West Horsley Parish Council

Appendix 14:

Briefing Note on a Potential Parish Forum on Infrastructure for the Enlarged West Horsley

Introduction

The Council believes that an open forum to discuss how the infrastructure of our village, schools, medical centre, transport, parking, road safety and so forth will be managed moving forward would be welcomed by residents. The Council is not setting out a particular policy. It is seeking information so we can contribute to plans for the future.

Format

- A 'Question Time' format held at the Village Hall.
- Residents will be invited to submit questions in advance.
- Chaired by Cllr Best, Chairman of WHPC
- Guest speakers would be representatives from some of the following: Guildford Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Horsley Medical Centre, Heads of The Raleigh and Howard schools, our MP…….
- Proposed for September (after the school holidays)

First Draft of Invitation

As we are sure you know West Horsley will shortly be substantially bigger. 385 new houses are to be added to our housing stock by the end of 2023 representing a 35% increase. It is estimated as a result that our electoral roll will increase from 2300 to 3000. It is obvious to us all that the strains on schools, medical centres, transport, our roads and other public utilities are bound to be considerable. The responsibility for these resources is spread amongst disparate organisations including Surrey County Council, Guildford Borough Council and National Government. We, your Parish Council, do not know what, if any, plans have been made, and we really need to find out. We are sure that most, if not all, of the Parish feels the same way.

As a result, we propose to hold a Forum to which we have invited spokespersons for the various organisations to hear what plans there are and hopefully to get answers to the many questions that we are sure you will all have. The people we have invited are …….

We hope the event will be well attended so we have fixed a date after the summer holiday period when the schools are back so as to provide a date when most people are available. It will be very helpful to know how many of you would wish to attend as the venue needs to be big enough to accommodate everybody and may need to be changed if numbers require that.

Next Steps

To agree to move to the planning stage and to form a Working Group.

Drafted by Cllr Dodgson

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