

Reference from Planning Committee – Review of Increasing Occurrence of Hard Surfacing and the Impact on Drainage

Timetable	
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>
Planning Committee	21 July 2022
Executive Meeting	26 October 2022

Wards affected	All
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Executive Summary

The Planning Committee have requested that consideration be given to a review of the increasing occurrence of hard surfacing of commercial and residential land (and their impact on drainage) by considering enforcement options and looking at planning policy (in particular looking at design parameters in the proposed Design and Sustainability DPD).

This reference makes the following recommendation to the Lead Member for Planning and Infrastructure:

That the increasing occurrence of hard surfacing of commercial and residential land (and their impact on drainage) be reviewed by considering enforcement options and planning policy, in particular the proposed Design and Sustainability DPD.

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1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1.1 At its meeting on 21 July 2022, the Planning Committee noted that there appeared to be an increasing occurrence of hard surfacing in the Borough, and it was discussed how this could be addressed.

1.2 An excerpt of the Minutes from the meeting is included below:

'The Committee raised concerns around surface water draining into foul water networks, which caused a strain on the infrastructure and led to a higher risk of flooding and pollution in the Borough. The strength of enforcement actions brought against those who converted soft landscaped areas to impervious hard surfaces was questioned, and it was suggested that this should be referred to the appropriate Committee or Lead Member to investigate further.'

The Head of Planning and Development suggested that it could be considered for incorporation into the Design and Sustainability Development Plan Document (DPD) to enable stronger enforcement action against unapproved hard surfacing.'

2. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND WHY NOT RECOMMENDED

Not applicable.

3. REPORT APPENDICES

None.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 July 2022:

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