

At our Parish Council meeting on 14 May, WHPC agreed to discuss with East Horsley Parish Council the possibility of seeking a Judicial Review (JR) of the decision to implement the Local Plan, and also to seek advice on this, and then to hold an Extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 21 May to approve any decisions. Following the meeting, WHPC sought views from a suitably qualified solicitor regarding inseting, who was careful to explain the grounds on which a JR could be sought and that it was unlikely that the Inspector's report, on more careful exploration, would reveal that he had acted unlawfully. Representatives from both WHPC and EHPC met to discuss the views, and concluded that, given how difficult it is to overthrow an Examining Inspector's recommendations (as shown in Waverley) and more importantly, given the views the PC had obtained, the PC seeking a JR challenging inseting was not the best way forward. The other members of West Horsley Parish Council were consulted following the meeting and agreed with this decision. It was therefore decided not to hold the proposed Extraordinary meeting.

WHPC took the decision that formally requesting that GBC reviews the content of the Local Plan and makes amendments, writing to the local MP for support and supporting other JR initiatives would be a better course of action. It was felt that with the changes to the Councillors at GBC, there was scope to lobby Councillors to make changes to the plan, reminding them why they were elected.

In addition, WHPC is in touch with other Parish Councils and associations, such as Wisley Action Group and Compton PC. Following WHPC's decision not to seek a JR, the Parish Council was made aware on Monday 20 May of a new JR challenge led by a West Horsley resident, which we understand is borough-wide. WHPC has not made any decisions in relation to this new information however are currently discussing how the Parish Council can support this. It should be noted that the Parish Council has a responsibility for public funds and is bound by processes that individuals are not and that the decision not to challenge the JR was not taken lightly or without research. The appearance of the lack of immediate financial support or financial commitment to new fundraising organisations does not mean that WHPC does not support this issue, merely that any support needs to happen within the Parish Council guidelines.

WHPC remain committed to challenging the local plan, which it does not believe is fair or right for West Horsley, as demonstrated by the amount of time and money that the PC has spent in relation to the Local Plan over the last few years.