

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CQ086-18 from Councillor Ian Parker

Councillor Stuart King (Job Share)

Can I have a ward by ward breakdown of the number of applications considered by Croydon's Planning Committee from May 2014 to date? Could the breakdown indicate whether the applications were refused or accepted?

Reply

Please see the table on the following page.

Decisions by Ward (decided by Committee) -
01/01/2010 to 17/07/2018

	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			2018	
	Approved	Refused	Other	Approved	Refused	Other	Approved	Refused	Other	Approved	Refused	Other	Approved	Refused	Other	Approved	Refused	Other	Approved	Refused	Other	Approved	Refused	Other		
Addiscombe*	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
Addiscombe East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashburton*	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Bensham Manor*	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broad Green*	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Coulsdon East*	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Coulsdon West*	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	6	1	3	4	2	7	0	9	0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	3	0
Croham*	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	1	2	0	6	0	6	0	2	0	7	1	0	1	1	4	1
Crystal Palace and Upper Norwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield*	7	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	0	6	0	2	0	2	0	10	0	10	0	1	5	1
Heathfield*	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	0
Kenley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenley*	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	1	7	0	3	1	5	0	6	0	0	12	0	12	0	1	3	0
New Addington*	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Norbury*	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	4	2	5	1	5	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	0
Norbury Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Purley*	7	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	4	1	3	0	6	0	9	0	0	0	16	0	16	0	1	1	0
Purley and Woodcote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanderstead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanderstead*	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	12	1	12	1	0	4	2
Selhurst*	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selsdon and Addington Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selsdon and Ballards*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	3	1	5	1	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	1	0
Shirley*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	1	0
Shirley South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Croydon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Norwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Norwood*	7	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	4	1	0	4	0
Thornton Heath*	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Norwood*	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Waddon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waddon*	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	6	3	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	1	0
West Thornton*	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Woodside*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0

* Ward pre May 2018 Election

Total: 629

No applications decided by the Committee from Addiscombe West, Broad Green, Bensham Manor, Coulsdon Town, Fieldway*, New Addington North, New Addington South, Norbury and Pollards Hill, Old Coulsdon*, Park Hill and Whitgift, Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown, Selhurst, Shirley North, Thornton Heath, Woodside, West Thornton.

CQ102-18 from Councillor Stuart Millson

Councillor Stuart King

Unlike the current Zipcar programme operating in Croydon, which charges a customer for the length of time the car is away from its designated space, Zipcar flex allows the car to be parked in any parking space owned by a participating local Council. This allows customers to make point to point journeys, and this flexibility is key to increasing the adoption of car clubs and making them a plausible alternative to car ownership. This is critical to the Council's ambition to reduce car ownership in Croydon.

Has the Council held any discussions with Zipcar or alternative providers about extending such services to Croydon?

If not why not?

If so, when can we expect such services to be active in Croydon?

Reply

Yes, the council is in regular contact with all the main car club operators (including Zipcar Flex), Transport for London and other boroughs, and have discussed the potential for flexible operations in Croydon. None of the operators have yet come forward with a proposal for this change, but this is more a matter of timing rather than an objection from either the operators or the council. Early experience with flexible car club operation in neighbouring boroughs had not been positive but operators have refined their ways of working and the service is attracting good use.

The increasing population and growth in “car free” developments is bringing Croydon to the point where the borough can anticipate perhaps over the next 6-18 months, a significant increase in car club use. The increase will include flexible operation, and more electric car club cars - in line with the TfL and car clubs’ agreement for half of car club vehicles to be ultra-low emission capable by 2025.

CQ103-18 from Councillor Michael Neal

Councillor Alison Butler

Application Heathfield Gardens / 16/06514/FUL

Taken from the Ecological Assessment report

"Japanese Knotweed (JK) was identified in the west of the Site (the location is presented in Figure 2). JK is listed on Schedule 9 (of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended) and it is an offence to grow or to cause this species to grow in the wild. JK is also covered by the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990 which designates this as a controlled waste.

No works will occur within the 7m exclusion without the appropriate management and mitigation precautions regarding bio-security and prevention of spread"

Given the press coverage lately and the fact local residents in the surrounding area have raised concerns, what impact will this have on the proposed development? How are you going to alleviate residents' concerns that the site will not be cleared of Japanese Knotweed before the development proceeds?

