5 years requires 437-502 units p.a., with a shortfall of between 45-50% of these numbers. But these numbers may be significantly reduced once permitted constraints are taken into account (Green-belt, AONB, flood-risk etc.)

-Commercial-whilst there have been many prior approvals for conversion of offices to residential, only a small proportion have been built (approx. 15% or approx. 5% of total office stock). It is considered that there is sufficient land to meet likely future office demand. Also, there is sufficient land for industrial development (although some office land could be made available for industrial use )

-Other-green infrastructure and heritage strategies being formulated.

2)-Transform Leatherhead- the next public meeting is to take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the Theatre at 7.00 p.m.

- The Swan Centre- work to start mid-September.

- Claire/James House-public consultation proposals from MVDC showed 4 options, all of which were very much taller than the existing buildings (one twice as high). Strong letter of objection submitted.

- Bull Hill-development proposals to be reconsidered only when the results of the Transport Study are available.

- Transport Study-in hand and preliminary results likely to be available by the end of the year.

3-Flood alleviation-Env. Agency will demonstrate the temporary flood barrier on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

4-Kingston House Gardens-Clarion have lodged a planning application as per their last consultation proposals. A strongly worded objection to the plans was lodged. Clarion have now asked for a meeting to discuss the LRA's objections

Other non FPG matters-none.