

WEST HORSLEY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Public Consultation on the Pre-Submission version of the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan (WHNP). This statutory consultation, which ended on 4 August, provided people who live, work and/or conduct business in the neighbourhood area with a final opportunity to read and comment on the draft Plan.

All comments received have now been carefully considered by the Steering Group and a number of revisions are being made as the Submission Plan is prepared. This Submission Plan will be sent to Guildford Borough Council (GBC) for examination by an independent inspector.

If the Submission Plan passes examination it will move to a village referendum which will be arranged by GBC. The referendum will simply ask residents “Do you want GBC to use the WHNP to help it decide planning applications in the

West Horsley Neighbourhood Area?” If more than 50% of those who vote in the referendum vote ‘yes’ then it will be adopted. The referendum will work like any other poll. Everyone on the West Horsley electoral roll will receive a polling card and will have the option of either visiting a polling station on a specified day or submitting a postal vote.

There are a number of ways to keep informed about the progress of the West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan. You can: visit our website to view all the latest

WEST HORSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - INDICATIVE TIMELINE (LAST UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2017)										
MAY-DEC '16	JAN-FEB '17	MAR-MAY '17	JUN-AUG '17	SEPT '17	OCT '17	NOV '17 – JAN '18	JAN – MAR '18			
TASK GROUP WORK	INFORMAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLAN	PRE-SUBMISSION PREPARATION	STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON PRE-SUBMISSION PLAN	PREPARATION OF SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS	SUBMIT	EXAMINATION PHASE	GBC	VILLAGE	FINAL	
Prepare task group reports comprising method, analysis/ insights, proposals and plans for the Steering Group to bring together and consider	Check policy ideas with community before firming up into detailed policies	Analyse results of consultation and amend Draft Plan Informal Health Check with GBC Complete Pre-Submission Plan Steering Group recommends to Parish Council for approval to formally publish	Pre-submission Plan out for consultation with local community and other interested parties for minimum of six weeks CONSULTATION REVIEW Analysis of representations made by local community and other interested parties Identify what changes are necessary to final WHNP	Documentation to include: 1. Submission Plan 2. Consultation Statement 3. Basic Conditions Statement 4. Screening Opinion	PUBLISHED	GBC to validate and set up consultation Consultation, examiner procurement, final SEA/HRA determination Post consultation preparation EXAMINATION BY AN INDEPENDENT PLANNING INSPECTOR	DECISION	REFERENDUM	DECISION	

documentation and to sign up to our mailing list; follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter @WestHorsleyNP; and check the Parish Council noticeboards for periodic updates. **Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please email us at: secretarywesthorsleysng@gmail.com.**

BY THE WHNP STEERING GROUP

What a Neighbourhood Plan Can (and Cannot) Achieve

A considerable number of comments received relate specifically to the proposed level of development in the Parish and surrounding areas and the protection of the Green Belt – perfectly understandable seeing as the Local Plan consultation also took place over the summer. We’d like to clarify that Neighbourhood Plans:

- CAN give communities, like West Horsley, important new rights around local planning. They are legal documents which must be used by councils when they decide on planning applications in the area. They guide development to be appropriate to the local context and include policies on the design of new buildings; protection and improvement of the vitality of local business; and the preservation of community facilities, local green spaces, heritage and more.
- CANNOT change the Green Belt or stop the council from proposing strategic housing sites in its Local Plan.
- MUST be aligned with both the National Planning Policy Framework and the strategic development needs of the wider local area, i.e. they must positively support the level growth set out in a Local Plan. If our Plan does not conform to these rules it will fail its examination and will not reach a village referendum.