

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 10, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE HELD FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2020,
IN JULIE ROSE STADIUM, STARTING AT 6.00PM.**

01/20P To note those present and record any apologies

Members: Councillors: C Ellis (Chair), P Goodwin, John Seaton, Carole White and Clerk

Also present: Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Brian Vamey and Cllr Alan Cooper.

02/20P To Declare any Pecuniary Interests, Other interests of voluntary Interests

None were declared.

03/20P Discuss in full, Vote on Findings and Decide on relevant Action Plan (if necessary) with regards to KCCs mineral policy and impact on S2.

We discussed whether we supported a Kent County Council (KCC) policy change regarding mineral safeguarding, with consideration to the Ashford Borough Council (ABC) Local Plan, ABC's Objections, and S2 specifically. We noted that a mineral survey hadn't been undertaken on S2 and acknowledged that if this policy change passes there would most likely be a survey, which would delay development on S2.

During the discussion the Committee highlighted the following:

1. The S2 site is within KCCs Mineral Safeguard area, which must be because there is a belief that minerals are located on site, as far as we are aware a Mineral Survey has not been carried out on the S2 site, the reason might be because of a feared delay to the development. They cannot know therefore for certain that there are no minerals on site, however if a housing development happens on this site without this happening, prospective minerals underneath will be lost forever.
2. If a mineral extraction facility, such as a quarry, were to be built on the site it would be more beneficial to Kennington, less detrimental and disruptive to the community of Kennington than another housing development, especially one of this magnitude and that will take 10+ years to finish. There are other sites available for housing that could be considered by Ashford Borough Council instead.

Following this rounded discussion it was agreed by the Committee, to support Kent County Council (KCC) in that this survey should be carried out.

The relevant KCC form will therefore be completed, Chair of Committee, to forward to clerk to complete and submit before midnight 14th January 2020.

04/20P Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting will be on 29th January at 7pm, St Mary's Community Centre, Rylands Road. There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signature - 26/02/2020

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