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Guildford's Draft Local Plan - Guildford Borough Council's consultation document, 'Proposed Submission Local Plan: strategy and sites' sets out the vision for Guildford Borough and its approach to development between 2013 and 2033. When adopted the plan will play an important role in shaping Guildford's future – how our towns and villages develop, protecting and enhancing our natural environment, developing our local economy, improving leisure and visitor facilities and supporting more sustainable forms of travel.

The Parish Council has responded to this consultation, pointing out that it may be inappropriate to construct new buildings on infill sites in the Green Belt because that might open up those sites for further development and so spoil the rural character of our villages. This is especially the case where there are properties with large gardens. If these are classed as being within the 'settlement area' (which the Borough Council is now calling an 'identified boundary of the village'), then this could open the door to more larger scale development than the traditional 'infill' development of, say a small building or extension between two buildings that are fairly close to one another.

Peaslake Farm: next steps – the Parish Council has agreed to build a small number of affordable homes on Peaslake farmyard, Ewhurst Road, Peaslake. The housing will be appropriately designed and will be for rent to locals. To qualify for one of the homes, you have to not only be registered on Guildford Borough Council's housing register but also demonstrate a local connection to the Parish. The Borough Council's points system will *not* be used to allocate housing.

In the meantime, the Parish Council would like to gather information on the types of homes needed, be it a one-bedroom flat or a three-bedroomed house or anything in between, and the number of people who would currently like one. The Parish Council will soon be writing to all households to give further details and to ask whether one of the rented properties would be of interest to them or their family. In the meantime, you can register an interest by e-mailing the Parish office on clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk with the size of home you would like to rent and the number of people who would like to live there. This information will feed into discussions about the mix of housing to be built.

HGVs in Shere – the recent HGV 'count' by local volunteers is reported in Village Voices.

Parsley the Cow in the Pound, Shere – you may have noticed one or two beautifully decorated, life sized cows dotted around Surrey; well keep your eyes peeled because Surrey Hills Cow Parade are about to unleash a lot more! Cows are being taken to graze in various locations across the county. The number of cows will be part of an exhibition in the summer. At the end of the exhibition, the cows will be auctioned off to raise money for local community projects and a number of charitable causes.

Parsley the cow will be put to grass in the Pound, Shere, traditionally the place where lost cattle were kept over-night! Parsley has been painted by local resident and artist Maggie Cariacci. Parsley will have to move aside on the third Sunday of every month though for some real beef and other fyne butchery products, which will be for sale by local farmer, Graham Eusdon.

Next Council meeting – Thursday, 8th September, starting at 7.30pm at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St Mary.

Reporting local problems - contact details

- **roads**, including drainage issues, potholes, overhanging trees, uncut verges, lighting, footpaths and bridleways issues - **Surrey County Council** tel: 03456 009009 or www.surreycc.gov.uk, click on **roads and highways**.
- **leaking pipes** - **Thames Water** tel: 0845 920 0888 (free) or www.Thameswater.co.uk.
- **planning** - **Guildford Borough Council** tel: 01483 505050 or www.guildford.gov.uk or email enforcement@guildford.gov.uk.
- **flooding** – refer to the **Environment Agency** website www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- **crime** – ring 999 for real emergencies and 101 to report a crime or look for information on www.surrey.police.uk.

Talk to us

We can help you to have the Parish that you want to live, work and play in. Our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at them for the public to have their say. You can talk to me on 01483 203431 or e-mail me on clerk2009@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk - or speak to your Ward Councillors; details are on web-site: www.shereparishcouncil.gov.uk
The Parish Council's office is at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall GU5 9LF. It is open to the public from 10.30am to 12.30pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or at other times, by appointment.