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Sent by Email

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ESTATE NEWS

Dear Resident,

Re: Planning Application (RU.20/1066) for the Vehicle Access Control Barrier Proposal ('VAC')

The application to install the barriers was considered by the Runnymede Borough Council Planning Committee on the 3rd June 2020 via video conferencing.

The speaker for the objectors was Surrey County Council Cllr Mel Few (and resident) in return Rob Clarke Planning Consultant presented support for the application. Following discussions amongst the planning committee I am disappointed to inform you of their decision to refuse the application. The reason for the refusal was due to the *'spread of barriers would compromise inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would harm the openness of the Green Belt and the character of Wentworth'* (paraphrased).

The vote was 5 in favour (Cllr Willingale (chair), Cllr Anderson-Bassey (vice), Cllr Broadhead, Cllr Howorth, Cllr Nuti).

And 10 against (Cllr Chaudri, Cllr Cressey, Cllr Gill, Cllr King, Cllr Kusneratis, Cllr Mullens, Cllr Snow, Cllr Sohi, Cllr Whyte, Cllr Wilson).

This decision was all the more disappointing and surprising when the proposal had been recommended for approval by the case officer which included consultation with the Head of Planning and a county highway officer. This was a credible and implementable proposal.

Our consultation with residents prior to the submission showed over-whelming support for the installation of the barriers. So over the next few days we will be in consultation with planning officers at Runnymede BC and taking independent advice (including legal) as to what the next steps will be. We are conscious of the delays and I assure you we will address these as soon as practically possible with the aim of achieving what we set out to do.

Yours faithfully

Alex Howard
Chairman