

Planning Committee – 24.05.21

Item 9.

Policy Issues – Other work streams

Introduction

There are several work areas that the Committee started prior to the elections. These can best be summarised as follows;

1. Meeting with the Design and Conservation Officer at EBC to discuss decision making in and around the Hamble Conservation Area. In particular a number of recent application have been approved which are a departure to the local vernacular style and understanding how this fits within the Hamble Conservation Area Assessment. A copy is attached.

2. Access issues at Mercury Mound

Earlier in the year MDL erected fencing along the footway at Mercury excluding public access to the Mercury Mound an area where public access has previously been tolerated. Following discussions with EBC on the status of the Local Plan and the policy for Mercury Marina it was agreed to defer work for the time being until the modifications are published. A meeting is planned with EBC on the 9<sup>th</sup> June.

3. Modifications to the Local Plan - Policy HA2 Mercury Marina Camping & Caravanning Park

Following the Local Plan Enquiry a further hearing was carried out following a request from EBC for policy HA2 to be deleted having established the requirement for a hotel was no longer viable. Instead MDL proposed a change to include residential use to subsidise the other community improvements. The Modifications due to be published will resolve this position and will invite comments from stakeholders.

In addition to these areas of work the Committee need to comment on the Bird Aware proposals that will come back to the next meeting as well as deciding a strategy in advance of the Gravel Extraction Application expected around Christmas 2021.