

Appendix B

Motion submitted under Standing Order 7, as altered under Standing Order 12(10)

Full Council 8 February 2024

This Council has little confidence in the contribution Surrey's Highways Development Control Team makes to the Tandridge planning process.

This lack of confidence comes from the fact that responses to applications are too often purely desk based; officers never attend Planning meetings to defend their position and too many reports are deficient in both detail and common sense in relation to the application area, showing insufficient awareness of local factors and concerns.

The County Council's performance in this area is letting down the residents of Tandridge.

Tandridge District Council should make formal contact with Surrey County Council about the reports that its Highways Development Control team makes as the statutory consultee for planning applications in Tandridge.

This Council requires a mechanism to be set up to ensure greater cooperation and consultation between Surrey Planning Officers and TDC, including its elected representatives. We would expect reports informed by this consultation to understand better the area to which they relate and to reflect all known safety concerns.

As a user of Surrey's Highway's service, the presence of a Highways Officer at Tandridge planning committee meetings, coupled with more site visits to assess conditions on the ground, would greatly improve the technical planning process and outcomes for the residents of Tandridge.