

WEST HORSLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WHAT A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CAN (AND CAN'T) ACHIEVE

Neighbourhood plans are a new type of plan that give communities, like West Horsley, important new rights around local planning. A neighbourhood plan:

- ❖ provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area;
- ❖ is a legal document which must be used by councils when they decide on planning applications in the local area;
- ❖ is written by the local community who can guide development to be more appropriate to the local context and help decide where it goes within the area;
- ❖ includes policies on the design of new buildings; protection and improvement of the vitality of local business; and preservation of local green spaces and heritage;
- ❖ cannot change the Green Belt or stop the council from proposing strategic housing sites in its Local Plan. It can only include proposals for an equal or greater level of growth than is set out in the Local Plan;
- ❖ must support the strategic development needs set out in the Local Plan and plan positively to support local development.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR PLAN MUST BE IN LINE WITH NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY AND WITH THE STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE WIDER AREA SET BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY (LOCALISM ACT 2011). IF IT DOES NOT CONFORM TO THESE RULES IT WILL FAIL ITS EXAMINATION BY THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED INSPECTOR AND WILL NOT REACH A VILLAGE REFERENDUM.