

Runnymede Borough Council

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 15 July 2009 at 7.30pm

A D D E N D U M

P L A N N I N G A P P L I C A T I O N S

1. Page 24 The Scout HQ, Ten Acre Lane, Thorpe – RU.09/0506

Application: Add Paragraph:

3.4 Revised drawings have been received which incorporate ramps to the two external doors, and internal changes to increase the size of one of the toilets and provide a separate sink in the kitchen to meet Disabled Access and Food Safety Regulations.

Consultations Paragraph 4.2 Add:

Comments have now been received from the Parks and Amenities Officer who has no objections to the application, subject to conditions that the trees to be retained are protected during development.

Paragraph 4.3 Add:

The County Highway Authority recommends that a condition be imposed on any permission requiring the provision of secure and sheltered cycle parking.

One letter of representation has been received from the Runnymede District Scout Executive who support the application but consider the hours of use condition to be over-restrictive. We recognise that prior consent could be obtained on each occasion, however, it would be more practical if the condition could be eased to allow for sleepovers, up to 15 times a year.

Recommendation: Informative: Amend date received to 13/7/09.

AGENDA ITEMS

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Houses in Multiple Occupation

Add a new paragraph 3.6 and delete old paragraph 3.6

New Paragraph 3.6

None of the 3 options are totally satisfactory as various unintended consequences may occur by extending the definition of a HMO, as defined in the Housing Act 2004, to also include non-student households not considered to cause problems. It is the clustering of student households that is at the root of problems not necessarily the individual student households. Additionally, it would place additional burdens on the Local Planning Authority to monitor, regulate and enforce the HMO concept. However, there may be opportunities to work with Housing Officers, who currently undertake HMO assessments designed to license properties, to identify the extent of the problem. However, a clustering assessment may be an issue considered as part of the housing policy framework in the Local Development Framework. Should the Committee consider that there is benefit introducing planning controls to deal with student clusters then the officers suggest that option 2 would be the clearer mechanism. If the Committee agree to support option 2 then the Government would need to be advised that this would give rise to additional costs to the Local Planning Authority and would only be viable to implement if it was cost neutral for the Authority.

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Supplementary Planning Guidance

Add to paragraph 3.5 , at end of second sentence:

“and Horsell Common.”
