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Update on the partial review of Farnham's Neighbourhood Plan



Farnham's Neighbourhood Plan

The Farnham Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by Waverley Borough Council in July 2017 after the Town and Borough successfully defended a legal challenge brought by developers. Thanks to enormous community support of the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan, more than 88% voted 'yes' in the compulsory referendum.

Why the Neighbourhood Plan is being reviewed

Shortly after the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan was adopted, we were informed by Waverley Borough Council that Farnham needed to accommodate an additional 450 homes before the end of the Waverley Local Plan in 2032.

This prompted a decision to carry out an early review of our adopted Neighbourhood Plan so we could identify and allocate suitable sites and maintain the integrity of the policies within the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan.

What's happened so far

We carried out a call for new sites in spring 2018 and have reviewed all previously submitted sites alongside new proposals.

To progress to the next stage of the review, we required information from Waverley Borough Council about how many homes had been completed in Farnham up to 31 March 2018. This information was necessary to enable us to calculate how many more homes will need to be built so we can meet our target in the next 14 years.

We have recently received this information and have been updating our evidence base to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan is robust prior to consulting on the location of the proposed sites for the new homes.

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What happens next

As well as including proposed new sites for the additional homes, the revised Neighbourhood Plan will have a number of minor modifications to bring it up to date. These will not change the nature of the plan or any of its policies.

We need to know what you think about the amendments and will seek your views in a six-week public consultation which is planned to begin on 17 August. This consultation is technically known as a Regulation 14 consultation.

The proposed amendments will not change the nature of the approved Neighbourhood Plan. This means that as long as the independent examiner and Waverley Borough Council agree, there will be no need for a second referendum.

How to take part in the consultation

Once the consultation starts, we will be holding a number of drop-in events in Farnham town and surrounding areas, so we can answer your questions.

There will be a consultation survey online at **www.farnham.gov.uk/shapefarnham**, with paper copies available at the Council offices and other locations.

How you can help

We would like the views of as many people as possible so please do let us know if you can help in any of the following ways:

- Email your contacts to encourage them to take part in the consultation – we can provide you with some suggested wording for the email.
- Distribute a postcard to your neighbours to encourage them to take part in the consultation.
- Display a promotional postcard in your office, shop or organisation to encourage visitors to complete the survey.

Please email

neighbourhood.plan@farnham.gov.uk

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What
do you
think?

Further information and how to contact us

If you have any questions please email us at **neighbourhood.plan@farnham.gov.uk** or call **01252 712667**.

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