

# **Local Centre Monitor**

**Position in April 2025** 



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#### Please Note:

The information contained within this monitor is a record of the observed uses and occupiers within the designated local centres in Reigate & Banstead as of April 2025. It does not constitute a record of the Lawful Uses of each property under Sections 191 and 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). For further information on lawful uses, please contact the Council's Development Management Team.

While every care has been taken to ensure that the information and analysis is accurate, the Council accepts no responsibility for any loss resulting from errors or omissions. The Council welcomes comments and suggestions that would make the monitoring information more accessible and useful.

# 1. Introduction and Planning Policy Context

Local centres provide an important function, serving the local needs of communities, and providing shops, services and facilities that are easily accessible by walking and cycling and reduce the need to travel.

The purpose of this annual monitor is to:

- Analyse use trends within the local centres
- Assess the ongoing viability and vitality of provision within the local centres
- Provide regularly updated base data to assist in decision-making on planning applications within the local centres.

The analysis focusses on all uses within the local centres and not only uses within the retail parades as in many cases there are additional, complementary uses within the designated boundaries of the local centres.

# 1.1. National Planning Policy Context

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recognises that positive planning for local shops, services and community facilities will help to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments and that it is important to ensure that established shops, facilities and services can develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable and ensures they are retained for the benefit of the community.

Local centres continue to face competition from town centres, out-of-town superstores and increased internet shopping, therefore maintaining the quality and diversity of offer and environment in this area is challenging. The Council's Local Plan contains specific policies relating to the management of development within local centres to ensure high quality, aesthetically pleasing local centres.

# 1.2. Local Planning Policy Context

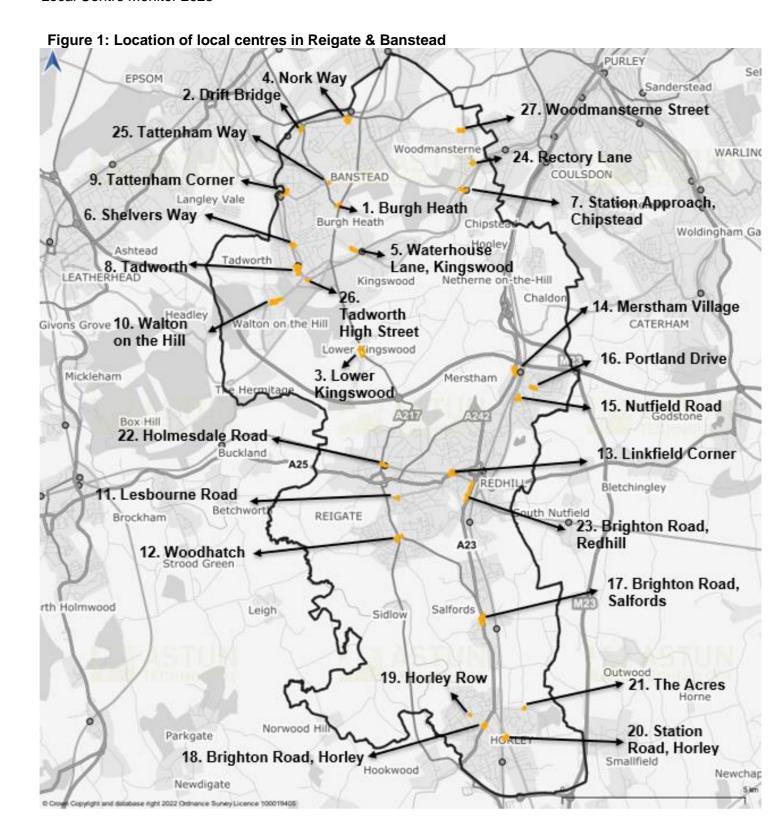
The Reigate & Banstead Borough Local Plan is comprised of:

- The Core Strategy (adopted 2014 and reviewed 2019 and 2024) which details how much growth will take place in the borough between 2012 and 2027 and sets out the overarching spatial strategy to deliver this growth; and
- The Development Management Plan (DMP) (adopted 2019 and reviewed in 2024) which provides the detailed policies and site allocations to meet the planned level of growth.

The DMP designates 27 such areas within the borough as local centres (DMP Policy RET3 'Local Centres'):

- Brighton Road, Horley
- Brighton Road, Redhill
- Brighton Road, Salfords
- Burgh Heath
- Drift Bridge, Fir Tree Road
- High Street, Tadworth
- Holmesdale Road, Reigate
- Horley Row, Horley
- Lesbourne Road, Reigate
- Linkfield Corner, Redhill
- Lower Kingswood
- Merstham Village
- Nork Way
- Nutfield Road, Merstham

- Portland Drive, Merstham
- Shelvers Way, Tadworth
- Tadworth
- Tattenham Corner
- Walton-on-the-Hill
- Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood
- Woodhatch
- Rectory Lane, Chipstead
- Station Approach, Chipstead
- Station Road, Horley
- Tattenham Way
- The Acres, Horley
- Woodmansterne Street,
   Woodmansterne



Relevant Local Plan policies and objectives are detailed in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2 – Relevant local plan policies and indicators

| Policy/        | Objective/ Monitoring Target                                       |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Indicator      |  |  |
| Core Strategy  | To strengthen the vitality and viability of the borough's town     |  |
| Objective SO17 | centres and local shopping centres                                 |  |
| DMP Objective  | Protect the viability of smaller scale but vital local shopping    |  |
| PE5            | areas.   |  |
| DMP Objective  | Ensure that both town and local centres are resilient and able to  |  |
| PE6            | respond to future changes.   |  |
| DMP Policy     | Seeks to ensure new development continues to make a positive       |  |
| RET1           | contribution to the retail areas within which it is located whilst |  |
|                | minimising the impact on other surrounding uses, and on users      |  |
|                | of the retail areas.   |  |
| DMP Policy     | Seeks to ensure a healthy balance of uses is maintained in the     |  |
| RET3           | borough's local centres.   |  |

The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 introduced a number of fundamental changes to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). These changes are likely to impact on the composition of uses, as the Local Planning Authority are no longer able to control changes between different use within Use Classes, and so are unable to fully apply DM Policy RET3, as many such use changes no longer need planning permission as they are within the same Use Class and no longer constitute "development".

Figure 3 - Use classes

| Figure 3 – Use class<br>Use Class | Uses   | Use Class from 1  |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| before 1st                        |  | September 2020    |
| September                         |  |                   |
| 2020                              |  |                   |
| A1 (part)                         | Shops, retail warehouses, post offices, ticket | E                 |
|                                   | and travel agencies, sale of cold food for     | Commercial,       |
|                                   | consumption off premises, hairdressers,        | Business and      |
|                                   | funeral directors, hire shops, dry cleaners    | Service           |
|                                   | and internet cafés.                            |                   |
| A1 (part)                         | Shops not more than 280sqm mostly selling      | F.2               |
|                                   | essential goods, including food and at least   | Local community   |
|                                   | 1km from another similar shop.                 |                   |
| A2                                | Banks, building societies, estate and          | E                 |
|                                   | employment agencies, professional services     |                   |
|                                   | (not health or medical services)               |                   |
| A3                                | Restaurants and cafés.                         | E                 |
| B1(a), B1(b)                      | Offices other than a use within former A2      | E                 |
| and B1(c)                         | Use Class, research and development of         |                   |
|                                   | products or processes and business             |                   |
|                                   | premises for any industrial process (which     |                   |
|                                   | can be carried out in any residential area     |                   |
|                                   | without causing detriment to the amenity of    |                   |
|                                   | the area).                                     |                   |
| D1 (part)                         | Clinics, health centres, creches, day          | E                 |
|                                   | nurseries, day centre.                         |                   |
| D1 (part)                         | Schools, non-residential education and         | F.1               |
|                                   | training centres, museums, public libraries,   | Learning and non- |
|                                   | public halls, exhibition halls, places or      | residential       |
|                                   | worship, law court.                            | institutions      |
| D2 (part)                         | Gymnasiums, indoor recreations not             | E                 |
|                                   | involving motorised vehicles or firearms.      |                   |

| Use Class before 1st September 2020 | Uses   | Use Class from 1 September 2020   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| D2 (part)                           | Indoor or outdoor swimming baths, skating rinks, and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms. | F.2   |
| D2 (part)                           | Cinemas, concert halls, bingo halls and dance halls  | Use outside of any specified use class, so within its own class, i.e. Sui Generis uses / SG |
| A4                                  | Pub or drinking establishment  | Use outside of any specified use class, so within its own class, i.e. Sui Generis uses / SG |
| A5                                  | Hot food takeaway  | Use outside of any specified use class so within its own class, i.e. Sui Generis uses / SG  |

Please note that within the planning permissions mentioned within each local centre below, this refers to the use classes when the planning permission was granted. Some of the planning permissions detailed in this monitor may no longer require planning permission as there may now be changes within the E Use Class.

# 2. Local Centre Appraisal

# 2.1. Burgh Heath

Burgh Heath Local Centre lies along Brighton Road at the junction with Reigate Road. It includes a small parade of shops on the eastern side of Brighton Road and a petrol station with a small convenience store and a builders and timber supplier on the western side of Brighton Road.

Figure 4: Burgh Heath Local Centre



There are a total of 20 units within the local centre. Figure 5 below shows that there are only two use classes in Burgh Heath, with these being the E Use Class and Sui Generis uses.

Three-quarters of the units are E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). The remaining quarter are Sui Generis uses.

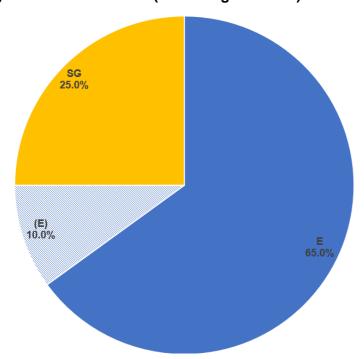
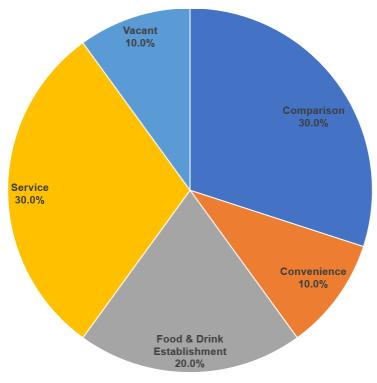


Figure 5 Use Class Burgh Heath Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Whilst Figure 6 below shows a relatively good mix of uses within the local centre, the offer is quite limited and predominantly of a specialist nature. The majority of units (60.0%) are either service or comparison retail. Burgh Heath Local Centre historically has had one of the highest proportions of take-away use and one of the lowest proportions of convenience retail. There has been no change to the provision of convenience retail within the local centre; it remains limited to a small local convenience store and the Little Waitrose at the petrol station. This may be due to the close proximity of the large ASDA supermarket.

The comparison offer, which occupies almost a third of the units, is limited to specialist comparison retail, mainly associated with the construction sector, including windows, bathrooms, and timber and builders' merchants. The local centre does however provide useful services including barbers, hairdressers, beauticians and a gym for local residents.

Figure 6 Composition of Burgh Heath Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



Over the past twelve months, one occupier, S Devine Civil Engineering, has left the local centre, leaving behind a vacant unit. No new occupiers have moved into the local centre.

There are currently two vacant units in the local centre.

### **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed or are under construction.

The following permission is extant:

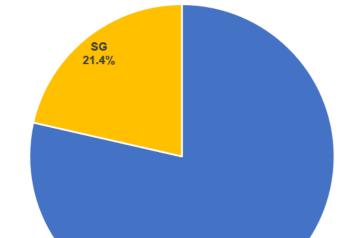
 Planning permission 24/02281/F for the first-floor extension above an existing retail unit (E use class) to form a one-bedroom dwelling (C3 use class) at 15 The Parade, Brighton Road

# 2.2. Drift Bridge

Drift Bridge is one of the smallest local shopping areas within the Borough. The main parade is situated in a single stretch along Fir Tree Road at the junction with Reigate Road. The boundary also encompasses two car showrooms and forecourts which are included in the analysis.



There are a total of 14 units within the local centre. Of the units within the local centre, 78.6% are within E Use Class. The remaining 21.4% of the units are Sui Generis uses, which are all car showrooms.

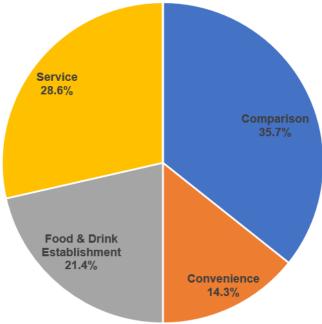


78.6%

Figure 8 Use Class Drift Bridge Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Drift Bridge is a small local centre in the north of the borough which provides important community facilities for local residents. Figure 9 below shows that there are a mix of uses within the local centre, with comparison retail accounting for more than a third of all retail within the local centre. The uses include a vets, barbers, hairdressers, beauty salon, café and restaurant and convenience retail. There are also several specialist uses, including three car showrooms and a window specialist.

Figure 9 Composition of Drift Bridge Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



Drift Bridge Local Centre historically has had low levels of vacancy.

Over the past twelve months, no occupiers have moved into the local centre, and none have moved out.

There are no vacant units in the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

No permissions have been completed over the past twelve months.

No permissions are extant or are currently under construction.

