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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL OBJECTS TO AARONS HILL PLANNING APPLICATION

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At a packed meeting of Godalming Town Council's Policy & Management Committee held on Thursday, 6 September, local residents made representations to the Council prior to Councillors considering a planning application to build 262 homes on land between Aarons Hill and New Way in Godalming. The land in question is split by borough boundaries with one part being in Waverley and the other in Guildford. However the application being considered by Godalming Town councillors was solely for the Godalming Town area of Waverley Borough.

During the debate, Councillors recognised the housing needs of the Waverley Borough but resolved to object to the application on the grounds that they considered it an overdevelopment of the site with an inadequate housing mix and an insufficient social housing provision. Moreover, councillors believed its lack of environmental consideration relating to surface water control and the environmental impact of the development on the local area including roads, traffic access and traffic generation also made it an unsuitable application. Additionally, councillors also felt that the effect of the development on listed buildings and gardens in the area had not been adequately considered.

Councillors expressed concern that the public consultation over this application had been inadequate and that it should be considered as a whole site plan and not two individual applications split by borough boundaries. Thirteen councillors voted in support of the objection with one councillor abstaining.

Godalming Town Council has submitted its objections to the Waverley Planning Authority.

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