

**MINUTE EXTRACT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**14 POSSIBLE ARTICLE FOUR DIRECTION AT THE CHENIES,  
PETTS WOOD**

Members considered whether an Article 4 Direction should be issued to withdraw permitted development rights for the insertion of roof lights in properties situated within The Chenies conservation area. The recent development of one property had given rise to concerns that an increase in similar proposals could result in potential harm to the conservation area.

The Chairman gave an overview of the options available to Members with regard to the issuing of Article 4 Directions.

Councillor Fawthrop thanked the Chairman and the Chief Planner for bringing this report for Member consideration. Councillor Fawthrop reported that the key issue was that the Chenies was one of the most picturesque roads within a conservation area and should be protected to ensure that it remains so. He therefore moved that a non-immediate Article 4 Direction be sought.

Councillor Auld seconded the motion, commenting that the issue under consideration referred to the Chenies in its entirety, not as individual houses. As the Direction would relate solely to the installation of rooflights, Councillor Auld could see no great difficulty with issuing a non-immediate Article 4 Direction.

Councillors Boughey, Jackson and Michael supported the motion reiterating the need to retain the character of the area.

Councillor Fookes suggested that residents of the Chenies should be consulted. The Chief Planner informed Members that if the recommendation to seek an Article 4 Direction was approved, then residents would be advised and kept informed of proceedings.

**RESOLVED that the Executive be requested to consider the issue of a non-immediate Article 4 Direction withdrawing permitted development rights for roof lights in The Chenies, Petts Wood, Conservation Area.**