# 2.3. Lower Kingswood

The Lower Kingswood Local Centre is situated on both sides of the busy Brighton Road (A217), although a pelican crossing provides for safe pedestrian crossing of the two sides of Brighton Road. It has a mixed composition with a distinct parade of small retail units and a number of standalone units including petrol stations and car sales garages. It includes a rare Grade I listed church on the corner with Buckland Road.



There are a total of 18 units within the local centre. Figure 11 below shows that half of the units within the town centre fall within E Use Class, including the vacant (E) uses, and 5.6% of the units are F1 Use Class. 44.4% are Sui Generis uses.

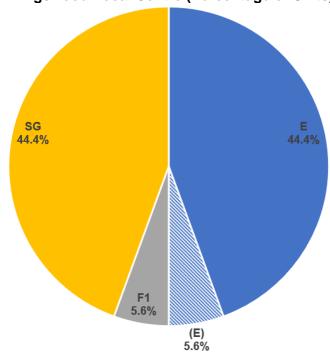


Figure 11 Use Class Lower Kingswood Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

The local centre has one of the lowest proportions of E Use Class of all local centres in the borough and one of the highest proportions of Sui Generis uses. All but one of these Sui Generis uses are specialist uses, these include the sale of used vehicles and tyres, garages and a petrol station. The remaining unit is a public house, that also acts as a takeaway.

The lower proportion of E Use Classes within this local centre is arguably because the local centre units front the busy A217 dual carriageway.

Service and comparison retail make up two-thirds of all retail within the local centre. Other uses include convenience retail, florist, take-away, faith (church) and public house facilities.

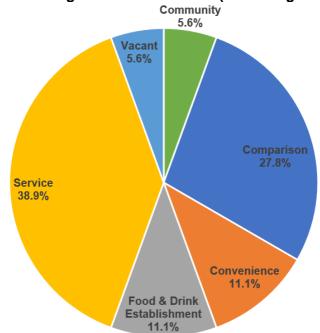


Figure 12 Composition of Lower Kingswood Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, one occupier, Duval Products, has moved out of the local centre, and one occupier, MD Ground Works, has moved into the unit that Duval Products had vacated.

There is currently one vacant unit within the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

No permissions have been completed over the past twelve months, and no permissions are under construction in the local centre.

The following permission is extant:

 Planning permission 22/02551/F for the demolition of the existing car wash and the renovation and extension of the shop, including a bakery, at Texaco, Brighton Road

# 2.4. Nork Way

Nork Way is one of the largest local centres in the borough in terms of the total number of units. The majority of the centre is situated in the parade along Nork Way; however, the local centre also includes units along Eastgate which are detached from the main parade. Behind the main parade on Nork Way there are also some commercial office, garage and workshop premises which are also included within the local centre boundary.

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There are a total of 39 units within the local centre. Figure 14 below shows that more than 90% (92.3%) of the units fall within E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). The remaining units are Sui Generis uses. Of these Sui Generis units, two of the three units are occupied by vehicle repairers, and these are located to the rear of the main shopping parades, whilst the remaining unit is a beauty salon.

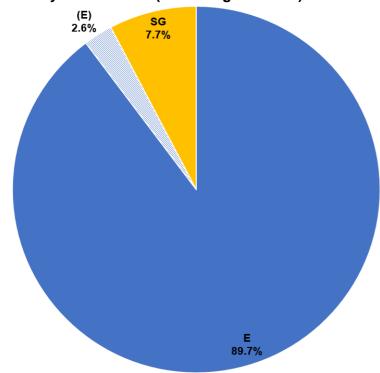


Figure 14 Use Class Nork Way Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Nork Way is a very well established local centre which provides a good mix of units which are well used and supported by the local residents. The mix of uses has remained largely consistent since 2000.

Figure 15 below shows that over half of the units are occupied by services including for example hairdressers, barbers, estate agents, dentists and more specialist services such as accountants and vehicle repairs.

Whilst convenience retail occupies only 15.4% of the units within the local centre, there is good provision, including a large Co-Operative food store, a Londis convenience store, a newly built Premier convenience store and a fourth local convenience store. The number of comparison, convenience and food and drink establishments are all relatively similar.

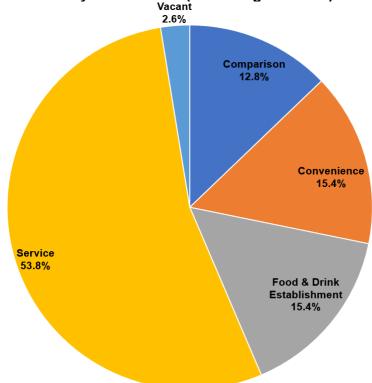


Figure 15 Composition of Nork Way Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Nork Way Local Centre historically has had low vacancies. Over the past twelve months, one occupier, Something Special, has left the local centre, and one occupier, Premier, has moved into the unit Something Special had vacated. The unit at 13 Nork Way that was originally occupied by just Indus is now jointly occupied by Pizza GoGo.

There is currently one vacant unit in the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

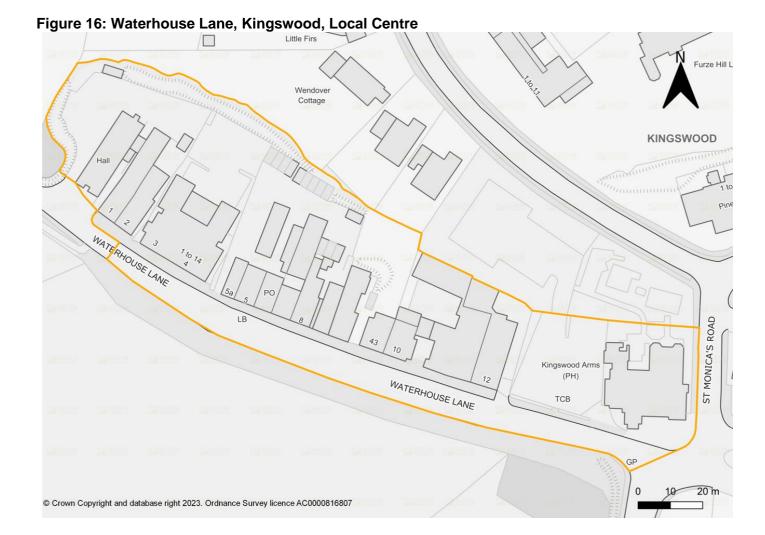
Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed or are under construction.

The following permission is extant:

Planning permission 24/00687/F for the proposed garage conversion to shop area (E use class) at 19 Nork Way

# 2.5. Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood

Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood Local Centre is one of the smallest in the borough, comprising a linear parade stretching along the north side of Waterhouse Lane from Kingswood Station.



There are a total of 16 units within the local centre. Figure 17 below shows that more than 80.0% of the units fall within E Use Class (including vacant (E) uses) and 6.3% within F2 Use Class. The remaining 12.5% are Sui Generis uses. These sui generis units are all occupied by typical local centre uses including a beauticians and a public house.

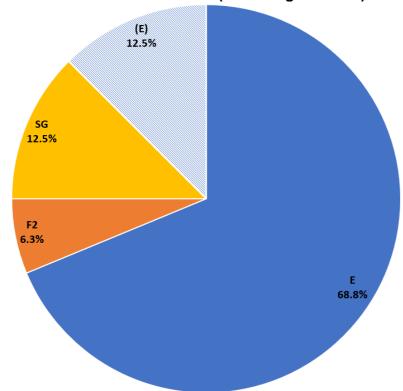


Figure 17 Use Class Waterhouse Lane Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

In terms of composition, over 40.0% of the units within Waterhouse Lane Local Centre are occupied by services including hairdressers, barbers, beauticians, estate agents and travel agents. 12.5% of the units are occupied by food and drink establishments, notably all of which offer public house, restaurant, or café facilities. There are no standalone take-aways within the local centre.

Comparison and convenience retail is more limited than in other local centres, with only a pet shop, village convenience store, a new Londis and a bakery.

The local centre boundary also includes the Kingswood Village Hall which is a highly valued local community asset.

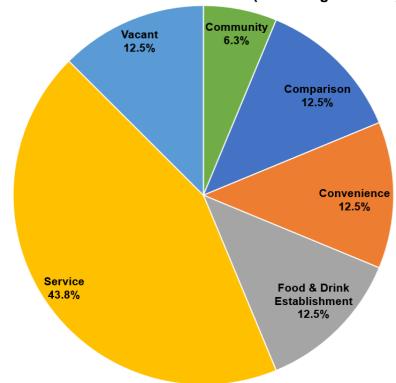


Figure 18 Composition of Waterhouse Lane Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has left the local centre, and one has moved in. The Waterhouse Café has left the local centre and has left a vacant unit, whilst the Londis now occupies a previously vacant unit.

There are currently two vacant units within the local centre.

### **Development and Use Class Changes**

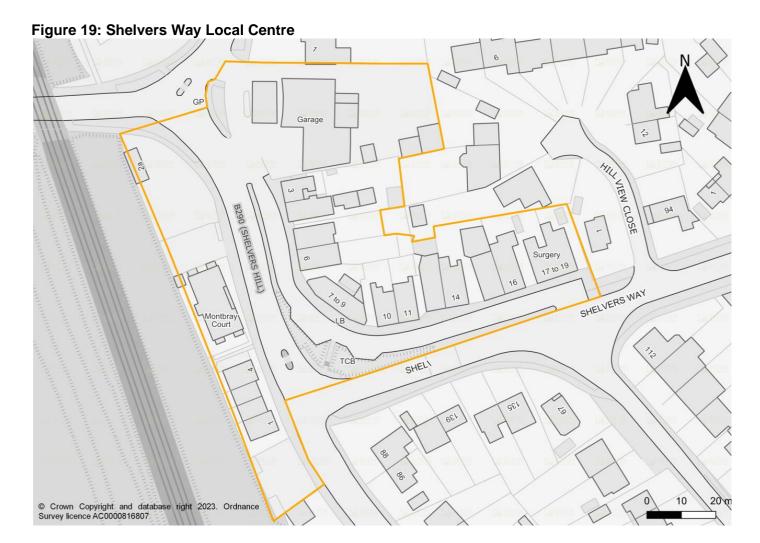
Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed or are under construction.

The following permission is currently extant:

Planning permission 23/01425/F for the demolition of the existing buildings at 11-12
 Waterhouse Lane and the construction of a part two and part three storey building
 with commercial space (E use class) at the ground floor and nine apartments (C3 use
 class) above

# 2.6. Shelvers Way

Shelvers Way Local Centre is comprised of a shopping parade located on the corner of the junction of Shelvers Hill and Shelvers Way and a unit opposite the parade on Shelvers Hill.



There are a total of 17 units within the local centre. Shelvers Way Local Centre is one of three local centres serving the residents of Tadworth. Figure 20 below shows that the majority of the units within the local centre fall within E Use Class (77.8%). The remaining units are Sui Generis and B2 uses. These include a beauty salon, a petrol station and a car repair garage.

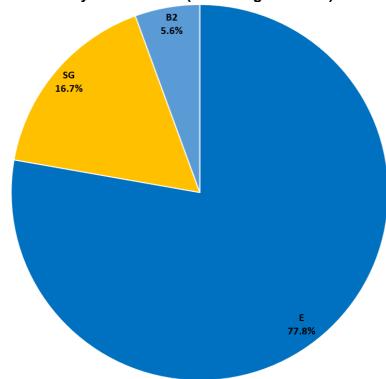


Figure 20 Use Class Shelvers Way Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Whilst Shelvers Way Local Centre is a relatively small local centre, it provides useful community facilities for local residents. Over three-quarters (76.4%) of the units provide convenience and services for local residents including post office, chemist, convenience retail, barbers, beauty salons, dry cleaners, dentists, dog grooming, car garage and funeral services.

Comparison retail is limited within the local centre and is of a more specialist nature, including fencing and windows. Food and drink establishments include a café and a restaurant. There are no take-aways within the local centre.

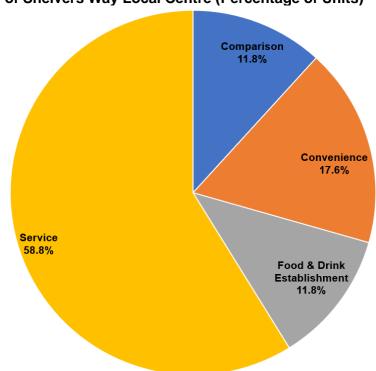


Figure 21 Composition of Shelvers Way Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, one occupier, Alan Greenwood & Sons, has left the local centre, and the unit is now occupied by The Good Dog. One other occupier, J.R. Services at 2 Shelvers Hill, has been included after not being included previously as it is not part of the shop frontage. However, as it is within the local centre boundary, it has now been included.

There are currently no vacant units within the local centre.