Reply

- Brick by Brick have reported that they are fully aware of the presence of Japanese Knotweed (JK) on this site. A full Ecological Assessment was submitted with their Planning Application (ref 16/06514/FUL) which is available on the LB Croydon planning portal. This assessment identifies the presence of Japanese Knotweed on the site.
- Brick by Brick also instructed a further Japanese Knotweed survey by a separate consultant undertaken on 17 May 2017 and they identified Japanese Knotweed in the same locations.
- Their Ecological Assessment makes recommendations to deal with the Japanese Knotweed. It advises:

"Subsequently appropriate specialist management advice will be sought. Further details regarding JK management and eradication

can be found in CIRIA report C679, 2008 'Invasive species management for infrastructure managers and the construction industry' and the Environment Agency 'Managing Japanese Knotweed on development sites' (version 3 amended in 2013)14.

Potential methods for the eradication of JK include:

- A foliar or stem injection herbicide treatment programme;*
- Stockpiling of excavated material and foliar or stem injection herbicide treatment;*
- Excavation and mechanical segregation;*
- Excavation and disposal on Site; and*
- Excavation and disposal to landfill.”*

Brick by Brick are in the process of appointing a main contractor to deliver their approved scheme. Their main contractor will be responsible for developing an action plan using the above guidance for appropriately treating the Japanese Knotweed in order for construction to begin. Any remediation works they undertake will need to be certified for insurance purposes. This and an ongoing management plan will be part of the information provided to satisfy Brick by Brick lenders.

CQ107-18 from Councillor Lynne Hale

Councillor Alison Butler

Please could I have a full update on all the fire safety works for the following:

1. All residential blocks of accommodation – both owned and leased by the Council
2. All Council non-residential buildings

Please include the details of any works and the costs involved for works:

1. Completed since July 2017
2. Currently In progress – with date commenced and date for completion
3. Identified but not yet in progress

Reply

1. **All residential blocks of accommodation – both owned and leased by the Council**

Sprinkler Programme:

The sprinkler programme is divided into three lots, with lots 1 and 2 comprising 8 blocks while lot 3 includes 9 blocks.

Lot 1: 6 out of 8 blocks are completed and the remaining two blocks (Belgrave and Regina Road) are due to be completed in mid-September. The completion date for these two blocks have been extended due to ongoing technical solutions for the installation of the sprinkler tanks and pumps.

Lot 2: The sprinkler system pipework has been installed in 380 out of 394 properties. Due to ongoing technical solutions for the installation of sprinkler tanks and pumps the completion date has been extended to the end of October.

Lot 3: Works have commenced on the first four blocks on Lot 3 and all 9 blocks are on track to be completed by end of November.

Remedial Works:

All fire safety works undertaken on council, leaseholder and lease properties have been instructed and completed following an FRA under the terms of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 or as a result of deficiency notice issued by the LFB.

The works carried out to date have included: Communal Fire doors, replacement fire doors/frame to house/flat, upgrade front entrance door (strips, seals, intumescent letterbox, etc.) signage, Compartmentation, emergency lighting, external cladding checks/samples, intumescent strips to fire doors, spyhole and fireproof letterbox, fire doors, intumescent letter box liners, fire/smoke, detectors/alarms, infill panels smoke vent windows, Gas pipes, Gas boilers.

I. Completed since July 2017

Sprinkler Programme

Name	Street	Post Code	Start Date	Completion Date	Ward
LOT 1					
COLLEGE GREEN 98-176	COLLEGE GREEN	SE19 3PP	Completed Nov 2017		UPPER NORWOOD
COLLEGE GREEN 55-133	COLLEGE GREEN	SE19 3PR	Completed April 2018		UPPER NORWOOD
GROSVENOR ROAD 1-44	GROSVENOR ROAD	SE25 5AW	Completed July 2018		SOUTH NORWOOD
REGINA ROAD 58-108A	REGINA ROAD	SE25 4TT	Completed July 2018		SOUTH NORWOOD
REGINA ROAD 2-56A	REGINA ROAD	SE25 4TW	Completed July 2018		SOUTH NORWOOD
SEVENOAKS HOUSE	PENGE ROAD	SE25 4ET	Completed July 2018		SOUTH NORWOOD
TONBRIDGE HOUSE	PENGE ROAD	SE25 4EU	Completed July 2018		SOUTH NORWOOD

Remedial Works, see link below:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/documents/s10109/CQ107-18%20Remedial%20Works%20Completed.pdf>

