

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: 6 - 2019

REQUEST DETAILS:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I wish to know what stage this proposal has reached and answers please to the following questions:

1. Councillor John Kelso reported that a restricted covenant was found that could potentially affect this proposal, if this is indeed the case, has a legal ruling been obtained or related decision made?
2. Has the meeting with the Government Planning Inspector (G.P. Inspector) actually taken place?
3. If the answer to the above is yes, did he get the opportunity to read objectors letters direct, or did he only see the PCC's numerical separation of our points of concern, bar-chart?
4. Has the G.P. Inspector considered all the facts and has made his decision, or is there to be a delay; if so, what are the reasons for it?
5. As I wish (and am entitled) to write to the G.P. Inspector direct, could you please provide me with the G.P. Inspector's name, reference and business address.
6. Did anyone make the G.P. Inspector aware that local to Martlesham Heath, there are already a number of other significant domestic housing projects 'both planned and in progress' and that a proposal has now been received by East Suffolk Council from Gladman Developments Ltd, for a Garden Village that will have in excess of 2,700 domestic dwellings?

RESPONSE

Public consultation has taken place on the proposed sale of Police Headquarters, Martlesham which has included engagement with stakeholders, officers and staff, interest groups and council representatives. Public views have also been encouraged with approximately 3,000 letters being sent to local residents with the opportunity for feedback to be given.

Pre planning application advice has been sought from the planning authority, which is now being considered. No planning application has been submitted at this stage but work is ongoing towards an application being submitted. Further updates on this process will be made public in due course.

The answer to the questions stated within your correspondence are as follows:

1. Both the PCC and Suffolk Constabulary are aware of the restrictive covenant. Engagement with lawyers, to understand the implications of this, will continue once the planning application has been submitted and the subsequent planning authority decision has been received.
2. No. No planning application has been submitted at this stage. Only pre planning advice has been sought from the planning authority.
3. N/A at this stage.
4. N/A at this stage.
5. N/A at this stage.
6. N/A at this stage.