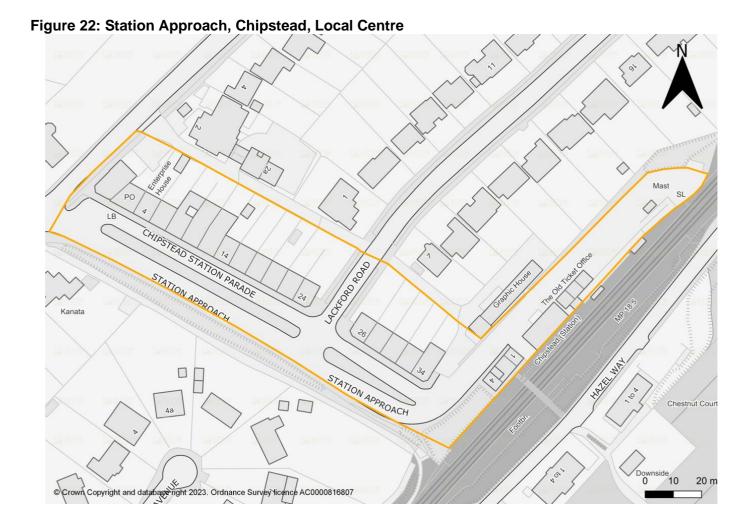
# **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

There are currently no permissions which are under construction or extant in the local centre.

# 2.7. Station Approach, Chipstead

Station Approach, Chipstead Local Centre is comprised of a linear parade of small shops located along Station Approach and a number of small premises in buildings alongside the station.



There are a total of 22 units within the local centre. Figure 23 below shows that 95.5% of the units within the local centre fall within E use Class, which is one of the highest of all local centres in the borough. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). The remaining 4.5% of the units are Sui Generis uses. This is a take-away.

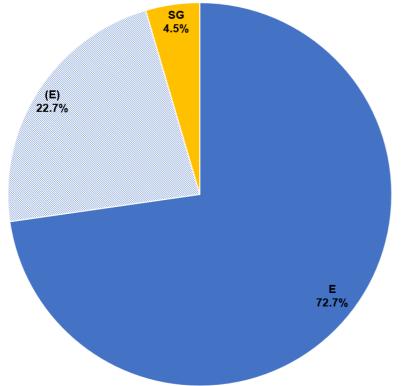


Figure 23 Use Class Station Approach, Chipstead, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Station Approach, Chipstead, Local Centre performs an important function, serving the needs of the local community, particularly with regards to services. Figure 24 below shows that there is a good mix of uses within the local centre. Services such as hairdressers, solicitors, vets, estate agents, a charity and architects account for half of the units. Convenience retail, which accounts for a further 18.2% of the units, includes uses such as a post office, wine merchants, butchers and a delicatessen.

There is limited food and drink establishments and comparison retail provision within the local centre (each accounting for 9.1% and 4.5% of all units respectively). The comparison retail is comprised of only one furniture store. The food and drink use are limited to two units, one being the Chipstead Tandoori take-away, the other being the FILTR café.

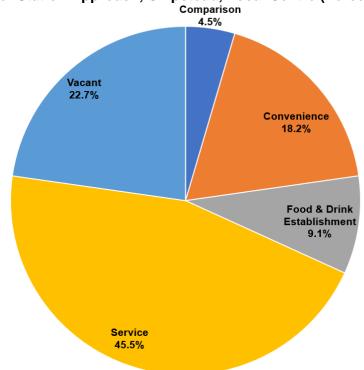


Figure 24 Composition of Station Approach, Chipstead, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the last twelve months, three occupiers have left the local centre, whilst two occupiers have moved into the local centre. RJS Services and BCMC Global have left the local centre, and Wandle Plumbing and Skin Lab Surrey now occupy these vacated units respectively. One other occupier, Taylor Rose MW, has left the local centre, and leaves behind a vacant unit.

More than a fifth of the units within the local centre are vacant (22.7%). Four of the five of these vacant units are the long-term small vacant units in a poor state of repair at the station. There are a total of five vacant units within the local centre.

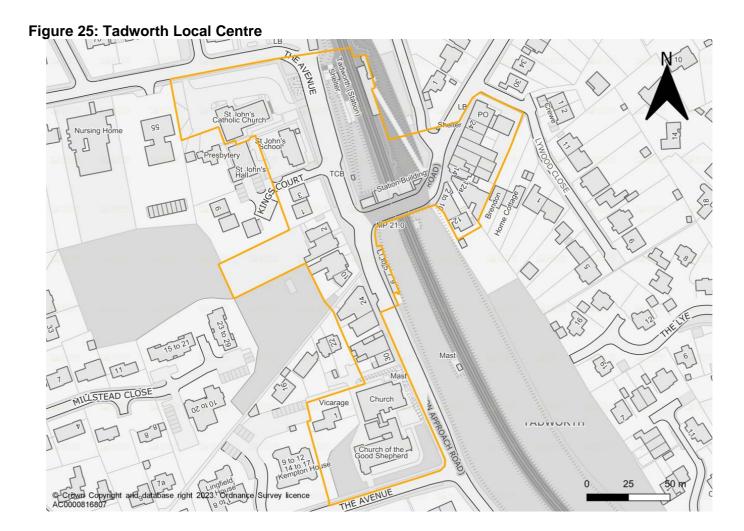
#### **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months no permissions have been completed.

No permissions are either under construction or extant.

# 2.8. Tadworth

Tadworth Local Centre is arranged over three smaller parades traversing the railway line. The main frontage includes the parade on Cross Road, the Station Buildings and the parade along Station Approach Road. The boundary also includes the church and its hall to the south.



There are a total of 23 units within the local centre. As can be seen from Figure 26 below, 87.0% of the units within Tadworth Local Centre fall within E Use Class and 8.7% within F1 Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). The F1 uses include two churches and an ancillary church hall. The remaining 4.3% is of the Sui Generis use class, which is a take-away.

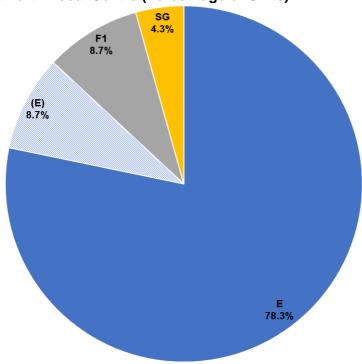


Figure 26 Use Class Tadworth Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Tadworth Local Centre has a very traditional composition and is well used by local residents. As can be seen from Figure 27 below, the local centre offers a good mix of services, retail and community facilities. Services and convenience retail account for the most retail within this local centre. These are predominantly typical local centre convenience retail and service uses, including for example a newsagents, butchers, post office, opticians, hairdressers, travel agents and drycleaners. There is limited comparison retail within the local centre as it accounts for 4.3% of the units, which is a Children's Trust Charity Shop.

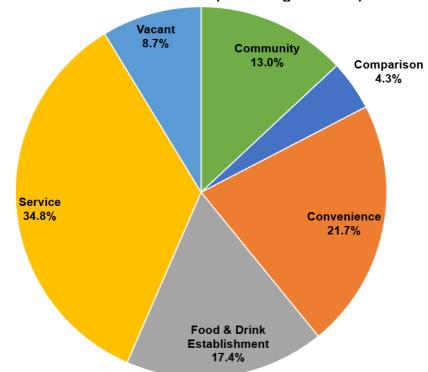


Figure 27 Composition of Tadworth Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, no occupiers have left the local centre, and one new occupier has moved into the local centre. Specialised Pools has moved into a previously vacant unit within the local centre.

There are currently two vacant units within the local centre.

### **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

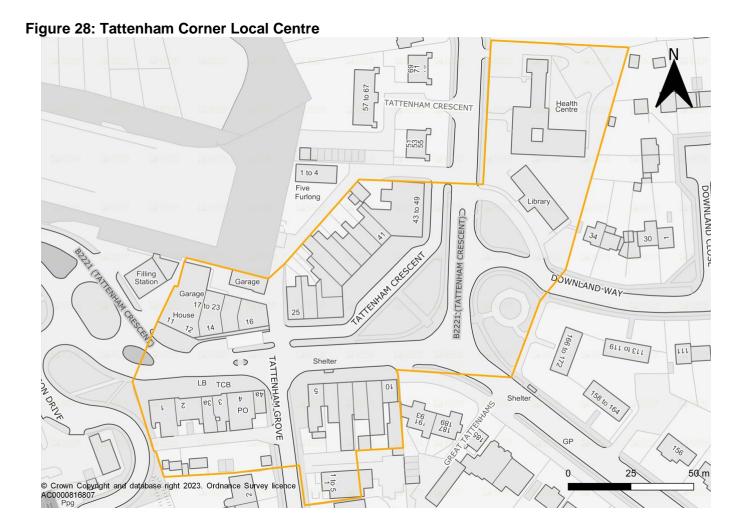
The following permissions are currently under construction:

- Prior approval 21/02041/PAP3O for the conversion of an office (E) to residential (C3) at the rear of 16-18 Cross Road
- Planning permission 23/00663/F for the conversion of a former bank premises (E) to
   7 flats at 2-4 Station Approach

No permissions are currently extant.

### 2.9. Tattenham Corner

Tattenham Corner Local Centre is located on the borough's boundary with Epsom & Ewell opposite Epsom Downs Racecourse. The units are spread over a series of separate frontages along Tattenham Crescent, with the main corner frontage benefiting from an attractive area of amenity green space. The local centre boundary also includes the local community library which is run by local volunteers, and a health centre.



There are a total of 29 units within the local centre. Tattenham Corner Local Centre is a large and thriving local centre which provides a good mix of uses for local residents. Figure 29 below shows that the majority of the units (82.8%) E Use Class. 6.9% of the units are Sui Generis uses. This includes a beauty salon and a betting office. A mix of E and Sui Generis use classes, F1 uses and B2 uses each account for 3.4% of the units. The mix of E and Sui Generis use is a nail parlour and hairdresser, the F1 use is a library, and the B2 use is a car repair service.

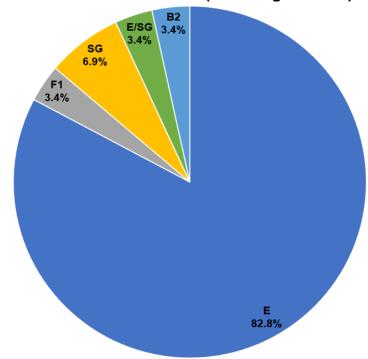


Figure 29 Use Class Tattenham Corner Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

With regards to the mix of uses within the local centre, Figure 30 below shows that there is a good mix of uses within the local centres. 41.4% of the units are occupied by services such as drycleaners, hairdressers, vets, funeral directors and a gym; 17.2% are occupied by convenience retail including for example a large Co-Operative convenience store, a Morrisons Daily with a post office, chemist and an off licence; and 20.7% are occupied by food and drink establishments including restaurants and cafés. There are no stand-alone take-away facilities within the local centre. Within the local centre there is also a library and health centre which provide additional useful facilities for local residents.

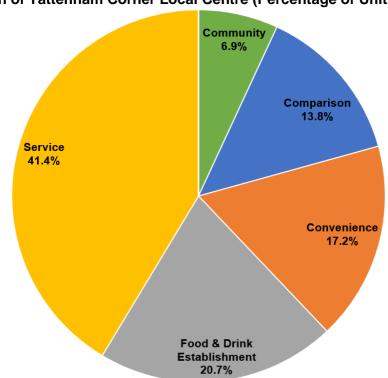


Figure 30 Composition of Tattenham Corner Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Tattenham Corner Local Centre has historically been one of only a few local centres with continuous full occupancy. Within the past twelve months, there has been no occupier changes in the local centre. One occupier, Joe's Repair Shop to the rear of 14-16 Tattenham Crescent, has been included after not being included previously as it is not part of the shop frontage. However, as it is within the local centre boundary, it has now been included.

There are currently no vacant units within the local centre.

### **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months no permissions have been completed.

No permissions are either under construction or extant.

#### 2.10. Walton-on-the-Hill

The Walton-on-the-Hill Local Centre is one of the largest in the borough, stretching along both sides of Walton Street. The centre has a traditional streetscape for a village, with parades of shops interspersed by houses and other commercial uses. Within the western boundary of the centre there is a local pub and large commercial premises.



There are a number of houses within this local centre, and whilst these form part of the character of the local centre and add to the centre's vitality, they are excluded from the analysis.

There are a total of 33 units within the local centre. Figure 32 below shows that nearly 90% of the units (87.9%) within the local centre are E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). 6.1% of the units are B2 Use Class, whilst the other remaining 6.1% of the units are Sui Generis uses. This includes typical local centre uses (a take-away and a public house).

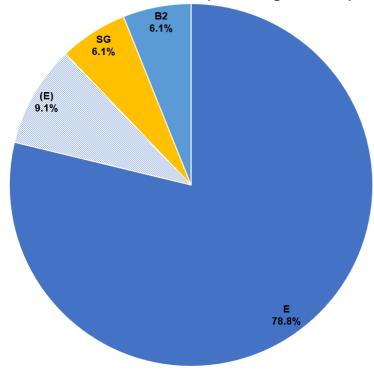


Figure 32 Use Class Walton on the Hill Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Walton on the Hill Local Centre has a traditional composition. Figure 33 below shows that over half of the units are occupied by services (54.5%), followed by food and drink establishments (15.2%) and comparison retail (12.1%).

Whilst convenience retail accounts for a relatively low proportion of the units within the centre, there is a good offer, including a chemist, newsagent, and a relatively large Co-Operative convenience store.

