

To all Members of the Council

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION MAKING – 18th December, 2009

NOTICE OF ACTION AGREED

Please find attached a copy of the decisions agreed by Individual Cabinet Members at the meeting held on Friday, 18th December, 2009.

These decisions will take effect on Thursday, 7th January, 2010 unless the Call-In procedure has been triggered. **CALL-IN DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 2010.**

The attached represents a summary of the decisions taken by an Individual Cabinet Member. It is not intended to represent the formal record of the meeting. The formal minutes will be published in full in due course.

Committee and Member Services
Date: Tuesday, 29th December, 2009

PART I ITEMS

1. LOWER THAMES FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

(Link to Council Priorities: P1, P2, P3, P5)

RESOLVED that the response to the Environment Agency states that the Council:

- (a) supports the overall aims of the Lower Thames Flood Risk Management Strategy;
- (b) regrets that on the basis of the information and assurances provided to date it does not support the works proposed to the Desborough Cut at the present time, and insists that the Environment Agency commits to work closely with this Council;
- (c) requires that the Environment Agency liaise with Elmbridge and its residents when drawing up detailed plans in order to preserve the environment and attractiveness of the Thames Path alongside Desborough Cut, together with the amenity and landscape of the Cut generally;
- (d) requires assurance that works will begin at Teddington and proceed upstream so that no works are commenced upstream until downstream works are completed in order to avoid the risk of additional flooding within Elmbridge as a consequence of Flood Management measures being implemented higher up the Thames;
- (e) requires assurance that all necessary contingency arrangements are planned and put in place to minimise the risks and their adverse effects that arise during a flood, including blockages of weirs and bridges and safe passage of vessels needed to carry out relevant tasks;
- (f) requires assurance that the Environment Agency projections for flood risk and flows have received credible independent external validation of the base data and of the modelling from external scientific authorities of international repute; and
- (g) requires assurance that the Environment Agency has carried out acceptable linkage of the lower Thames flood strategy and the tidal flood strategy, with adequate modelling of the interactions between worst case fluvial and tidal flooding.

2. SURREY MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

(Link to Council Priorities: P2, P3, P4, P6 and P7)

RESOLVED that Elmbridge Borough Council respond to the Surrey Minerals Plan consultation as follows:

- (a) does not wish to challenge the soundness of either the Core Strategy Development Plan Document or the Primary Aggregates Development Plan Document;
- (b) recommends that Surrey County Council give consideration to removing the safeguarding designation of land to the south of Island Barn Reservoir, East Molesey, stretching south to Lower Green due to the understanding that this land had already been worked and backfilled;

- (c) broadly supports the Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan Document as it supports the delivery of the Council's policy on sustainable building, and promotes a more sustainable approach to construction waste across Surrey;
- (d) supports the Minerals Site Restoration Supplementary Planning Document as it provides an appropriate response to the restoration of minerals workings across the County;
- (e) is very pleased to hear the recently announced recommendation by the government planning inspector, as announced at the Surrey County Council meeting on 15th December, 2009, of a substantial reduction in the proposed amount of sand and gravel to be extracted in Surrey and expects that this decision will be appropriately reflected in the sites in and close to Elmbridge;
- (f) recommends that the portion of the Hamm Court Farm Site in the South East corner, which contains wet woodland, be removed from the designation and that no operational activity take place in this area; and
- (g) recommends that policy MC15 Transport of Minerals should be applied to the Hamm Court Farm Site to ensure that the potential adverse impacts on traffic and congestion in Weybridge is prevented.