

## Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on 22 April 2021

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### PRESENT -

Councillor Clive Woodbridge (Chair); Councillor Monica Coleman (Vice-Chair); Councillors Alex Coley, Neil Dallen, David Gulland, Previn Jagutpal, Colin Keane, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre, Debbie Monksfield, Peter O'Donovan and Clive Smitheram

In Attendance: Councillor Liz Frost

Officers present: Amardip Healy (Chief Legal Officer), Viv Evans (Interim Head of Planning), Mehdi Rezaie (Interim Planning Development Manager), Virginia Johnson (Planner), Sarah Keeble (Democratic Services Officer) and Tim Richardson (Committee Administrator)

### 43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were made in relation to Items of business to be discussed at the meeting:

Councillor Neil Dallen: In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillor Neil Dallen declared that he is a member of Epsom Civic Society and that he came to the meeting with a clear and open mind. Councillor Neil Dallen also declared that he is a candidate in the upcoming Surrey County Council Elections.

Councillor Previn Jagutpal: In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillor Previn Jagutpal declared that he is a member of Woodcote Residents Association and that he came to the meeting with a clear and open mind.

Councillor Steven McCormick: In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillor Steven McCormick declared that he is a member of Epsom Civic Society, Epsom and Ewell Tree Advisory Board and Woodcote (Epsom) Residents Society and that he came to the meeting with a clear and open mind. Councillor Steven McCormick also declared that he is a candidate in the upcoming Surrey County Council Elections.

Epsom General Hospital, Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7EG

Councillor Clive Woodbridge, Other Interest: In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillor Clive Woodbridge declared on behalf of all Councillors that all Councillors had received a number of correspondence from the Applicant and rejectors regarding this Item. Councillor Clive Woodbridge also stated that all

Councillors came to the meeting with a clear and open mind, and without predetermination.

Councillor Liz Frost MSc, Other Interest: In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillor Liz Frost declared that she is a member of the Woodcote Millennial Green Trust.

**44 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 1 April were agreed as a true record and the Committee authorised the Chairman to sign them.

**45 EPSOM GENERAL HOSPITAL, DORKING ROAD, EPSOM, SURREY, KT18 7EG**

The Committee was informed that this Item had been withdrawn from the Agenda for the Meeting at the request of Officers, to allow for additional consultation to take place.

**46 EPSOM GENERAL HOSPITAL, DORKING ROAD, EPSOM, SURREY, KT18 7EG**

**Description**

Demolition of the existing hospital buildings, accommodation block and associated structures and redevelopment of the site to provide a new care community for older people arranged in two buildings, comprising 267 care residences, 10 care apartments and 28 care suites providing transitional care, together with ancillary communal and support services Use Class C2, 24 key worker units Use Class C3, childrens nursery Use Class E, as well as associated back of house and service areas, car and cycle parking, altered vehicular and pedestrian access, landscaping, private amenity space and public open space.

**Decision**

The Committee was adjourned for 15 minutes to ensure all Members had sufficient time to read the Update Report and Addendums which were published the evening of the Committee meeting.

The Committee noted a presentation from the Planning Officer.

The Committee was addressed by Councillor Liz Frost, Ward Member, who spoke in objection to the Application. The Committee also heard from a supporter, an objector on behalf of Woodcote Epsom Residents Society, and an agent to the Applicant.

The following matters were raised by the Committee:

- a) **Height and massing:** Members raised concerns regarding the height, mass, bulk and design of the proposal. Members noted the size and scale