

## **CDRA Bulletin, June 2017**

Dear CDRA Member,

I'm writing to update you on the latest news we have on major developments and on one or two other local matters. I hope this will be of interest.

### **Elmbridge Local Plan & Green Belt Review**

Elmbridge Borough Council received about 3,800 responses to the Strategic Options consultation on the Local Plan, demonstrating the strength of feeling on this subject, however it hasn't been possible for the Council to adhere to its timetable for the new Local Plan. The huge volume of comments is taking longer than expected to analyse and the General Election and delays to Government policy are also having an impact. The Council will publish a report on the issues raised as soon as it is able to do so. You can view the Council's Statement of Progress at [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/new-local-plan](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/new-local-plan)

### **1-7 Holly Parade, High Street**

Preliminary work has been taking place at Holly Parade in recent months and the main development activity, including demolition, is about to start. The work is expected to take around 18 months so hopefully will be finished before Christmas 2018.

### **37-41 High Street**

The scaffolding at 37 High Street, formerly Pennys, is being taken down in the coming week and the scaffolding next door at Gordon Marks, 39-41 High Street, is expected to be removed in about six weeks' time. Gordon Marks jewellers will move into number 37, probably in September. Work on the interior of 39-41 will then be carried out before this is let, probably as two units.

### **Cedar Road**

A footpath between the High Street and Cedar Road will open once the 13 new houses at the site next to the Cedar Centre are complete. The developers expect this to be in September, but the date is weather dependent. Most of the houses have already been reserved. The path will provide a very welcome

route from the High Street to the Library and community facilities at Cobham Cedar Centre.

### **White Lion Place, Portsmouth Road**

23 new flats and one new house are being built on this site and the Grade II Listed White Lion is being converted into 2 houses and 4 apartments. The first people will be moving into the new flats this month or next. The entire development, which is for over 55s, will be completed by late summer/autumn 2018.

There will also be a block, Kidwell Place, of shared ownership/affordable housing on this site but facing onto Between Streets. Work on this is said to be progressing well but we don't have any information about when it will be finished.

### **Bus Services**

Council funded bus services have recently been put out to tender by Surrey County Council for operations from this September when the current contracts come to an end. Meanwhile, the services will remain operating as at present.

### **Date for Your Diary**

Our Half Yearly Meeting is on the evening of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October in Cobham Village Hall. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **Membership**

If you haven't already renewed your membership of the Association for this year then we hope you will do so and perhaps persuade some of your friends to join. We need a strong membership in our efforts to represent you on local issues.

Kind regards

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