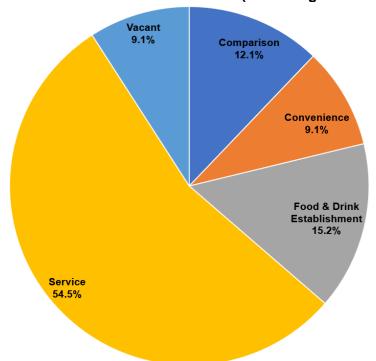


Figure 33 Composition of Walton on the Hill Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has left the local centre and none have moved in. The unit at 61 Walton Street has been split into 61 and 61a Walton Street, and Spotless Group Services, which previously occupied 61a Walton Street, has vacated its unit in the local centre, and the unit remains vacant. One other occupier, KMK Automotive at the rear of 14-20 Walton Street, has been included after not being included previously as it is not part of the shop frontage. However, as it is within the local centre boundary, it has now been included.

There are currently three vacant units within the local centre.

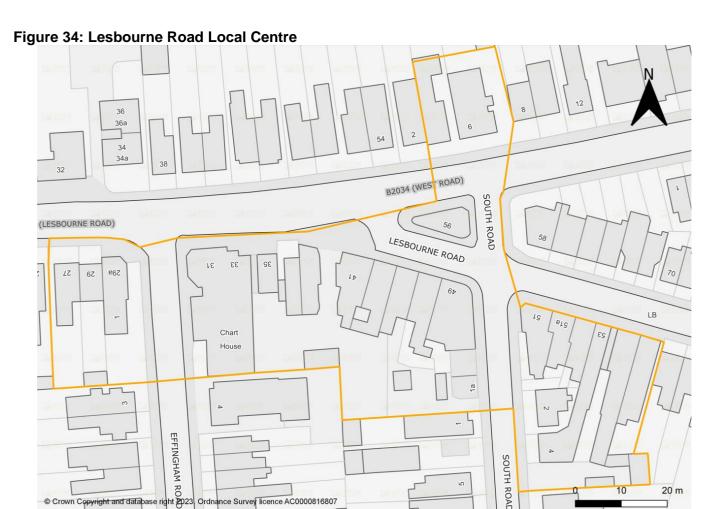
## **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

No permissions are either under construction or extant.

#### 2.11. Lesbourne Road

Lesbourne Road Local Centre is predominantly a linear parade along the south side of Lesbourne Road. In addition to the main frontage, the boundary also includes a cluster of small commercial premises to the rear of the frontage properties accessed via Effingham Road and South Road.



There are a total of 26 units within the local centre. As can be seen from Figure 35 below, 84.6% of the units within Lesbourne Road Local Centre are E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). 11.5% are Sui Generis uses, whilst the remaining 3.8% of the units have a mixed E Use Class/Sui Generis uses. All of the Sui Generis uses are typical local centre uses; they include a laundrette, tanning salon and beauty clinics.

One unit within the local centre occupied by Sea Salt Fish and Chips Restaurant and Take-Away has a mixed E Use Class/Sui Generis uses.

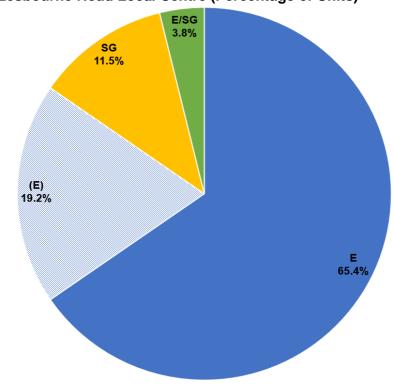


Figure 35 Use Class Lesbourne Road Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

In terms of offer, Lesbourne Road Local Centre has a number of traditional uses including a bakery, barbers, laundrette, restaurant and take-away. It also includes a number of more specialist uses including a dress agency, accountants and party equipment store which complement the traditional local centre uses and serve a wider local community.

Figure 36 below shows that the majority of the units within the centre are occupied by services (46.2%), followed by comparison retail (15.4%), convenience retail (11.5%), and food and drink uses (7.7%).

Whilst the local centre benefits from a bakery and butchers, the centre does not have a convenience store. This is most likely due to the close proximity of the local centre to Reigate town centre.

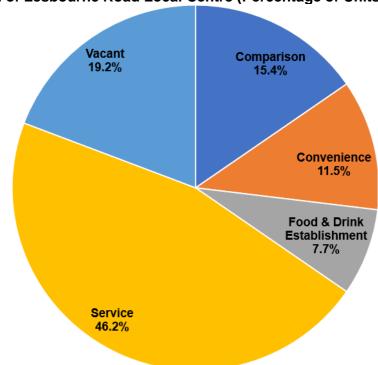


Figure 36 Composition of Lesbourne Road Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

# **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, there have been limited occupier changes. Kemp Marketing and Transac have left the local centre and no longer occupy any spaces within the Chart House building.

There are currently five vacant units within the local centre.

#### **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

No permissions are either under construction or extant.

#### 2.12. Woodhatch

Woodhatch Local Centre in Reigate is one of the largest of the local centres in the borough and is split across three separate parades on both sides of Cockshot Hill (A217). Despite being located on a relatively busy junction, the centre is positioned some distance from the main road and benefits from an attractive environment facing Woodhatch Park.





There are a total of 38 units within the local centre. As can be seen from Figure 38 below, 86.8% of the units within Woodhatch Local Centre are within E Use Class. The remaining 13.2% are Sui Generis uses. These include two take-aways, a beauty salon, a laundrette, and a petrol station.

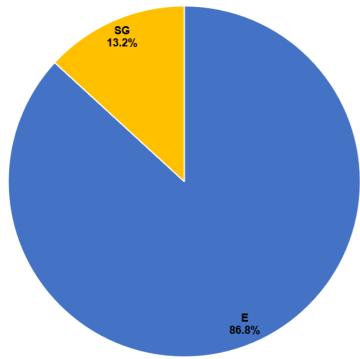


Figure 38 Use Class Woodhatch Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Woodhatch Local Centre is a well-used local centre, south of Reigate town centre, which provides a good range of goods and services. The units predominantly consist of a neighbourhood offer, such as convenience retail, butchers, bakers, post office, hairdressers, barbers, beauty clinics, estate agents, laundrette and restaurant and take-away uses. There are also a number of more specialist uses serving the wider community including computer services, lights, curtains, plumbing, kitchens and marble ware.

Figure 39 below shows that the majority of the units are occupied by services (36.8%), comparison retail (31.6%), and convenience retail (21.1%). In comparison to most other local centres, Woodhatch Local Centre has good convenience store representation; there are two large Co-Operative convenience stores, three other convenience stores, a newsagents with a post office, an off-licence, a butchers, a bakers and a chemist.

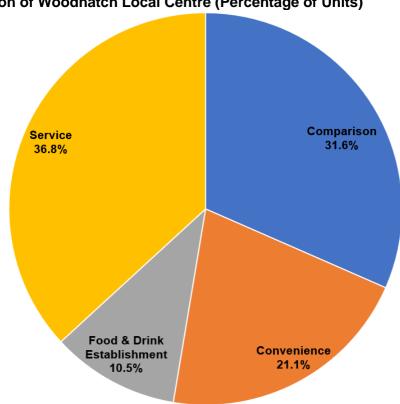


Figure 39 Composition of Woodhatch Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, three occupiers have moved into the local centre and three have moved out. The Pine and Oak and New Leaf Coffee Shop have left the local centre, and these units are now occupied by Reigate Gents Barbers and Spin Slow Style respectively. Bettahomes has also left the local centre, and Paines and Grey now occupy this unit. Paines and Grey now occupy two units in the local centre.

There are no vacant units within the local centre.

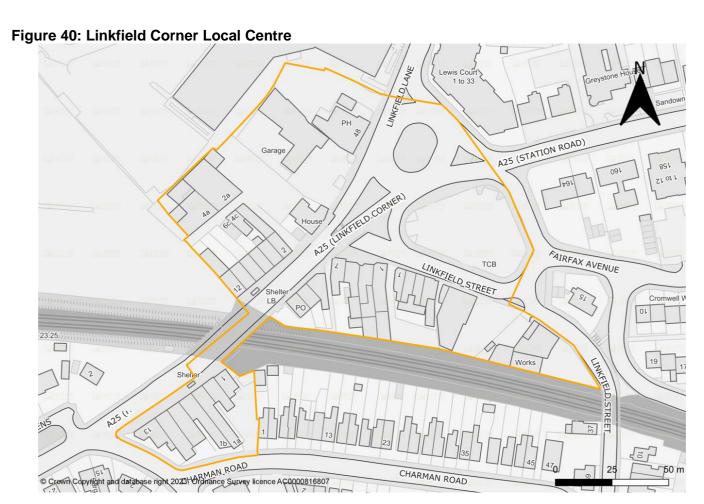
## **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

No permissions are either under construction or extant.

#### 2.13. Linkfield Corner

Linkfield Corner Local Centre runs along both sides of the A25 by Donyngs Leisure Centre on the edge of Redhill. The core shopping frontage is in three separate linear parades, either side of the railway bridge. The three parades have a traditional character. The boundary also includes further commercial uses, predominantly B2 vehicle related operations including repairs and maintenance. The Red Lion pub is situated at the northern edge of the designated area.



There are a total of 31 units within the local centre. As can be seen from Figure 41 below, 67.8% of the units within Linkfield Corner Local Centre are E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). The remaining 32.3% are Sui Generis uses. These include a mix of typical local centre uses (such as take-aways and beauticians) and more specialist uses (including car garages).

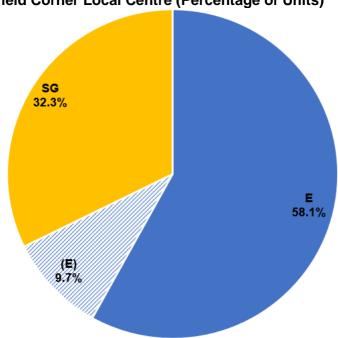


Figure 41 Use Class Linkfield Corner Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

In terms of the mix of uses within the centre, Figure 42 below shows that just over half of the units within the centre are occupied by services. These include accountants, car repairs, garages, construction, hairdressers and barbers. There are also a high number of health services within the local centre (including physiotherapy and therapeutic clinic) which may reflect the centre's close proximity to Donyngs Leisure Centre.

In comparison to other local centres, Linkfield Corner Local Centre has a lower proportion of convenience retail (9.7%). The convenience retail is limited to a relatively small convenience store, post office and newsagent and chemist. For comparison retail, the retail offered is of a more specialist nature than that typically found in local centres; comprising a flooring, kitchen designs, dance and theatre wear and games shops.

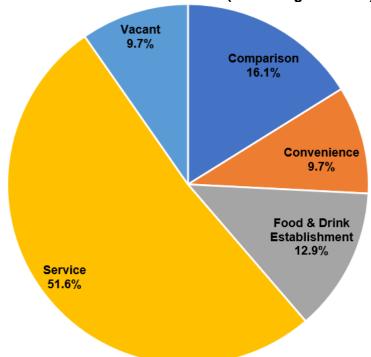


Figure 42 Composition of Linkfield Corner Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the course of the past twelve months, one occupier has left the local centre, and two have moved into the local centre, whilst one occupier has relocated within the local centre. ADHD Treatments Surrey has vacated the two units it previously occupied, but now occupies one other unit in the local centre that was previously occupied by Gray Hooper Holt, who have now left the local centre. Luxe Beauty Lounge and Mr Barber now occupies the two units previously occupied by ADHD Treatments Surrey.

There are three vacant units within the centre.

#### **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

The following permission is under construction:

 Planning permission 20/02192/F for the conversion of the existing retail and office building at 1D Charman Road to residential accommodation

No permissions are extant in the local centre.

# 2.14. Merstham Village

Merstham Village Local Centre stretches predominantly along one side of the busy High Street (A23). The main frontage is a linear parade, benefiting from traditional architecture which contributes to the local character of the area. Several buildings within the main parade are listed.





Much like Walton on the Hill Local Centre, Merstham Village Local Centre has a number of houses interspersed within the local centre frontages (as opposed to other local centres which have flats above the local centre units). Whilst these form part of the 'village' character of the centre they are excluded from the analysis below as they do not provide a retail, service or community function.

There are a total of 21 units within the local centre. 76.2% of the units within Merstham Village Local Centre are within E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). F2 Use Class accounts for 9.5% of the units and Sui Generis uses accounts for the remaining 14.3% of the units in the local centre. The Sui Generis uses consist of three food and drink premises, including two take-aways and a public house.

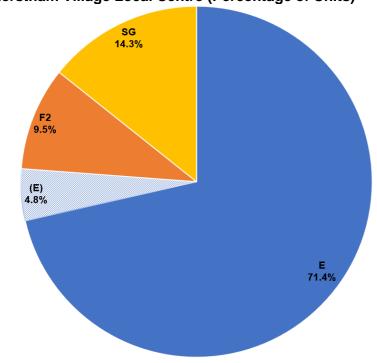


Figure 44 Use Class Merstham Village Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

In terms of offer, the majority of the units within the local centre provide neighbourhood-scale uses including for example estate agents, convenience retail, gym, café, take-away, barbers and hairdressers and beauticians. Merstham Village Club and village hall which provide useful community facilities are also included within the local centre boundary.

Figure 45 below shows that services account for over half of the units within the local centre (52.4%), followed by food and drink uses (23.8%), community (9.5%), comparison retail (4.8%) and convenience retail (4.8%).

