

Report from Cllr John Barnes, Rother District Council

Cllr Kirby-Green and I have taken up the repeat application at Brightling Oast but have had no reply. I have suggested it be refused outright, but it will be called in if needs be.

There was virtually no business at Council on Monday, but the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan was made.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) are to look at the Town Hall Project later this month – now in two phases so flats delayed. Cost remains £14.6 million. I am concerned that nobody has surveyed current office use, given the obvious rise in homeworking, and have yet to see any indication of how the project will be cost neutral, although that is still the intention.

Nor did I feel that Mr Brown's public question at Council had an adequate answer, so will be pursuing that at OSC.

If there are any questions that I need to answer, please feel free to e-mail me.