

## **Proposed Showman's Site, Castle Way, Leybourne, Kent**

### **Planning Application No: TM/09/01708/FL**

At the Public Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 it was requested some basic information be placed on the Parish Council website about the processing of this application just over the border in Leybourne. The details are:-

#### **Inspection of Application**

The full application can be inspected during office hours at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council offices (01732 844522). This includes all representations received.

The website is: [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)

#### **Who will decide the Application?**

It will be reported to the Area 2 Planning Committee whose next scheduled meeting is at the Borough Council Offices, Kings Hill on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009** starting at **7.30p.m.**

The officers' report has to be published 8 days beforehand and can be inspected on the Borough Web site or at the Council Offices. It will include the Planning Officers recommendation for Councillors to vote on as to whether the application should be approved, with any conditions, or refused.

#### **Can I attend?**

The meeting is open to the public and on giving advance notice anyone **who has already submitted comments** can speak for up to 3 minutes. The Applicant or Agent can also speak.

#### **Highway Issues**

The Kent County Council deals with the Highway aspects and the Borough Council, not being the Highway Authority, invariably follows its recommendation.

Mr. Brinkman is dealing with the application at Kent County Council Highway Services, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent. ME20 7TZ where separate letters may be sent.

#### **County Councillors**

County Councillors do not have a vote on the application and highway comments on planning applications are delegated to KCC officers.

Views can be however sent to the local County Councillors C/o County Hall, Maidstone, Kent. They are **Trudy Dean** for Larkfield and **Sarah Hohler** for Leybourne.

#### **Borough Councillors**

As Larkfield is not in the area covered by Area 2 Planning Committee, they can attend and speak at the meeting but not vote.

The **North Larkfield** Councillors are:-

David Thornewell, 49 Betjeman Close, Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent. ME20 6TQ

John Clements, 43 St. Peters Road, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent. ME20 6PF

The Borough officers report will only take into account comments officially made direct to them so it is best to send copies of objections to Councillors.

A full list of Councillors is given on the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council website. Leybourne is joined to West Malling at Borough level and it's Cllrs. are Mrs. Luck, Mr. B. Luker and Mr. M. Worrall.

### **Leybourne Parish Council**

The site is in Leybourne Parish and its Parish Council has already objected.

### **Kent Wildlife Trust**

this is a voluntary body but it helps identify sites of "Local Wildlife Interest". This field is no longer within such an area but they have objected as it is regarded as a "buffer area" to the Lakes which are included.

### **Commenting on the Application**

Comments by letter or email should be sent to the Borough Council quoting the planning reference and should include any highway issues (even if separate letters sent to KCC) Letters can be taken into account up to the day of the meeting.

### **They do though go on the file and are open to public inspection**

Comments should deal with planning issues such as amenity, traffic, impact on landscape/countryside, noise, appearance or design. Affect on property values is not considered a planning issue. The Borough Council issue a free leaflet on this and speaking at meetings.