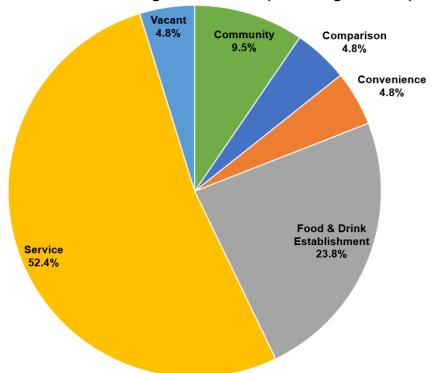


Figure 45 Composition of Merstham Village Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, no occupiers have moved out and two occupiers have moved into the local centre. RH1 Burger and Pure Tanning and Beauty have both moved into units that were previously vacant.

There is currently one vacant unit within the local centre.

#### **Development and Use Class Changes**

The following permission has been completed over the past twelve months:

Planning permission 23/02387/CU for the change of use from E to Sui Generis at 2
 Station Road South

No permissions are currently under construction in the local centre.

The following permissions are extant:

- Planning permission 20/01277/F for the construction of a two-storey rear extension to provide 2 self contains offices (E use class) at 10 High Street
- Planning permission 22/02020/CU for the change of use from E to Sui Generis at 6
   High Street

# 2.15. Nutfield Road

Nutfield Road Local Centre is a compact local centre, with two small linear parades on either side of Nutfield Road, Merstham There is also a further short parade near the junction of Albert Road which is included within the main frontage. The local centre boundary also includes the former Elgar Works which sits behind the parade on the western side of Nutfield Road which has now been redeveloped for residential development.



There are a total of 19 units within the local centre. Nearly three-quarters of the units within the Nutfield Road Local Centre are E Use Class (73.7%). This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). The remaining 26.3% of the units are Sui Generis uses, including SG units that are currently vacant (SG). These are both take-aways.

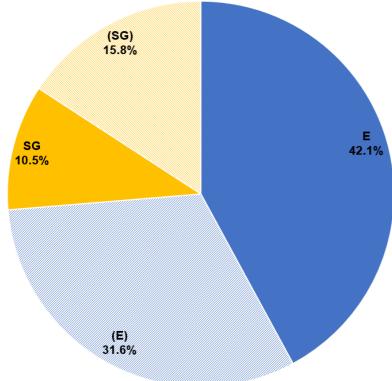


Figure 47 Use Class Nutfield Road Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Food and drink establishments and services both account for just over a fifth of the percentage of units within the local centre (21.1%). Convenience retail accounts for the remaining 10.0% of the units which are occupied. There is no comparison retail with the local centre.

In comparison to some other local centres in the borough, there is limited convenience retail within the local centre, which is limited to just a convenience store and a post office.

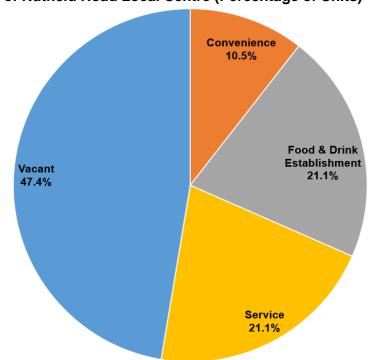


Figure 48 Composition of Nutfield Road Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, there has been no change in occupiers in the local centre. The unit at 63 Nutfield Road has been changed back from a vacant unit to being occupied by FAS, which was a mistake made in the previous monitor. The unit at 37 Nutfield Road has been converted to a residential unit and has therefore been removed from the analysis.

There are currently nine vacant units within the local centre. Several of the vacant units have prior approval/planning permission for conversion to a residential use (see below). The large amount of vacant units within the Nutfield Road local centre is largely due to a landlord not willing to renew the tenants' leases that originally occupied the units.

# **Planning Permissions**

Over the past twelve months, the following permissions have been completed:

- Planning permission 21/01597/F for the demolition of an existing outbuilding and the construction of a bungalow (C3 use class) to the rear of 38-42 Nutfield Road
- Planning permission 22/02681/F for a side extension and conversion of a commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 37 Nutfield Road

The following permissions are under construction:

- Prior approval 21/03096/PAP3M for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 48 Nutfield Road.
- Prior approval 22/02009/PAP3MA for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 46 Nutfield Road
- Prior approval 22/02260/PAP3MA for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 44 Nutfield Road
- Prior approval 22/02261/PAP3MA for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 42 Nutfield Road
- Prior approval 23/00510/PAP3MA for the change of use of the ground floor commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 54 Nutfield Road
- Planning permission 23/00511/F for the demolition of the existing outbuilding and alterations to existing shopfront at 54 Nutfield Road
- Prior approval 23/01350/PAP3MA for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 56 Nutfield Road
- Prior approval 23/02591/PAP3MA for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to dwellinghouse (C3) at 52 Nutfield Road

No permissions are currently extant in the local centre.

#### 2.16. Portland Drive

The Portland Drive Local Centre was recently completed as part of regeneration works to improve the retail offer, services, community facilities and residential accommodation on the Merstham Estate. It fronts large areas of open space on Bletchingley Road at its junction with Portland Drive. Within close proximity to the local centre there are a number of community services and facilities including a doctor's surgery, Age Concern centre, church, football club and social club.



There are a total of nine units within the local centre. The pie-chart below shows that the E Use Class and Sui Generis uses both take up 44.4% of all units within the local centre (88.8% combined). All Sui Generis uses are take-aways. The remainder of the units are F2 Use Class.

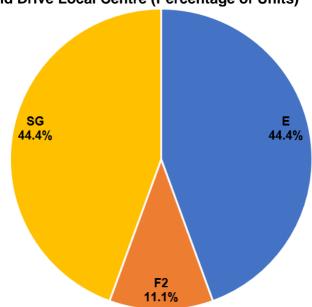


Figure 50 Use Class Portland Drive Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

In terms of the offer, all of the units within the Portland Drive Local Centre provide neighbourhood scale uses including convenience retail, services, community facilities and food and drink establishments. The local centre includes the Merstham Hub which was recently completed and includes library facilities, youth facilities, community café and meeting rooms for hire for local groups.

Almost half of the units within the local centre are occupied by food and drink establishments which is one of the highest proportions of all of the local centres and over half of these are take-aways. Convenience retail occupies 33.3% of the units, services 11.1% and community uses 11.1%. There is no comparison retail within the local centre.

Service 11.1%

Community 11.1%

Convenience 33.3%

Food & Drink Establishment 44.4%

Figure 51 Composition of Portland Drive Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the last twelve months, no occupiers have moved into the local centre and none have moved out.

There are currently no vacant units within this local centre.

## **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

There are no extant or under construction permissions.

# 2.17. Brighton Road, Salfords

The core shopping frontage of Salfords Brighton Road Local Centre lies along the A23. The parade is set back from the A23, accessed via a small slip road which provides parking for users. In addition to the main parade, there are a number of other units at the junction with and along Honeycrock Lane which are included within the local centre boundary.



There are a total of 20 units within the local centre. Figure 53 below shows that 65.0% of the units within Salfords Brighton Road Local Centre are within E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). 5.0% of units fall within F1 Use Class and 5.0% within F2 Use Class. The remaining 25.0% of the units are Sui Generis uses. These include three take-aways, a laundrette and a tanning salon.

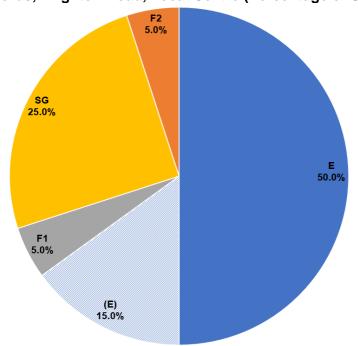


Figure 53 Use Class Salfords, Brighton Road, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

The pie-chart below shows that services occupy 40.0% of the units within the local centre, food and drink establishments 25.0%, convenience retail 10.0% and community uses 10.0%.

In terms of mix, the local centre provides a good range of facilities for local residents including dentists, laundrette, pharmacy, café, restaurant, take-away and hair and beauty salon. Within the boundary of the local centre there is also a church and village hall which adds to the range of locally accessible community facilities on offer to nearby residents. A computer specialists accounts for a more specialist service within the local centre.

In comparison to other local centres, Brighton Road, Salfords Local Centre has limited convenience retail. Convenience retail is limited to a pharmacy and a small general store.

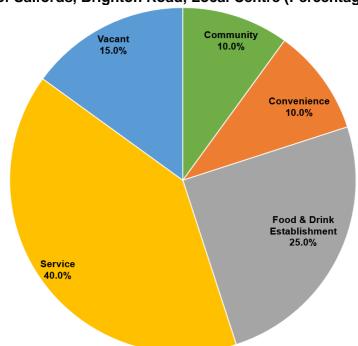


Figure 54 Composition of Salfords, Brighton Road, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has moved out of the local centre and none have moved in. Signature has left the local centre, with this unit now being vacant.

There are three vacant units within the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, the following permission has been completed:

 Planning permission 20/02478/F for the subdivision of an existing 4-bedroom dwelling to two semi-detached dwellings (C3) at The Vicarage, Honeycrock Lane

The following permission is currently under construction:

Planning permission 21/02438/F for the demolition of an existing convenience store
 (E) for the redevelopment of a new convenience store (E) at 21 Brighton Road

The following permissions are currently extant:

- Planning permission 22/02762/CU for the change of use from the retail shop area (E use class) to a habitable residential area (C3) which will be incorporated into the existing residential dwelling
- Planning permission 24/00118/F for the proposed roof extension to provide 2 one-

bedroom and 2 two-bedroom flats (C3) to the rear of 40-46 Brighton Road

# 2.18. Brighton Road, Horley

Brighton Road, Horley, Local Centre is a small local centre, the main parade of which is located on Brighton Road between the junctions with Albert Road and Lumley Road. There are also two further units facing the main parade on the other side of Brighton Road which are also included within the local centre boundary. The main parade is set back from Brighton Road and is accessed by a small slip road which provides parking for customers.



There are a total of 17 units within the local centre. As can be seen in Figure 56 below, 58.8% of the units within Brighton Road, Horley, Local Centre are E Use Class and 5.9% F2 Use Class. The remaining 35.3% are Sui Generis uses. These include a mixture of typical local centre uses and more specialist uses (three take-aways, a beauty salon, a betting shop, and a car service and garage).

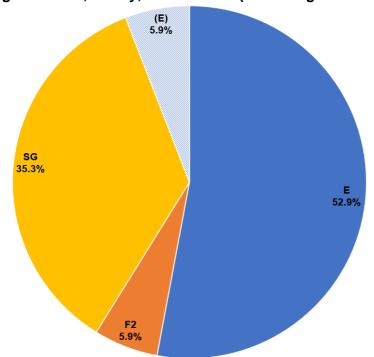


Figure 56 Use Class Brighton Road, Horley, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Since 2000, there has been very little change to the composition of the Brighton Road, Horley, Local Centre and over the past twelve months, there has been no occupier changes within the local centre.

The Brighton Road, Horley Local Centre serves the local community well and has a largely traditional composition including a betting shop, hairdressers, beauticians, chemists, dry cleaners, convenience store and a number of take-aways. There are also a number of more specialist uses including a bathroom studio, tyre services and electrical wholesalers which complement the offer and serve the wider local community.

The local centre continues to be well served in comparison (11.8%), convenience (17.6%) and food and drink establishments (17.6%). Services occupy a notably high percentage of

units (35.3%), of which all are neighbourhood scale. Within the boundary of the local centre there is also a nursery and community hall which add to the range of locally accessible services on offer to nearby residents, and accounts for the remaining 11.8% of uses within the local centre.

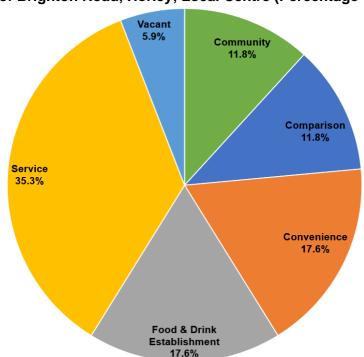


Figure 57 Composition of Brighton Road, Horley, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

# **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has left the local centre, and none have move in. Sweetpea Florists have left the local centre, with the unit they had occupied now vacant.

There is currently one vacant unit within the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

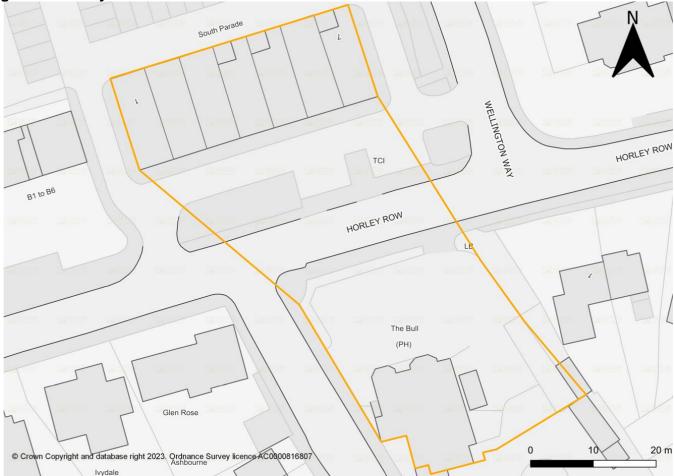
Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

No permissions are currently extant or under construction at the local centre.