II. Currently In progress – with date commenced and date for completion

Sprinkler Programme

Name	Street	Post Code	Start Date	Completion Date	Ward	Comments
LOT 1						
BELGRAVE ROAD 1-87	BELGRAVE ROAD	SE25 5AL	20/02/2018	27/07/2018	SOUTH NORWOOD	Due to ongoing technical solutions
REGINA ROAD 1-87	REGINA ROAD	SE25 4TW	27/02/2018	27/07/2018	SOUTH NORWOOD	the completion date for these 2 blocks have been extended to mid-September
LOT 2						
GORDON CRESCENT 133-176	GORDON CRESCENT	CR0 6NX	20/03/2018	14/08/2018	ADDISCOMBE	Due to ongoing technical solutions the completion date for Lot 2 Blocks has been extended to end of October
FISHER CLOSE 1-29	FISHER CLOSE	CR0 6QY	03/04/2018	14/08/2018	ADDISCOMBE	
WINDMILL BRIDGE HOUSE	FREEMASONS ROAD	CR0 6PB	10/04/2018	14/08/2018	ADDISCOMBE	
LODGE LANE 463-549	LODGE LANE	CR0 0SA	24/04/2018	14/08/2018	FIELDWAY	
BEECH HOUSE 1-66	BEECH HOUSE	CR0 9DY	08/05/2018	14/08/2018	FIELDWAY	
CEDAR HOUSE 1-68	CEDAR HOUSE	CR0 9DZ	22/05/2018	14/08/2018	FIELDWAY	
LODGE LANE 551-637	LODGE LANE	CR0 0QA	05/06/2018	14/08/2018	FIELDWAY	
CHERTSEY CRESCENT 56A-7	CHERTSEY CRESCENT	CR0 0DX	19/06/2018	14/08/2018	NEW ADDINGTON	
LOT 3						
BRAMLEY HILL 1-44	BRAMLEY HILL	CR2 6LW	14/08/2018	30/11/2018	WADDON	
KEELING COURT 1-44	THE WALDRONS	CR0 4AY	21/08/2018	30/11/2018	WADDON	
MESSER COURT 1-44	THE WALDRONS	CR0 4AX	27/08/2018	30/11/2018	WADDON	
VIOLET LANE 1-44	VIOLET LANE	CR0 4HH	03/09/2018	30/11/2018	WADDON	
MORRIS COURT 1-44	THE WALDRONS	CR0 4AZ	10/09/2018	30/11/2018	WADDON	
BRIDGE PLACE 50-89	BRIDGE PLACE	CR0 2BB	24/09/2018	30/11/2018	SELHURST	
GARNET ROAD 1-133	GARNET ROAD	CR7 8RD	01/10/2018	30/11/2018	THORNTON HEATH	
GILLETT ROAD 12-144	GILLETT ROAD	CR7 8SN	05/10/2018	30/11/2018	THORNTON HEATH	
CROMWELL HOUSE 1-86	OLD TOWN	CR0 1AS	05/10/2018	30/11/2018	WADDON	

Remedial Works, for details of works in progress please see link below:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/documents/s10111/CQ107-18%20Remedial%20Works%20In%20Progress.pdf>

III. Identified but not yet in progress

Sprinkler Programme N/A

Remedial works, all works identified but not yet in progress please see link below:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/documents/s10110/CQ107-18%20Remedial%20Works%20Identified.pdf>

2. All Council non-residential buildings

A detailed Fire Safety Review of the corporate estate for all council operated buildings that are subject to a fire risk assessment under the terms of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 has been completed. All assessments are up to date including all library buildings that recently returned under the council's responsibility. In addition to these formal assessments that are reviewed annually, the facilities management operations team undertakes weekly visual safety checks and user checks of all corporate buildings to ensure, for example, escape routes are kept clear. Further statutory compliance maintenance activities are completed under the relevant best practice guidance and legal requirements for all active fire safety systems and fire doors. This review has also included the councils the leasehold estate and the community portfolio, which has been supported by the councils H&S team to ensure compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. This includes ensuring that all fire risk assessments are in place, where these are the responsibility of the occupier or tenant under this legislation. The councils H&S team have also provided, where required, specific training and advice to help these community organisations. There are only 12 tenants where the Council has had no response and formal action is being taken under the lease terms to ensure this matter is resolved.

I. Completed since July 2017

As part of the formal FRA annual review £46,000 of remedial repairs have been necessary to rectify any passive or active fire safety deficiencies. These range from building compartmentation work such as heat and smoke seal repairs to improvements to existing fire safety systems such as installing a new smoke head within an existing fire alarm system.

II. Currently In progress – with date commenced and date for completion

There are currently 9 actions that are outstanding from the current cyclical FRA review and these are being actioned and where necessary alternative management arrangements have been put in place to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. As an example, this could be setting a minimum number of people allowed within a specific room or space in a building. These will be completed by the end of October.

III. Identified but not yet in progress

For the corporate estate and in line with the requirements set out under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 this review process is ongoing and the Corporate (FM & Estates) Fire Safety Group oversee the monitoring processes for all fire safety including all associated works and reviews. This group have requested that all sleeping accommodation within the corporate estate have an intrusive fire compartmentation assessment carried out and this is under commission. Although these establishments are low rise (ground and first floor only), with no stay put policies, have FRA's in place and work carried out to ensure compliance, this will provide further assurance.