

Proposal to be voted on at KRA committee meeting May 2022: PLANNING

1. The Planning Sub-Committee:

Following the resignation of John Lang and Keith Denyer from their key role of monitoring planning applications and working to maintain planning standards within the community, the KRA will continue this function in future by setting up a planning sub-committee selected from its main committee members. Most of those proposed have direct experience of the planning process and would share the workload, commenting on policy and generally applying a group approach when assessing planning applications.

It is proposed that the sub-committee should comprise David Floyd, Valerie Evans, Justus van der Spuy with Des Camblin acting as Chair. The sub-committee will encourage one further person to join and build long term expertise/continuity.

2. Objectives:

The purpose of the sub- committee is to continue the excellent work carried out by John and Keith in order to:

- Maintain close contact with RBBC's Planning Department.
- Establish a sound working relationship with the various road estate companies to foster cohesion, support and clarity of purpose/focus, while ensuring no conflict of interest and full transparency.
- Continue the policy of seeking and maintaining a good working relationship with major developers where they are willing to engage.
- Forge relationships with conservation charities to preserve buildings and landscape (e.g. Surrey Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust and the Banstead Commons Conservators).
- Engage with residents, for example through coffee mornings to enhance an understanding of the Residential Area of Special Character (RASC) and Conservation Area (CA) designations of Kingswood, and planning matters in general.

3. Content and Focus: The sub- committee proposes to:

- Further develop criteria and standards for assessing planning applications and to foster consistency in responding to RBBC.
- Devise a mechanism to engage with residents whose planning applications are a concern to the KRA to arrive at an acceptable compromise if possible.
- Monitor compliance with planning consents and take action to encourage council enforcement where appropriate.
- Assess proposed changes in planning strategy either at central government or council level and take appropriate action to influence the outcome wherever possible.
- Maintain an active dialogue with the Federation of Residents' Associations to seek/share experiences, views and where desirable and necessary, engage in joint initiatives to address planning matters of common concern.