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Rallying call put out for people to respond to survey

The deadline for responding to Cranleigh neighbourhood plan's third community questionnaire has been extended to 31 January.

Surveys were delivered to households in mid-November and include a number of questions that seek to clarify views on topics such as housing density, parking and aspirations for outcomes from small and large-scale development projects. Everybody is encouraged to complete a questionnaire and further copies can be found online or picked up from the Arts Centre or Library.

Jane O'Leary, Chair of the Cranleigh neighbourhood plan steering group says: "We are really pleased with the response rate so far but to help us finalise the draft neighbourhood plan, we would like to receive a few more completed surveys. This is the last chance Cranleigh residents will have to influence the content of the neighbourhood plan and therefore the future of Cranleigh. I urge everybody to take this opportunity to express their views on how they would like to see Cranleigh evolve between now and 2032."

To help finalise Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan, the steering group is currently looking for volunteers to join a sub-group that has been tasked with carrying out a survey of Cranleigh's green spaces.

Jane O'Leary explains: "We are seeking two or three people to conduct a detailed survey of the village's green spaces. This will involve visiting every green space and assessing its condition and whether it should be highlighted in the plan for protection. The volunteers will also be asked to judge whether the area is a space that villagers would like to see safeguarded from future development and what our options might be for achieving that result."

She adds: "As well as looking at our green spaces, we have also been assessing the sites that were nominated as suitable for employment or housing. The next stage will be to contact the landowners to confirm whether they still wish to have their land included in the process. Once consent has been given, we will carry out a more detailed site assessment.

"Finally, to improve the acceptability of future developments in Cranleigh, we are participating in an exercise to identify the mix of housing and the density that people would prefer to see. The neighbourhood plan will identify the number of homes that the community feels can be achieved without compromising the village feel and ambience. We can put forward an opinion on how many houses are built per hectare and the quality of design and I think this is really important."

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Alongside working to produce a neighbourhood plan, volunteers from the neighbourhood plan steering group take every opportunity to put forward Cranleigh's case for ensuring the village is protected from detrimental changes in planning policy. The Group is currently responding to a consultation about the National Planning Policy Framework, which is the document that sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how they are expected to be applied.

Anybody who would like a copy of the third community questionnaire or to get involved in the green space survey or other activity relating to the neighbourhood plan should visit www.cranleighnhp.org or email office@cranleighnhp.org.

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