# 2.19. Horley Row

Horley Row Local Centre is a small local centre which is comprised of a main parade of shops located along South Parade and a public house opposite the parade on Horley Row. The main parade is accessed by a small slip road providing parking for customers.





There are a total of 8 units within the local centre. Figure 59 below shows that 75.0% of the units within Horley Row Local Centre are E Use Class. The remaining 25.0% are Sui Generis uses. This is the Bull Public House and a take-away.

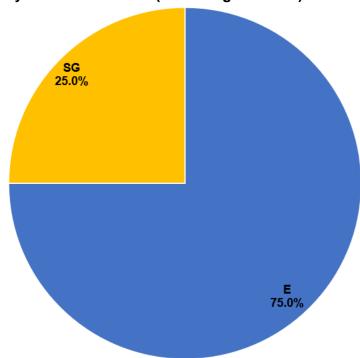
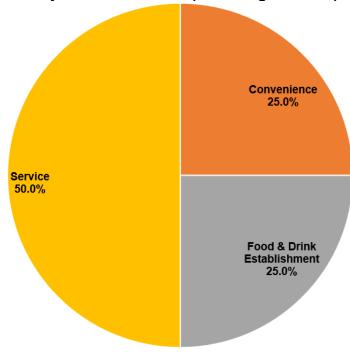


Figure 59 Use Class Horley Row Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

The Horley Row Local Centre provides good retail, services and food and drink provision for local residents. The local centre benefits from good provision of convenience retail which accounts for 25.0% of the units within the centre and is comprised of a newsagent and a convenience store. Food and drink establishments also account for 25.0% of the units, which include a public house and a take-away. Services account for the most units within the local centre (50.0%) and include a veterinary clinic, a pilates studio and hairdressers. All of the units within Horley Row Local Centre are of a neighbourhood scale.

Figure 60 Composition of Horley Row Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



Over the past twelve months, no occupiers have left the local centre, and one has moved in. Studio Emba has moved into a previously vacant unit in the local centre.

There are no vacant units in the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

No permissions have been completed over the past twelve months.

No permissions are under construction or extant.

# 2.20. Horley Station Road

Horley Station Road Local Centre is located at the junction of Station Road and Balcombe Road. It includes a set of parades on either side of Station Road as well as a shorter parade on Balcombe Road and a public house.



There are a total of 20 units within the local centre. Figure 62 below shows that 75.0% of the units within the Horley Station Road Local Centre are E Use Class. The remaining uses are Sui Generis uses (20.0%) and a mix of E and Sui Generis uses (5.0%).

These are all typical local centre uses and include a public house, take-away, nail salon and beauticians.

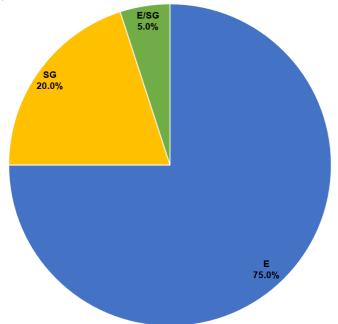


Figure 62 Use Class Horley, Station Road, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

The Horley Station Road Local Centre is within close proximity of both Horley town centre and the Bridge Industrial Estate and Gatwick Metro Centre. The local centre was newly designated as a local centre in the DMP, much of it previously comprised an area designated as an Area of Small Business in the Reigate & Banstead Borough Local Plan (2005).

The local centre includes predominantly typical local centre uses (including for example hairdressers, barbers, beauticians and public house). The local centre also includes several more specialised businesses (including a bicycle shop, a gifts and ceramics store and flooring store) reflecting its previous Area of Small Business designation. These uses complement the more typical local centre uses and serve the needs of the wider local community.

Figure 63 below shows that the majority of the units within the local centre are service, food and drink establishments and comparison retail (90.0%). In comparison to other local centres, Horley Station Road Local Centre has one of the highest proportions of food and drink establishments and one of the lowest proportions of convenience retail. The food and drink establishments within the local centre provide a good mix of offer for local residents. They include a number of restaurants, cafés, a public house and take-aways. The convenience offer is limited to two off-licences.

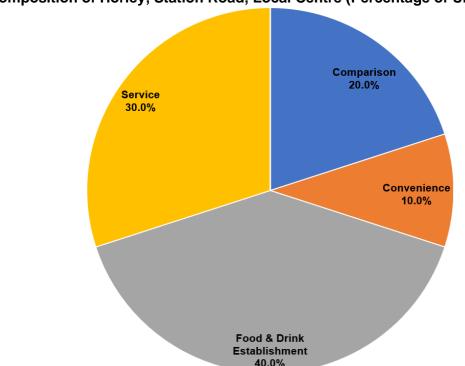


Figure 63 Composition of Horley, Station Road, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

## **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has moved into the local centre and none have left the local centre. Therapy Massage has moved into a previously vacant unit within the local centre.

There are no vacant units within the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

The following permission is currently under construction:

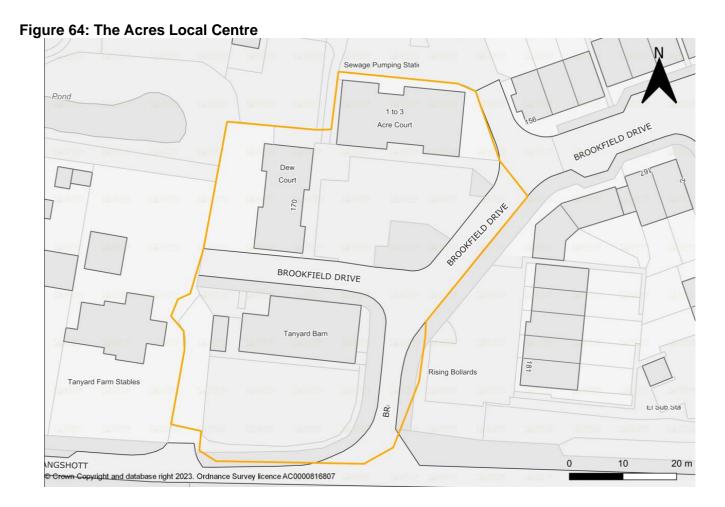
 Planning permission 24/00324/F for the demolition of the outbuilding to provide two dwellings (C3) at 19 Station Road

No permissions are currently extant.

## 2.21. The Acres

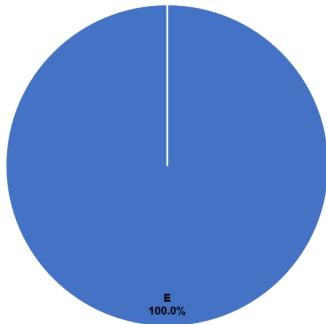
The Acres Local Centre forms part of the recently developed Horley North East Sector.

Accessible through Brookfield Drive, it is a small local centre slightly set back from the street and offers off street parking to customers. Trinity Oaks Church of England Primary School and Anvil Court Carehome are adjacent to the local centre.



There are a total of 6 units within the local centre. All of the units within The Acres Local Centre are E Use Class.

Figure 65 Use Class The Acres Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

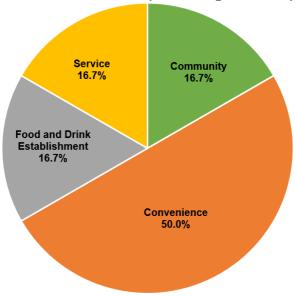


Whilst The Acres Local Centre is a small local centre, it provides important facilities for residents of the newly constructed Horley North East Sector. Half of the units within the local centre are occupied by convenience retail, however this is limited to the Nisa convenience store which occupies three of the six units within the local centre. Food and drink, service and community uses each account for a further 16.7% of the units within the local centre.

The local centre also includes the Grade II Statutory Listed Tanyard Barn Community Facility which provides pre-school nursery accommodation and functions as a community centre which can be hired out for local events.

In comparison to other local centres in the borough, there is no comparison retail nor more specialised services such as hairdressers, barbers, beauticians or drycleaners within The Acres Local Centre.

Figure 66 Composition of The Acres Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



## **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

There have been no occupier changes over the past twelve months.

There are currently no vacant units within the local centre.

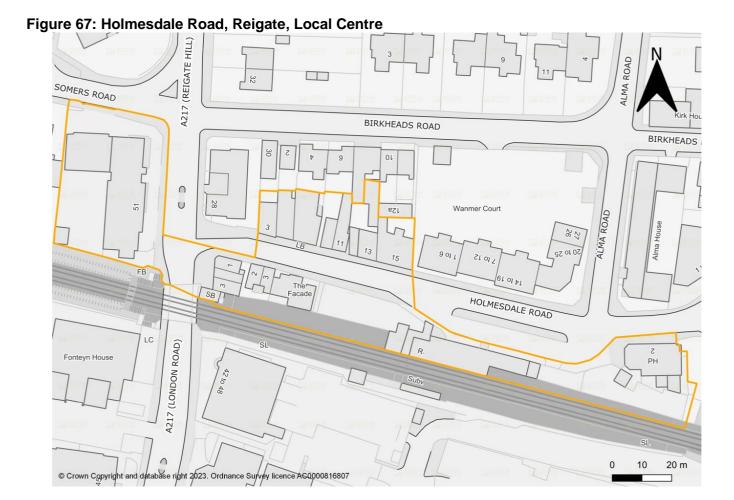
## **Development and Use Class Changes**

No permissions have been completed over the past twelve months.

No permissions are either under construction or extant.

## 2.22. Holmesdale Road, Reigate

Holmesdale Road, Reigate Local Centre is a small local centre adjacent to Reigate Town Centre. It is comprised of a main parade of shops on Holmesdale Road and includes Reigate train station. A public house to the east of the main parade, along with a pair of units on London Road are also part of the centre.



There are a total of 15 units within the local centre. Figure 68 below shows that 73.3% of the units within the local centre are E Use Class. This includes units that are vacant (E). The remaining uses are Sui Generis uses. These include a tattoo and body piercing studio, a public house, and a two take-aways.

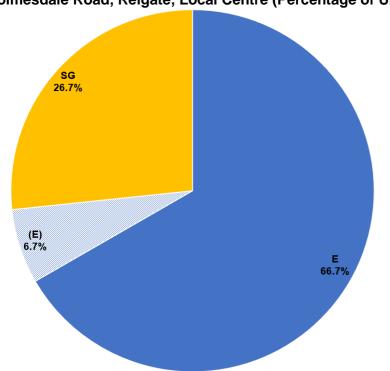


Figure 68 Use Class Holmesdale Road, Reigate, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

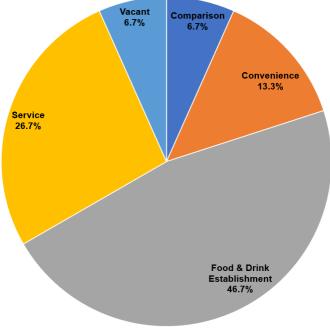
The Holmesdale Road Local Centre is a recently designated local centre in the DMP, however, much of it comprises an area that was defined in the previous Borough Local Plan (2005) as an Area of Small Business.

The local centre is comprised of predominantly typical local centre uses including convenience stores, take-aways and hairdressers. However, there are a number of more specialised small businesses, including a shoe repair service and a bridal shop, reflecting its previous Area of Small Business designation. These add to the offer for local residents and provide important services and facilities for the wider community.

Figure 69 below shows that food and drink establishments and services account for most of the units within the centre (46.7% and 26.7% respectively). Holmesdale Road has the highest proportion of food and drink establishments of all local centres. Comparison retail accounts for 6.7% of the units, which is a single bridal shop. Whilst convenience retail accounts for only 13.3% of the units within local centre, it is comprised of two well served

convenience stores, with these being a Co-op and a local convenience shop. The lower proportion of convenience retail in the local centre is likely due to its close proximity to Reigate town centre.

Figure 69 Composition of Holmesdale Road, Reigate, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



# **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has moved out of the local centre, and none have moved in. Eggchaser have moved out of the local centre, and this unit is now vacant.

There is one vacant unit within the local centre.

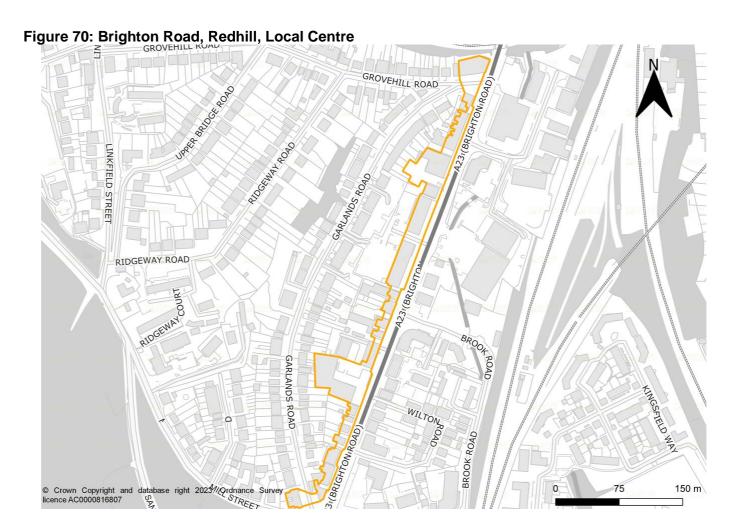
## **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed.

No permissions are extant or are under construction.

