

WEST HORSLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your village needs

you ...

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A message from the chairman of the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

In July 2014 Guildford Borough Council issued a Draft Local Plan (subsequently withdrawn) in which they proposed building more than 430 houses on three West Horsley sites, all within a five year timeframe. When a new plan is issued next month it is expected that the numbers will be much the same, meaning a huge percentage increase in the number of properties in our village, with no evidence of significant investment in infrastructure.

The Parish Council is preparing for this in two ways. Firstly, it plans to object as vigorously as it can, through all appropriate channels, to the over-expansion of West Horsley. Secondly, it will submit a village-approved Neighbourhood Plan, which will identify local need and set out how our community wants to develop over the next decade.

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot contradict GBC's strategic policies, in particular the number of houses to be built. However, it will sit alongside GBC's Local Plan when decisions on planning applications in the Parish are being made. This means it can go some way to ensuring that we retain the character of our village. The Plan can also make policies on issues such as local business, public open spaces and environment.

There is a lot of work to do to get our Neighbourhood Plan researched, prepared and approved, and we are appealing for residents to join our Steering Group.

If you would like to help shape the future appearance of our village please go to www.westhorsley.info/neighbourhood-plan or send an email to secretarywesthorsleynsg@gmail.com.



There are over 40 listed buildings in West Horsley, including St Mary's Church which dates back to 1030 AD.

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