

BRACKNELL FOREST COUNCIL

Overview and Scrutiny Commission – Monday 1st November 2010

CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION – BRACKNELL FOREST BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

Statement by Councillor James G. Finnie

TRL SITE

1. A material consideration for the Executive when deciding whether the preferred option should be to reclassify the TRL site for residential use was the assertion that there is an existing permission for a business use – What was this approved permission? Application 07/0054 was WITHDRAWN on 1st October 2007 and Application 07/ 01207 was REFUSED when was any Application APPROVED?
2. It has been stated that any business use would have a worse environmental impact than 1,000 houses would have. What justification is there for such a statement?
3. This Borough has always prided itself in doing its best to preserve communities. This Application is separated from the Village of Crowthorne and would create a new and separate community. What justification is there for this?
4. In the past this Borough maintained strategic gaps between communities but this Application would defeat this by virtually joining Crowthorne to Great Hollands to the detriment of both communities. – What justification is there for this?
5. This Application would result in a great increase of traffic on to existing roads which are already overloaded with traffic. How can this be overcome as the existing roads have houses adjacent to them?
6. Has Wokingham Without Parish Council been consulted due to their closeness to the TRL proposals?
7. Concerns have been expressed about the additional pressures on health services and emergency services in the area if this site was approved. How would they be overcome?

BROADMOOR SITES

1. It has been suggested that the traffic from the re-built Broadmoor Hospital would travel on new roads on to Foresters Way but this road is already congested – how will this be overcome?
2. Are these housing proposals dependant on APPROVAL for the redevelopment of Broadmoor Hospital?
3. What proposals are there for health and emergency services for the proposed housing?

GENERAL

Eric Pickles has clearly indicated that where there is a sufficiently large potential impact of a development on existing neighbourhoods these neighbourhoods should be actively consulted and agree how any new major development could be integrated with existing neighbourhoods – has a REFERENDUM been considered? Of not, could this not lead to an Ombudsman case?

I ask the EXECUTIVE to give further consideration to this proposal and have further discussions with adjoining authorities before going out for public consultation.