# 2.23. Brighton Road, Redhill

Brighton Road, Redhill Local Centre is one of the largest local centres in the borough. It is located within close proximity of Redhill Town Centre and consists of a relatively long parade of shops along the east side of Brighton Road located between Grovehill Road and Mill Street and a number of units at the junction of Garlands Road and Mill Street.



There are a total of 32 units within the local centre. Three-quarters of the units within the Brighton Road, Redhill, Local Centre are E Use Class (75.0%). This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). 21.9% of the units are Sui Generis uses. This includes units within the Sui Generis Use Class that are currently vacant (SG). These comprise of a public house, laundrette, taxi office, and a number of take-aways. The remaining 3.1% of units are F2 Use Class.

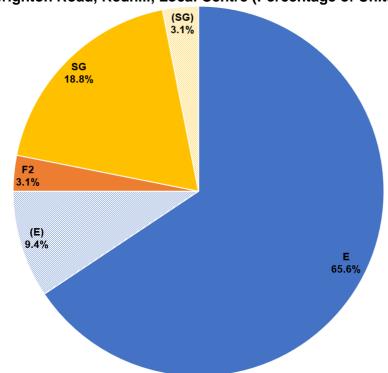


Figure 71 Use Class Brighton Road, Redhill, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

The Brighton Road, Redhill, Local Centre is a newly designated local centre in the DMP, much of it comprises areas that were previously defined as Area of Small Business in the former Borough Local Plan (2005).

In terms of mix, the Brighton Road, Redhill, Local Centre is comprised of a number of neighbourhood scale uses (including several take-aways, a pharmacy, dentist, laundrette, an extra care service, convenience stores and estate agents). Reflecting its former Area of Small Business designation, there are also a number of more specialised uses including offices and a flooring store. Whilst these are not of a typical local centre use, they do provide

facilities for the wider community and they are dispersed between the more neighbourhood scale facilities.

Figure 72 below shows that there is a good mix of uses within the local centre – services account for 32.4% of the units, food and drink uses 20.6%, comparison retail 17.6%, convenience retail 11.8%, and community uses 2.9%.

In comparison to other local centres in the borough, comparison retail is limited to more specialist uses including flooring, tyre, DIY, mobile phone, car audio, and plumbing merchants. For the size of the local centre, convenience retail is limited, comprised of only a pharmacy, small convenience store, newsagent and wine merchants. This is likely due to the close proximity of the local centre to Redhill town centre and its location on one of the primary routes into and out of Redhill town centre.

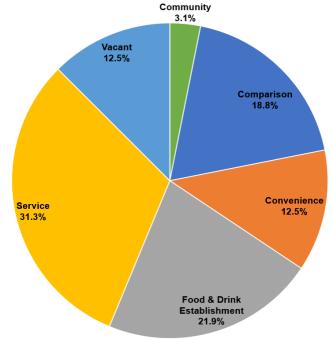


Figure 72 Composition of Brighton Road, Redhill, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

### **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has left the local centre and none have moved in. Studio 17 Hairdressers' has left the local centre, and the unit it had previously occupied is now vacant. Two units at 83 and 83a Brighton Road have been removed from the analysis as they have now been converted to residential dwellings following the completions of the 23/01535/F and 23/02526/F planning permissions.

There are currently four vacant units within the local centre.

## **Planning Permissions**

Over the past twelve months, the following permissions have been completed:

- Planning permission 23/01535/F for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to one dwellinghouse (C3) at 83 Brighton Road
- Planning permission 23/02526/F for the change of use of a shop (E use class) on ground, first and second floors to three dwellings (C3) at 83A Brighton Road

The following permissions are under construction:

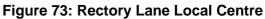
- Planning permission 19/00210/OUT for the demolition of the existing garages (B2) and the erection of 57 flats (C3) on Brook Road, Redhill
- Planning permission 22/02772/F for the demolition of the existing buildings (Sui Generis use class) and the erection of a 38-unit retirement living scheme (C3) at 105-115 Brighton Road

The following permission is extant:

Prior approval 25/00212/PAP3MA for the change of use of two commercial units (E use class) to 2 flats (C3 use class) at 87-89 Brighton Road

# 2.24. Rectory Lane

Rectory Lane Local Centre consists of a small parade of shops along the western side of Rectory Lane to the north of the borough. The local centre also includes the Woodmansterne Baptist Church and Church Hall to the rear of the parade on Pine Walk.





There are a total of 10 units within the local centre. Figure 74 below shows that 80.0% of the units within Rectory Lane Local Centre are E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). Both Sui Generis uses and F1 Use Class account for the remaining 20.0% of the uses (10.0% each). The Sui Generis use is a typical local centre use, a take-away.

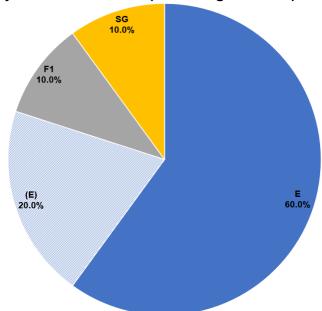


Figure 74 Use Class Rectory Lane Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

In terms of the mix of uses within Rectory Lane Local Centre, Figure 75 below shows that the majority of units are occupied by services (50.0%). Some of the services are of a neighbourhood scale, including a pet day care and grooming service and a hairdressers, and some are not, including a security company. These, however, are small businesses which serve the wider local community. The local centre boundary also includes Woodmansterne Baptist Church and Church Hall, which run toddler groups, youth clubs, and have a hall which can be hired for local community events.

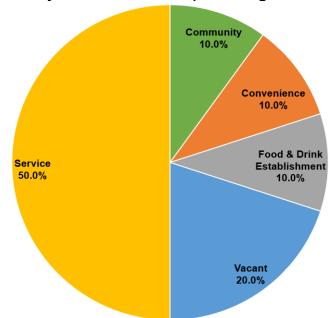


Figure 75 Composition of Rectory Lane Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

## **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has left the local centre and none have moved in. HFS Financial Solutions has left the local centre, and the unit it previously occupied is now vacant.

There are currently two vacant units within the local centre.

## **Development and Use Class Changes**

No permissions have been completed or are under construction over the past twelve months.

The following permission is extant:

 Prior approval 24/02178/PAP3MA for the change of use of a commercial unit (E use class) to a residential flat (C3) at 8 Rectory Lane

# 2.25. Tattenham Way

Tattenham Way Local Centre is a small local centre in the north of the borough. The local centre is located within a predominantly residential area and consists of a single parade to the north of Tattenham Way and a newly constructed office block to the rear of the parade.



There are a total of 9 units within the local centre. Figure 77 below shows that over three-quarters of the units within the Tattenham Way Local Centre are of E Use Class (77.8%). This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). The remaining units are Sui Generis uses. These include a beauty clinic and a betting shop.

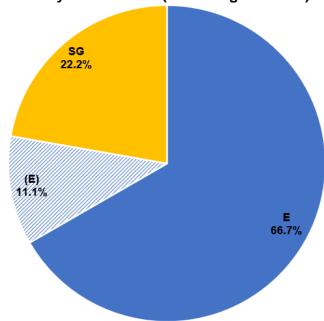
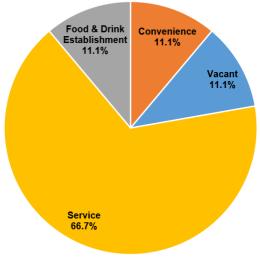


Figure 77 Use Class Tattenham Way Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

Tattenham Way Local Centre provides a limited offer to local residents. There is limited convenience retail and food and drink establishments within the local centre (a newsagents and a bakery respectively) and no comparison retail.

Services occupy the majority of the units within the local centre (66.7%), and these are a mix of specialist and non-specialist uses, including beauticians, bookmakers, barbers, glass cutters, building services and an iPhone and iPad repairs.

Figure 78 Composition of Tattenham Way Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



## **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, there have been no occupier changes within the local centre.

There is currently one vacant unit in the local centre.

## **Planning Permissions**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed or are under construction.

The following permission is currently extant:

 Planning permission 23/00586/F for the separation of one unit into two units and the change of use from a betting shop (Sui Generis use class) to a retail shop (E use class) at 3 The Parade

# 2.26. High Street, Tadworth

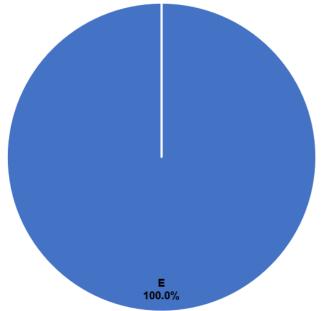
High Street, Tadworth Local Centre is a small local centre which consists of a parade of shops along High Street and on each side of its intersection with Tower Road.





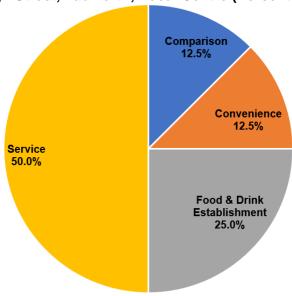
There are a total of 8 units within the local centre. All of the units within High Street, Tadworth, Local Centre are E Use Class.

Figure 80 Use Class High Street, Tadworth, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



High Street, Tadworth Local Centre is one of three local centres within Tadworth. It is a small local centre providing an important function, serving the needs of the local community. The pie-chart in Figure 81 below shows that half of all units within the High Street, Tadworth, Local Centre are services, whilst a quarter are food and drink establishments. The local centre includes a bakery, vets, gift shop, fishmongers, restaurant, a printing service and a kitchen design service, which are more specialist uses.

Figure 81 Composition of High Street, Tadworth, Local Centre (Percentage of Units)



# **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, no occupiers have moved into the local centre, and none have moved out.

There are no vacant units within the local centre.

# **Development and Use Class Changes**

No permissions have been completed over the past twelve months.

No permissions are extant or under construction.

## 2.27. Woodmansterne

Woodmansterne Local Centre is located in the north of the borough. It is comprised of two parades of shops located on Woodmansterne Street at the intersection with Chipstead Way. It also includes a pub and a car park, as well as a church located on Rectory Lane. The local centre adjoins the Woodmansterne Recreation Ground.





There are a total of 10 units within the local centre. Figure 83 below shows that 60.0% of the units within Woodmansterne Local Centre are E Use Class (including vacant (E) uses) and 10.0% F2 Use Class. The remaining 30.0% are Sui Generis uses. These are typical local centre units (a take-away, a public house and a beauticians).

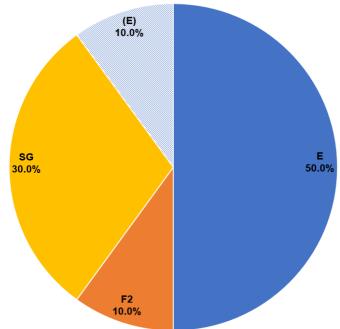


Figure 83 Use Class Woodmansterne Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

All of the uses provide shops, services and facilities that are easily accessible and serve the needs of the local community. The pie-chart below shows that there is a good mix of uses within the local centre. 30.0% of the units are services, 20.0% food and drink establishments, 20.0% convenience, 10.0% comparison and 10.0% community uses. Uses include a barbers, beauticians, convenience store, post office, newsagent, public house, take-away and a community hall. More specialist uses include a stonemasons and a golf retailer.

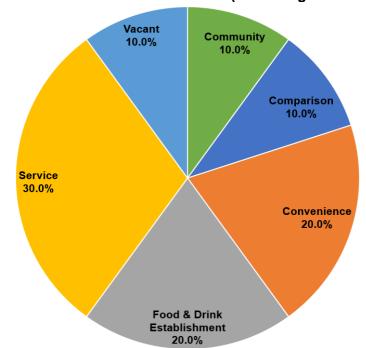


Figure 84 Composition of Woodmansterne Local Centre (Percentage of Units)

## **Vacancies and New Occupiers**

Over the past twelve months, one occupier has left the local centre and none have moved in. Mustique Hairdressers has left the local centre, and the unit it had previously occupied is now vacant.

There is currently one vacant unit within the local centre.

## **Development and Use Class Changes**

Over the past twelve months, no permissions have been completed or are under construction.

The following permissions are extant:

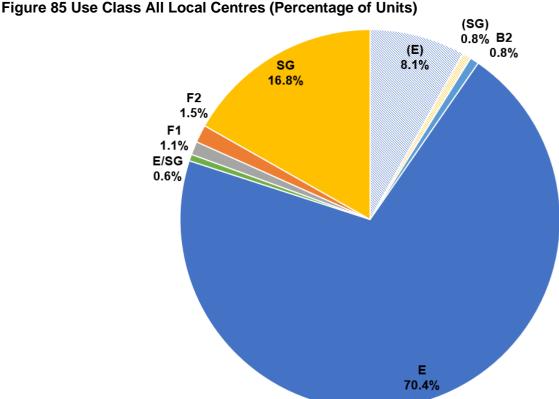
- Planning permission 22/02322/F for the erection of a kitchen and toilet extension, together with the installation of an access ramp and a garden outbuilding for use as an external bar (Sui Generis use) at The Woodman Public House
- Planning permission 24/01756/F for the demolition of the rear external storage room and for the original building to be used as a versatile multi-use space. The front section will retain its original commercial functionality (E). A loft conversion will result in two flats (C3)

#### 3. **Local Centres Overview**

#### 3.1. **Use Classes**

Over three-quarters of all the units within all of the borough's 27 local centres (78.5%) are E Use Class. This includes units within the E Use Class that are currently vacant (E). Of the remaining units, the majority are Sui Generis uses (17.6%), F2 uses (1.5%), F1 uses (1.1%), B2 uses (0.8%) and a mix of E and Sui Generis uses (0.6%).

