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A Casino for Frimley Green?

Your Councillors recently learned of plans being prepared by London Clubs International to establish a casino operation at the Lakeside Complex in Frimley Green.

At a recent presentation, with concept drawings, to a meeting of local people, representatives of LCI made information available about a possible casino at Lakeside. More details about LCI are available from their website: www.lciclubs.com.



Councillors Anji Patterson, Alan Whittart and Cathie Whitcroft outside the Lakeside Complex in Frimley Green - home to a new Casino?

What do you think?

Local people at the meeting had mixed views about the possible casino with some welcoming the development whilst others – not surprisingly those who live near to Lakeside – expressed reservations.

Focus would welcome YOUR views about the possible casino, so please do get in contact using the details on page 2.

You can also register your views by visiting www.surreyheath.gov.uk under 'Casino Consultation' until 25th November.

The Key Facts:

- It would be a new facility built on the Lakeside frontage with restaurants fronting the lake and the casino to the rear and would be about 50,000 square feet in size. It would be a 'smart, upmarket adult orientated entertainment centre' and would not have anything in common with Las Vegas type operations. The style of the facility would be like that of LCI's facility in Brighton (see website).
- The casino would need some 600/700 customers per day to make it pay and the increased number of cars using Lakeside Complex was acknowledged by LCI. These numbers compare to the 1200 who currently use the Club on a regular basis, according to Club owner Bob Potter.
- The Casino would be open from about 12 noon to 4am. The 4am 'closing time' seems to be very important to LCI who claim that many regular gamblers like to leave at that time. LCI accepted that 'Traffic is a problem' but claimed they would take steps to reduce the impact on local residents – especially of customers leaving in the early hours.
- The casino would complement and update the existing cabaret offering at Lakeside. LCI suggested a major plus of the casino would be the employment opportunities it would generate, especially for young people.

More Weekend Flights?

TAG Aviation has submitted a planning application to Rushmoor Council that requests a change in their previously granted allocation of flights that would increase weekend and Bank Holiday aircraft movements at Farnborough Airport.

The total number of flights would not alter but the weekend number would increase from the current limit of 2,500 to 5,000 per year.

The irony of this application is that it is not the residents of Rushmoor who will be directly impacted by the proposed change. Most of the impact will be felt in Mytchett, Deepcut and Frimley Green.

Given the short consultation period which closes on 18th November, your Liberal Democrat Borough Councillors have already placed an objection with Rushmoor, stating:

- *More people are at home over the weekend and so more people will be disturbed, especially if they want to use their gardens.*
- *Local residents should not have the enjoyment of their homes and gardens reduced by more aircraft flying over them as a result of the activities of relatively few people who want to use private planes at weekends.*
- *Farnborough is a designated centre for business flying. Business is NOT generally conducted at weekends. We remain to be convinced of the need for more flights at weekends to cope with business demand.*



How to register YOUR views:

Rushmoor Council want comments on this application by 18th NOVEMBER, at the LATEST. These must be in writing and can be made on line through their website at www.rushmoor.gov.uk or by letter to Planning Services, Rushmoor Council, Council Offices, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 7JU. Please quote reference 05/00640/FUL .

If you send in emailed comments you must include your full name and postal address and if you want to OBJECT to the proposal, please include the word OBJECTION very clearly within your comments.



New Licensing Laws Gag Residents and Councillors

Liberal Democrat Councillors have condemned the Labour Governments new Licensing laws which limit the part local residents can play in determining new applications.

Government regulations mean that only residents within 100 metres of an establishment are allowed to submit their views formally. Local councillors are also barred from representing their residents at hearings concerning applications from establishments from within their own ward.



Liberal Democrats Urge Tory Council to be Prudent

Liberal Democrat Councillors have called on Tory Surrey Heath Council to stop the rot in the Councils finances, by ensuring that the Council stops employing more staff than it has budgeted for. Liberal Democrats predict that if this advice is ignored, the Council will face have to impose massive Council tax rises.

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