



23 May 2016

Dear Resident,

The Neighbourhood Plan – Over to You

After three years of development, Effingham's Neighbourhood Plan has reached its crucial 'Pre Submission Consultation' stage. The Parish Council is seeking formal comments from residents and other consultees, before the Plan is submitted to Guildford Borough Council. The Plan is the result of extensive engagement with residents, and other interested parties, through public events, surveys, and workshops. It is the Plan that the Effingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group (ENPAG) believes best meets the views and aspirations of our community.

This Plan gives residents a voice on planning matters affecting our community. The specific purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to set planning policies for the parish that will help shape and determine planning decisions in Effingham, including the number and type of new homes, where those homes are built, the protection of our Green Belt countryside and landscape, and design principles to preserve the character of the village and wider parish.

How you can help

It's over to you now to let us know your opinion of the Plan. Please take the time to complete the enclosed Survey; we need to know what you think of the Plan so we can be confident of taking it forward to the next stage.

The enclosed 'Summary and Guide' outlines all the policies in the plan and you can find the full Neighbourhood Plan on our websites www.effinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk and www.effinghamvillageplan.com. A printed version is also available at the Parish Room at the address above. The Parish Room is normally open Monday to Thursday, and you can phone the Clerk on 01372 454911 to check.

Please return the completed Survey via your volunteer deliverer (see details overleaf), or to the Parish Room, **by 12 noon on Monday 18 July 2016**. The published survey results will be anonymous, and we will not publish individual names or addresses.

If you wish to make an additional representation on the Neighbourhood Plan please feel free to email your comments to: clerk2010@effinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk, or write to the Parish Council at the address at the top of this letter. You will need to provide your name and address, which will NOT be published, but we are required to maintain a record of all responses to the consultation. Please see overleaf for more information about the process.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who have already engaged enthusiastically with the Neighbourhood Planning process through public events, the online forum, and the working groups. We now look forward to hearing your views, so we can make sure the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the aspirations of everyone in our Effingham community.

Thank you

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Chairman, Effingham Parish Council

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Chairman, Effingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group

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Borough Councillor for Effingham

The Neighbourhood Plan Process

Effingham civil parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Area in April 2013. The Parish Council, as the formal 'Qualifying Body', has the responsibility for leading the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, and engaging with all parts of our community. Our draft Neighbourhood Plan has now reached the formal 'Regulation 14' consultation period required under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

The Parish Council set up the Effingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group (ENPAG), made up of parish councillors and volunteer residents, to prepare the draft Plan and advise the Parish Council. ENPAG members have experience across all parts of our community – churches, schools and voluntary organisations as well as council service. The current members include Paula Moss (Chair), Alison Mayell (Vice-Chair), Harry Clarke, Keith Cornwell, Cliff Hackett, Liz Hogger, Tony Jones, David Martland, Di Skidmore, Ian Symes, and Keith Walker.

ENPAG will consider all representations made during this eight-week consultation period, and may revise the Neighbourhood Plan, ahead of a formal recommendation to the Parish Council to progress to the next stage. The next step will then be formal submission of the Plan to Guildford Borough Council who will also do their own formal consultation on the plan. (Residents can respond to that one as well if they wish).

After their consultation GBC will invite an independent Examiner to review the plan to judge whether it is compliant with legislation governing Neighbourhood Plans. The Examiner may recommend changes to ensure compliance, and the Borough Council will then make a decision whether to make these changes and allow a Referendum on the final Neighbourhood Plan among the residents of Effingham parish.

So the residents of Effingham have the final say via a Referendum.

For more news about the Village Plan and the story of the plan so far, as well as more detailed information about neighbourhood plans generally, please visit

www.effinghamvillageplan.com

Survey collection arrangements

Your volunteer deliverer will return to collect your completed survey forms on the date shown on the envelope. Please seal the completed survey in the envelope and leave it out by your front door on the collection date, so it can be picked up without disturbing you.

Alternatively, you can return the completed survey to Effingham Parish Council, Parish Room, 3 Home Barn Court, The Street, Effingham, Surrey, KT24 5LG, **by 12 noon on Monday 18 July.**

Extra survey forms can be downloaded from the website, or contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**If you need assistance to fill in the Survey,
please contact the Clerk on 01372 454911.**