The majority of these Sui Generis units provide typical local centre uses including takeaways, beauticians, laundrettes and bookmakers. There are also a number of petrol stations, vehicle dealerships and vehicle repair garages within the local centres which provide additional useful facilities for local residents.



#### Offer 3.2.

Figure 86 below shows that there is a good mix of uses across the borough's local centres. 41.1% of the units within all of the borough's local centres provide services, 18.5% are food and drink establishments, 14.5% convenience retail, 13.6% comparison retail and 3.4% community uses. The remaining 8.9% are vacant units.

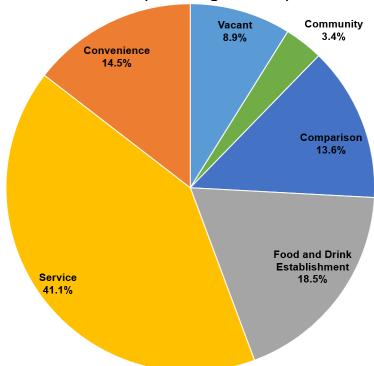
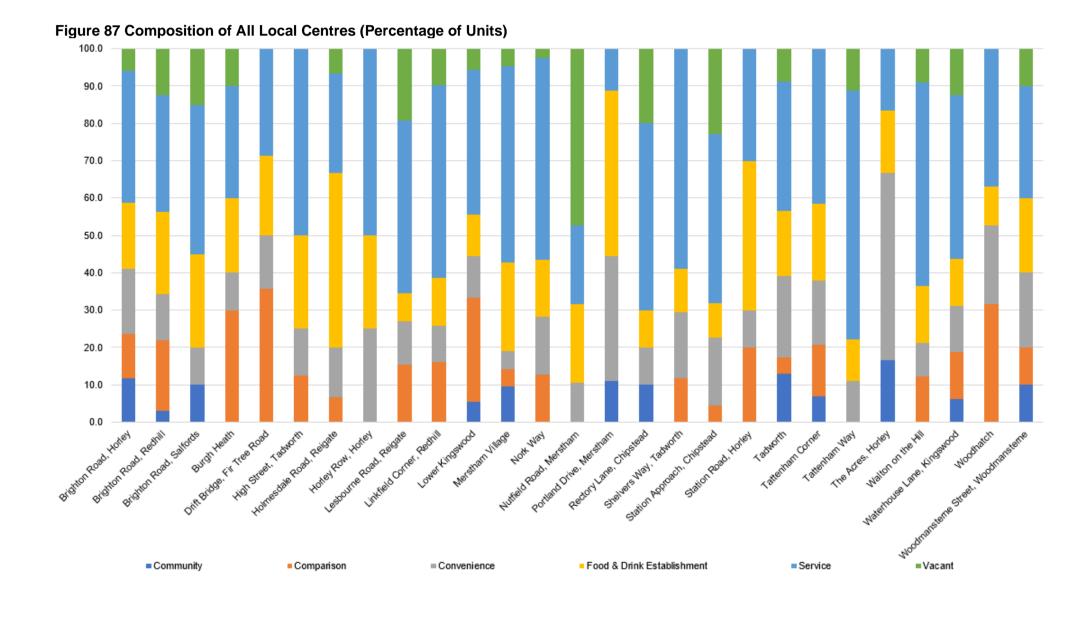


Figure 86 Composition of All Local Centres (Percentage of Units)

Figure 87 below shows that the offer varies across the local centres:

- Community uses: Of all of the local centres in the borough, The Acres Local Centre in the North East sector of Horley has the greatest proportion of units in community uses (16.7%). 15 local centres in the borough have no community provision, these include Burgh Heath; Drift Bridge; High Street, Tadworth; Holmesdale Road, Reigate; Horley Row, Horley; Lesbourne Road; Linkfield Corner, Redhill; Nork Way; Nutfield Road, Merstham; Shelvers Way, Tadworth; Station Approach, Chipstead; Station Road, Horley; Tattenham Way; Walton on the Hill; and Woodhatch.
- <u>Comparison retail:</u> Drift Bridge Local Centre has the greatest proportion of units providing comparison retail (35.7%), closely followed by Woodhatch (31.6%) and Burgh Heath (30.0%). A number of local centres in the borough have no comparison retail; these include Brighton Road, Salfords; Horley Row, Horley; Nutfield Road, Merstham; Portland Drive, Merstham; Rectory Lane, Chipstead; Tattenham Way and The Acres.

- <u>Convenience retail:</u> Of all of the local centres in the borough, The Acres Local Centre has the greatest proportion of units providing convenience retail (50.0%), followed by Portland Drive, Merstham (33.3%), and Horley Row, Horley (25.0%). Merstham Village Local Centre conversely has the lowest proportion of units providing convenience retail (4.8%). All local centres have at least one convenience retail use.
- <u>Food and drink establishments:</u> The Holmesdale Road, Reigate, Local Centre, has the greatest proportion of units providing food and drink establishments (46.7%), followed by the Portland Drive Local Centre, Merstham, (44.4%) and the Station Road, Horley, Local Centre (40.0%). All local centres have at least one food and drink establishment.
- Services: Tattenham Way Local Centre has the greatest proportion of units providing services, with over two-thirds of the units (66.7%) providing services, followed by Shelvers Way (58.8%) and Walton on the Hill (54.4%). In comparison, only 11.1% of the units within Portland Drive, Merstham, Local Centre provide services; this is the lowest in the borough. However, within close proximity there is a health centre and a number of other community uses. All local centres have at least one service within their respective local centre.
- <u>Vacant units:</u> Nine local centres in the borough have no vacant units; these include Drift Bridge; High Street, Tadworth; Horley Row, Horley; Portland Drive, Merstham; Shelvers Way, Tadworth; Station Road, Horley; Tattenham Corner; The Acres and Woodhatch. Nutfield Road, Merstham, local centre has the greatest proportion of vacant units within a local centre (47.4%). This is largely due to permitted development rights which will convert several retail units on one side of the local centre to residential dwellings. These works are nearing completion and once finished, the units will be removed from the monitoring schedule. Station Approach, Chipstead, Local Centre has the second greatest proportion of vacant units (22.7%). Four of the five vacant units at this local centre are the long-term small vacant units in poor repair at the station. Lesbourne Road has the third greatest proportion of vacant units (19.2%).



#### 3.3. Vacancies

Figure 88 below shows the vacancy trends since the beginning of the Council's current Local Plan period (2012). Over the past twelve months, the overall vacancy rate has increased slightly from the previous monitoring period, from 8.7% to 8.9%, the highest recorded vacancy in the borough's local centres since 2016. This increase in vacancies can be attributed to various reasons, including rising operating and input costs, increased interest rates and landowner aspirations.

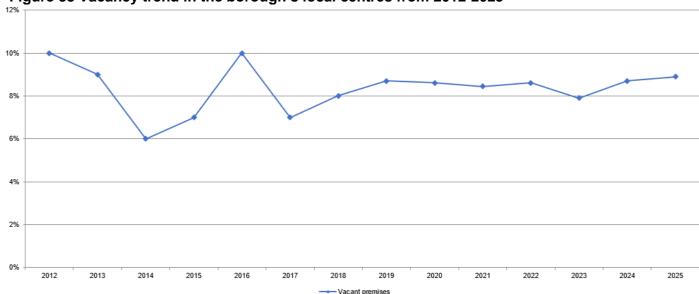
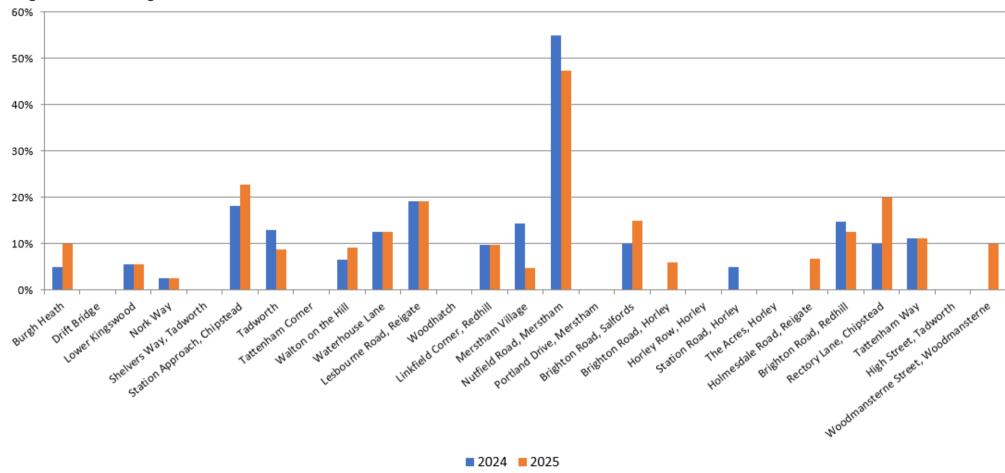


Figure 88 Vacancy trend in the borough's local centres from 2012-2025

The borough-wide statistic shows a variation in performance across the individual centres (Figure 89):

- Brighton Road, Redhill; Merstham Village; Nutfield Road, Merstham; Tadworth and Station Road, Horley, Local Centres have all seen a decline in the proportion of vacant units within their centre over the past twelve months.
- Brighton Road, Horley; Brighton Road, Salfords; Burgh Heath; Holmesdale Road, Reigate; Rectory Lane, Chipstead; Station Approach, Chipstead; Walton on the Hill and Woodmansterene Street, Woodmansterne, Local Centres have all seen an increase in the proportion of vacant units within their local centres over the past twelve months.
- The remaining local centres all have the same proportion of vacant units from the previous twelve months.

**Figure 89 Percentage of Vacant Units** 



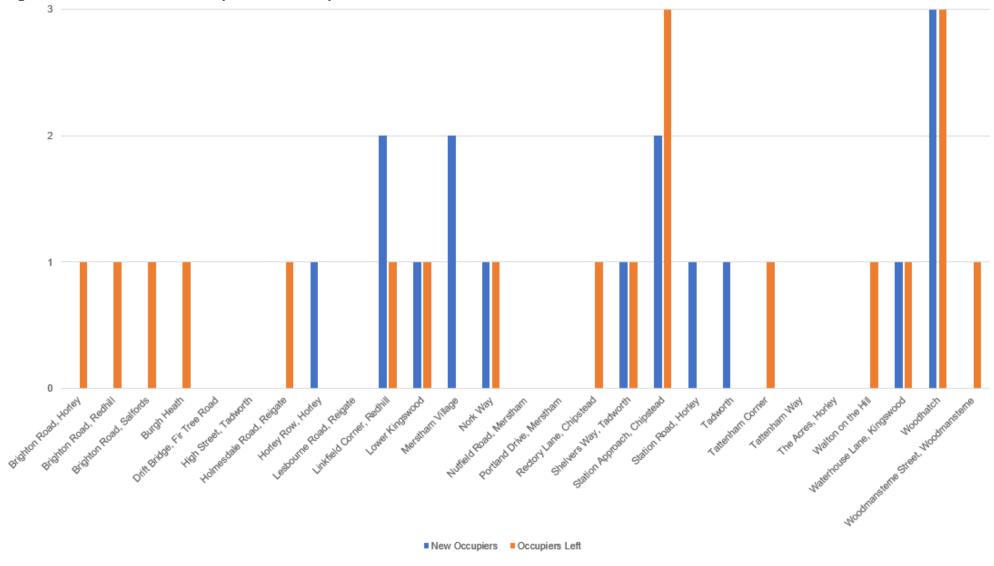
## 3.4. New Occupiers

Over the past twelve months, 16 new occupiers have moved into the borough's local centres, and 20 occupiers have left the local centres. This does include occupiers that have expanded into another unit within the local centre, or have left one half of a unit in the local centre.

In terms of the individual local centres, Figure 90 below shows that the greatest number of occupiers that moved into a local centre was at Woodhatch (three), whilst the greatest number of occupiers that moved out of a local centre occurred at Woodhatch and Station Approach, Chipstead (three). Woodhatch had the most incomings and outgoings of occupiers of all local centres (six in total). During this monitoring period, nine local centres have seen cases where one occupier has left a local centre, with a vacant unit now in its place.

Seven local centres had no occupier changes over the past twelve months.

Figure 90 Number of New Occupiers and Occupiers which have left



# **Monitoring Publications**

## **Annual Monitoring Report**

Summarises the Council's performance against key monitoring indicators

## **Housing Delivery**

Provides information on housing completions and permissions and details the Council's five year land supply position

## **Commercial Development**

Contains the amounts, types and location of all commercial commitments within the borough

#### **Industrial Estates**

Contains an analysis of occupational trends in the borough's industrial estates

#### **Local Centres**

Provides information on retail provision in the borough's local centres

### **Town Centres**

Provides information on the occupiers, together with vacancies and shop type of all premises within the borough's four town and village centres

## **Environment & Sustainability**

Provides information about performance against the environmental, sustainability and transport indicators; information on environmental quality, air quality and the condition of nature conservation sites; and details local transport improvement projects.

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