

Decision Referral

To:

The Head of Policy, Communications and Governance

Decision making body

MBC Strategic Planning and Sustainable Transport Committee 11th Sept 2018

Decision made

74. TOWN CENTRE ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION – OPTIONS

Decision: That no Article 4 Directions should be taken forward for the Town Centre

Reason for referring the decision

We wish to call in the following decision from the meeting of SPST on 11th Sept 2018

74. TOWN CENTRE ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION - OPTIONS

We each feel that there is a need to extend some level of protection to the town centre from the conversion of office space to residential under permitted development rules. While there are merits in the officer recommendation and in other options included in the papers, we do not feel there had been sufficient time for members to receive full officer briefing, or sufficient time for members to debate and review the options, in order to allow thorough consideration for such an important decision.

At this stage we feel that the decision, i.e. **That no Article 4 Directions should be taken forward for the Town Centre** is premature and may not be in the interest of the borough. As such we wish to call in the decision for further consideration.

Desired outcome (please give full details)


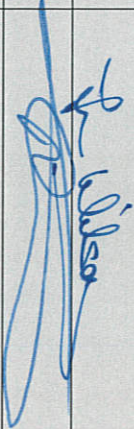
It is our wish that an officer briefing be arranged, allowing full review of the Article 4 options (and allowing member participation beyond SPST, as the impact to the borough will extend beyond planning considerations.

Subsequently, that member feedback be considered and a revised officer report be drafted for presentation at a future SPST Committee meeting for decision.

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Members referring the decision

Signed:

1. Brian Clark	
2. Fran Wilson	
3. Derek Mortimer	
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(3 signatories are required to refer a decision of a Service Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee. However, a decision of the Policy and Resources Committee for referral to Council requires 5 signatories in accordance with the Constitution's rules of procedure). Any of the signatories making such a referral shall attend the meeting.

Please note that should new and relevant information come to light, or a more acceptable course of action be proposed which may resolve the matter to the satisfaction of the Committee, then a Committee Chairman, at the request of any three Councillors in writing, may choose whether to call another meeting of the original Committee to re-consider the decision within five working days of receipt of a referral. The referral to Policy and Resources or the Council would then fall away and the matter would be treated as having been dealt with by the original Service Committee. No further referral of the matter would be permitted.

Committee (or Council) responsible for examining this decision

MBC Policy and Resources Committee
