



MERROW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Local Issues for Merrow

Dear Merrow Residents

Welcome to our latest update. We will try and keep things brief as there is so much going on in our area at the moment.

Redwood Care Home Site

After Linden Homes planning application for the old Redwood Care Home site was refused in September 2015, they appealed successfully against this refusal. They now have planning permission to build 24 dwellings, a mix of 1 & 2 bedroom apartments and 3,4 and 5 bedroom houses with off street parking.

Aldi, Burpham

Aldi appealed successfully against some GBC planning rulings. Their opening hours are now extended and there is no limit on the number of heavy goods vehicles that may deliver to the site although only one may be on the site at one time.

Down Road Infant School – Old School Building

Fennies have submitted another new planning application for this site and seek approval for three apartments and one house adjacent to the school on the site. They have increased the on-site car parking provision from 6 to 7 spaces.

Wisley Airfield

The application for the development of the Wisley Airfield for 2,100 houses and a new school was refused by the planning committee in April 2016. The owners of the site have now appealed the decision which has now been 'called in' by the Secretary of State and will be the subject of a Public Inquiry in September this year.

A3/M25 Junction Improvements

Highways England are consulting on two options for improvements of the M25 Junction 10 with the A3 – the Wisley Interchange. The first a 4-level flyover - cost £250 Million; the second an elongated roundabout and local access improvements – cost £152 Million. This consultation ran until 6th February 2017. Highways England, will now consider comments and issue a Public Consultation Report. The improvements would be complete in 2022.

Gosden Hill Farm

Burpham Neighbourhood Forum, Burpham Councillors and Guildford Borough Council have been in discussion regarding a strip of registered common

land that lies between Merrow Lane and Gosden Hill Farm. Network Rail used an old farm access point across this land, without formal approval, to get to their electricity substation for repairs. Network Rail have been asked to restore this piece of common land to its original state but have not yet done so. Burpham Neighbourhood Forum are pressing Guildford Borough Council to ensure this happens, as it currently gives the impression that this is an authorised point of access between Merrow Lane and Gosden Hill Farm. Lawyers are involved from both GBC and the land owners.

Solum

Solum have had their planning application for the redevelopment of the railway station refused unanimously by the Planning Committee and the decision is also going to appeal. The application would have delivered 438 new homes.

University

The university are still optimistic that Blackwell Farm will appear in the new draft Local Plan and are supporting a new railway station at Park Barn. They are also working to develop new car parks in conjunction with the Royal Surrey County hospital.

Newlands Corner

The situation at Newlands Corner continues to develop with 1,400 submissions being sent to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Surrey County Council commons consent request. Full details can be found at www.savenewlandscorner.com

Parking in Merrow Street

The new car parking arrangements in Epsom Road are having a profound effect in Epsom Road itself, however, cars are being parked routinely in the top end of Merrow Street and are blocking access to and from the allotment car park. We shall be raising this with our Councillors/officers responsible for car parking in Guilford.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM, for MRA members, was held on the 27th March. We will update on items discussed in the next edition of The Merrow Pages.

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