



Briefing Note: An update on the Proposed Community Forum on the Future Provision of State Education Following Substantial Housing Development

Introduction

West Horsley Parish Council has not been made aware of any plans to deal with the provision of education to the now substantially increased population in the Horsleys and surrounding villages. We believe it is our responsibility to not only obtain this information, but also to enable our residents to understand what, if any, plans are in place for their children and grandchildren.

We therefore propose to host an evening Community Forum and will be inviting spokespeople from various organisations to explain how they plan to accommodate the growing number of children needing places at primary and secondary school. This Forum is not designed to be a protest meeting but rather a genuine attempt to gain an understanding of what plans are in place to fulfil the obligation to provide an education to our children.

Date and Venue

Possible dates: Thurs 17th, Tues 22nd or Tues 29th November

Venue: West Horsley Village Hall (with a seated capacity of 128). East Horsley Village Hall can accommodate 180 seated, however keeping it local with manageable numbers is preferable.

Participants

A panel comprising representatives from Surrey Education Department and local schools.

Invitees

Residents of the Horsleys; Borough & County Councillors; Teachers from local schools; Local MP

Publicity

Posters on village noticeboards and shop windows, Mailchimp and Nextdoor posts.

In order to allow as many families to attend we will request one member per household.

Format

1. Introduction from the Chairman
2. Opening statements from panel member as to who they are, what their role is, and what, if any, any definite plans are in place to deal with the increased population.
3. Questions, submitted in advance, from the floor?
4. Summary from Chairman