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Government over-rides planning committee on Sheen Way playing fields

Tory Secretary of State ignores resident concerns

The Housing and Planning Minister Robert Jenrick dismissed the concerns of residents and the council to grant planning permission for the SEND school at Sheen Way.

It is a move that reflects the Government's controversial Planning reforms which remove the rights of residents to object to planning applications in their area.

In the Sheen Way case the decision was taken away from the council so the Government could decide the application, and the Minister even dismissed the concerns of their local Conservative MP.

In the Sheen Way case the council found that the application did not address the access and transport issues flagged in the site allocation and highlighted by residents and would have refused it had the decision not been taken by the Minister.

The Government has already shown its blatant disregard of residents' rights to a say over development in their area with its significant extension of Permitted Development Rights, introduced without consultation. These rights now allow



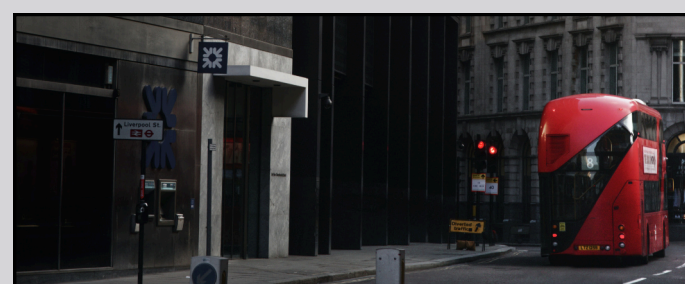
The saga continues with regard to the proposal for a new SEND school at Sheen Way.

conversions of offices, shops and business premises into housing, and up to two additional stories added to buildings all without needing planning permission, or allowing objections from residents.

The Conservative Governments' plans to further deregulate planning are proving highly unpopular even with their some of own MPs, and were flagged as a key factor in their humiliating defeat in Cheshire & Amersham recently.

Lib Dem-run Sutton Council has submitted strong objections to the planning White Paper proposals.

X26 route to be reviewed



At a meeting of the Public Transport Liaison Group, a committee that brings together council workers, councillors and representatives of the transport companies, it was revealed that TfL would be reviewing the X26 bus route in the near future to improve the service.

TfL advised that they would be waiting until passenger numbers reached normal capacity before they begin to look at the X26 and that changes might include an increase in frequency and/or an extra stop near plough lane. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

Cancer research hub expansion brings more investment to Sutton

An ambitious partnership between Sutton's Lib Dem-run Council and The Institute of Cancer Research has seen work begin on a new Innovation Gateway at the London Cancer Hub site in Belmont.

The Innovation Gateway will soon be the latest addition to the site, which is poised to attract talent from all over the world to live and work in Sutton - boosting the local economy and generating over £13m in business rates alone. Last year saw the completion of the state of the art Centre for Cancer Drug Discovery, a £75m centre which has already put Sutton on the map as a global centre in the effort to discover new and effective drugs to fight cancer.

The Innovation Gateway will create the world's leading district for cancer research, treatment and commercial enterprise. Due to open in late 2021, the project will attract more businesses from



the biotech, medtech, data science and pharmaceutical industries to Sutton.

Sutton Council Leader Ruth Dombey said:

"I'm delighted that work has begun on the Innovation Gateway, the first major development at the London Cancer Hub site since the Council decided to pursue direct delivery, rather than working through commercial developers."

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