



News release

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Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan begins to emerge

The summer months have seen good progress being made on the project to create a neighbourhood plan for Cranleigh.

The exercise that has been asking landowners and developers to nominate sites that could be used for new housing or employment has been fruitful. One or two new sites have been put forward along with some more obvious options. An independent planning expert has now been employed to assess each site and its potential suitability for development.

Jane O'Leary, Chair of the Cranleigh neighbourhood plan group says: "Thank you to everybody who has responded to our call for sites. We are really pleased with the response. There are still a couple of weeks left before we close the call for sites so if anybody has a parcel of land and they are interested in exploring its development potential, we would love to hear from them."

Alongside the exercise to identify potential development sites, a team of volunteers is writing the first draft of Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan. The plan is being informed by the findings of the various public consultation exercises and the research that has emerged from the working groups.

Jane O'Leary says: "We are really pleased with the progress that is being made on producing Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan. Over the summer, we streamlined the structure of our working groups and this seems to be working well. I am very grateful to everybody who has given his or her time or who has volunteered to produce information required for the plan. We are working really well together and this is evidenced by the continued enthusiasm for the task and how much we have achieved.

"There are still plenty of opportunities for people to get involved with the shaping of Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan. We are planning to hold another workshop and community questionnaire towards the end of November. This will provide residents with the opportunity to see the draft plan and indicate if it is on the right track and whether there is anything else that should be included in it."

Further information about responding to the call for sites along with details about how to get involved in Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan can be found at www.cranleighnhp.org. The closing date for site nominations is 30 September.

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