

**Proposed amendments to item 43 of the minutes of the meeting held on 24.06.21
(moved by Councillor Prew)**

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared as follows:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
Dennis	9 – Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan	Member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Gaffney	9 – Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan	Former member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Flower	10 – Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Proposal	Employed by the Independent Pilots' Association, representing commercial pilots across the UK
N. White	10 – Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Proposal	President of the Campaign Against Gatwick Noise Emissions

Councillor Elias questioned whether the Chair and Councillors Farr and Lockwood should declare interests in agenda item 8 (Local Plan Update). ~~This was because as they had the Oxted & Limpsfield Residents' Group (of which Councillor Sayer was Chair), Godstone Parish Council (of which Councillor Farr was a Member) and Councillor Lockwood had~~ submitted third party representations to the Planning Inspector during the 2019 'examination in public' of the Local Plan and had therefore pre-determined their views. He asked whether they were now conflicted and, if so, whether they should exclude themselves from future discussion about the Local Plan to avoid the potential for decisions to be challenged.

The Chair confirmed that she was happy to declare ~~an interest that she had made representations to the examination hearings~~ but observed that the matter was now with the Inspector and subject to due process.

Councillor Farr confirmed that Godstone Parish Council ~~(of which he was an elected Member)~~ had also made representations to the examination in respect of the proposed garden village development but he did not believe this compromised his position on the Planning Policy Committee when considering the Local Plan and saw no reason to exclude himself.

Councillor Lockwood considered that Members were entitled to have opinions about Council business while retaining an open mind when matters were being determined at committee meetings. She believed that her remit was to represent residents in her Ward and stated that her personal views about the Local Plan were immaterial.