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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 SECTION 4 (1)

At the meeting of Godalming Town Council's Policy & Management Committee meeting held on Thursday, 24 May 2018, Councillors highlighted their concerns regarding the loss of employment space, especially office space, within Godalming that has occurred under permitted development rights. Councillors consider that change of use from offices to dwelling houses is detrimental to the overall vitality of the town and in particular its primary retail area. Councillors believe that proposals for such change of use should be subject to application to the Local Planning Authority so that, by utilising the local planning system, full consideration may be given to the wider implications for the community. Specifically, Councillors consider that no further change of use from office space to dwelling houses should take place within the main employment area adjacent to the town centre and the railway station without such proposals being subjected to proper scrutiny and consideration by the local authority, as such Godalming Town Council has written to Waverley Borough Council to request that they, as the Planning Authority for Godalming, issues an Article 4 Direction under The Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 Section 4 (1) to prevent a change of use under Schedule 2, Part 3 (Change of Use) Class O – Offices to Dwelling Houses of the Act for the area listed below, on the grounds that it is expedient that development should not be carried out unless permission is granted for it on an application.

Area encompassing Station Road, Station Approach and Mill Lane, Godalming

Godalming Town Council further request that Waverley Borough Council as the Planning Authority issue the Article 4(1) directions under Schedule 3 of the Act - Procedures for Article Directions – paragraph 2 - Procedure for article 4(1) directions, with immediate effect.

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