

ADDITION TO QUALIFYING PROPERTIES LIST – (LAW AND GOVERNANCE – Carol Holehouse)

Synopsis of report:

To advise Members of addition to the qualifying properties list

Recommendation:

None – for information only

- 1. Context and background of report**
 - 1.1 To advise the Committee of an addition to the qualifying properties list following this year's annual canvass.
- 2. Report**
 - 2.1 In February 2023, Officers sent out the annual canvass letter to all qualifying properties in Englefield Green asking for nominations for resident's representatives to sit on the Englefield Green Committee for the next municipal year.
 - 2.2 Officers were contacted by the owner of The Coach House, Coopers Hill Lane asking if they were eligible to apply. Officers advised the owner that The Coach House was not currently on the qualifying properties list as it was not considered to fit the criteria.
 - 2.3 Officers had previously considered including The Coach House on the qualifying properties list but considered the view from The Coach House was obstructed by the neighbouring property, Coopers Hill Lodge (which was a qualifying property).
 - 2.4 The owner of The Coach House advised Officers that the property had previously been separated out of the land of Coopers Hill Lodge so he therefore felt his property should be included. Officers therefore wrote to the Crown Estate to ask them to consider the addition of The Coach House to the list.
 - 2.5 The Crown advised Officers by email on 24th March that following an assessment of the location of The Coach House, whilst the view of the Green was limited, it was adjoining the eastern most point. The Crown would therefore approve adding the property to the list. The Crown, however, noted that this property appeared to be the most easterly property in the vicinity that would be considered a qualifying property, certainly at this time.
 - 2.6 Subsequent to receiving confirmation from the Crown Estate, Officers notified the owner of the Coach House that their property had been approved by the Crown for inclusion on the qualifying properties list. The owner of the Coach House was pleased to be added to the list but confirmed by email that he did not wish to stand as resident's representative at this time.

3. Policy framework implications

3.1 Not applicable

4. Resource implications/Value for money

4.1 None

5. Legal implications

5.1 None

6. Equality implications

6.1 None

7. Environmental/Sustainability/Biodiversity implications

7.1 None

8. Timetable for implementation

8.1 With immediate effect

(For information)

Background papers

Englefield Green Qualifying Properties list