

24th July 2021

**A Statement from West Horsley Parish Council in Relation to the
Development at Manor Farm**

Many people have been in contact with West Horsley Parish Council since the outcome of the Guildford Borough Council's Planning Committee's consideration of the application to build 139 dwellings and a sports hall on the site known as Manor Farm. This meeting took place on 14th July 2021. The decision was in favour of the development by a vote of 8 for and 6 against. Residents have expressed strong feelings of anger, frustration and incredulity to the Parish Council, several asking if the Parish Council will seek a Judicial Review.

The Parish Council met on 21st July and shares many of the views expressed by residents. It was deeply concerned that very little recognition and weight was given to the reasoning for the Council's objections and the evidence it provided to support them; a number of its concerns were ignored.

The Parish Council also has considerable concern and concurs with residents' views that minimal recognition and importance appeared to be given to our adopted Neighbourhood Plan and the evidence that underpins its policies. These policies substantiated the Council's objections and were reflected in many of the comments also expressed by individual residents. A number of concerns raised prior to and during the meeting, were not felt to have been given sufficient consideration, answered or indeed resolved. The Parish Council believes this to be utterly unsatisfactory.

In the light of the representations and deep concerns, the Council has resolved to seek expert advice to inform the actions it might take to address these matters. Work has already begun to obtain this advice. We will keep residents informed via statements on this website.

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