



News release

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Cranleigh's draft neighbourhood plan goes on show

Cranleigh's emerging neighbourhood plan has been unveiled at a public event held last Thursday.

More than 100 people dropped in to view the draft plan, which has been informed by months of research and public consultation. The purpose of the event was to gauge people's initial reaction to the plan and to find out whether they feel it will help to manage future new developments, protect Cranleigh's positive features and address future needs.

Speaking after the event, Jane O'Leary Chair of the Cranleigh neighbourhood plan steering group said: "I was delighted by the number of people who took time out from their day to come along and see the emerging plan. We were pleased to welcome a good mix of people representing a range of age groups.

"Overall, we received some positive comments and found that most people agreed that there will be change in Cranleigh and that we will have to accommodate some new homes. Many were of the view that it is important for us to influence where we can, for example, the preferred location for housing and land use.

"We also heard anecdotal evidence that some people have chosen not to take part in the consultation because they do not believe that neighbourhood plans can make a difference. I would like to take this opportunity to put the record straight because, the truth is, the more comments we receive the more evidence we will have to present to Waverley Borough Council. Once adopted, a neighbourhood plan has the power to influence future development and land use in the village. I am firmly of the view that we cannot afford not to take full advantage of the opportunity presented by neighbourhood planning."

Anybody wishing to influence the future of Cranleigh can still have their say by filling in the current questionnaire, which was delivered to Cranleigh homes in mid-November. Additional copies can be picked up from the library or completed online at www.cranleighnhp.org. The closing date is 11 January 2016.

Once the findings from this latest stage of the consultation have been analysed, the draft plan will be amended as appropriate. It will then be presented to Waverley Borough Council for initial inspection and independent examination.

The latest information on how the neighbourhood plan is coming along can always be found at www.cranleighnhp.org.

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