

Whyteleafe Village Council Newsletter

Spring 2016



Message from the Chairman:

This year has already established itself as being a very significant moment in the history of Whyteleafe.

Tandridge District Council's Local Plan consultation "Issues & Approaches" has taken place which has raised many thoughts and comments about what our community will become over the next 20 years.

We hope you took the opportunity to comment - the views of the Village Council are summarised overleaf.

But, importantly, that is not all.

This year also sees the pre-submission consultation, which ends on 16 April 2016, of the area's Neighbourhood Plan.

This will be followed by a "yes/no" referendum of everyone in the Neighbourhood Plan area (Whyteleafe, Caterham and Chaldon).

A successful referendum would give the Plan the same status as the District Council's Local Plan and change national planning policy to reflect local people's wishes.

As you will know from our previous newsletters, the Neighbourhood Plan is the culmination of four year's work by over 70 local volunteers who care passionately about our local communities.

But the future of the Plan is now in your hands in terms of making your views known during the consultation (details of how to get involved below) and then in the final referendum.

This is an important step towards shaping the future of Whyteleafe in terms of housing, Green Belt, jobs, transport, health, leisure, environment and provision for the young and old.

I am very proud to have led Whyteleafe into this project alongside neighbouring Parishes.

It has been lots of work for the volunteers and we are very grateful to everyone concerned.

We have now reached the point where we all have the opportunity to commit to a Neighbourhood Plan, which has truly been shaped by local people, for a sustainable future for our community.



*Celia Rudland, Chair of
Whyteleafe Village Council*

How to get involved:



www.cr3forum.org.uk

The public consultation on the CR3 Forum Neighbourhood Plan is now open!

This means that there is a pre-submission document (before it is submitted to Tandridge District Council) for residents to consider.

This stage is to check that the final plan reflects the views of local people.

The document can be viewed on-line via the website (see left) and as a printed document in the Caterham Valley and Westway (Caterham Hill) libraries.

Your comments on the report can be sent to:

cr3forum@gmail.com

or in writing to:

**CR3 Admin Officer
Salmons, Salmons Lane
Whyteleafe, Surrey, CR3 0HB.**

The consultation ends on midnight 16th April 2016 so don't delay in making your views known.

Our views on the District Council's Local Plan

Whyteleafe Village Council responded to Tandridge District Council's (TDC) Local Plan consultation last month.

There were many issues raised in the consultation that could adversely affect Whyteleafe so we set out our views about the issues facing Whyteleafe and the most suitable approach to take.

In terms of the issues facing Whyteleafe we made the comments (see right) to TDC:

- Stop permitted development rights that turn commercial (employment) space into housing
- protect recreational space
- improve the standard of design for new developments
- constrain development in areas prone to flood
- make land available for the local community to use
- improve sports facilities
- improve pedestrian safety around busy schools and stations
- increase pollution monitoring along busy roads
- implement a flood mitigation strategy including measures to increase the flow-rate along the Bourne culvert.

And the "Approach" to take?

- request a 'town' centre strategy to ensure a vibrant mix of commercial and residential land to underpin a sustainable economic future for Whyteleafe
- avoid development of both 'town' centre car parks
- constrain development on Green Belt infill
- constrain development on strategic Green Belt to prevent Whyteleafe merging with Caterham Hill and Hamsey Green
- maintain a housing mix of different sizes and densities
- constrain landfill and waste processing near housing
- adopt the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan so that decisions are, in effect, made locally.

We also felt that the District Council's approach to planning, in Whyteleafe, needed to reflect the views of local people.

Many of the views (see left) have been aired during the Neighbourhood Plan process by residents of Whyteleafe.

If you agree, or not, with these comments you should let the cr3forum team know (the ways to contact them are given overleaf) so that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the aims of the community.

Other news...

In May 2016 there will be five Parish and Village Council elections in Tandridge.

If you are interested to become a local Village Councillor and get more involved in the issues affecting Whyteleafe you can contact either the Clerk, an existing Councillor or Tandridge District Council (TDC). Formal nominations will need to be with TDC by April 2016.



The Whyteleafe Flood Group have held a number of meetings this year.

Current activity involves reviewing recent rainfall and groundwater levels, checking roadside gullies and discussing riparian (rivers and water courses) ownership with Surrey County Council.

To become involved or to get more information, contact the Clerk (see contact details below).

Your Council

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Next council meetings: 14th March and 11th April 2016

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