

LOCAL LIAISON FORUM - BUSINESSES

Farnham Infrastructure Programme

02-Nov-2020



Introductions

Farnham Infrastructure Programme Councillors

Co-Chairs:

- John Neale
- Andy Macleod

Presenting today:

- Wyatt Ramsdale (chair)
- George Hesse

Programme Team

Presenting / Attending today:

- Chris Tunstall – Programme Director, Surrey County Council
- Jonathan Foster-Clark – Design Lead, Atkins – Design, Consultancy and Project Management

Apologies:

- Paula Gough – Programme Manager, Arcadis – Design, Consultancy and Project Management

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening remarks – Wyatt Ramsdale (5 minutes)
2. Update on the Programme – Chris Tunstall (10 minutes)
3. Projects and known issues affecting businesses in Farnham
– Wyatt Ramsdale (10 minutes)
4. Participant discussion – All (75 minutes)
5. Concluding remarks – George Hesse (5 minutes)
6. Thanks and next steps– Wyatt Ramsdale (5 minutes)

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. In the upper right, there is a large, multi-story brick building with many windows, possibly a school or community center. To its left are several smaller houses with gabled roofs. A large, dark evergreen tree stands prominently in the center-left. In the lower center, a church with a steeple is visible. The area is filled with greenery and trees. The text "1." is overlaid in the bottom right corner.

1.

Welcome and opening remarks –
Wyatt Ramsdale

Objectives for today:

- Provide an update on the Farnham Infrastructure Programme and progress to date
- Deepen the Farnham Infrastructure Programme's understanding of the issues and opportunities affecting businesses in and around Farnham
- Understand how the Farnham Infrastructure Programme is viewed by the business community
- Identify how the Farnham Infrastructure Programme can support and promote businesses in and around Farnham

A high-angle, wide shot of a bustling street market. The street is filled with a dense crowd of people of various ages. Several large, light-colored pop-up tents are set up along the sides of the street, providing shade for vendors and customers. In the background, multi-story brick buildings with numerous windows line the street. A black lamppost stands prominently in the center-left. Various signs are visible, including one that says 'TO LET' and another that reads 'JEWELLERY LADY'. The overall atmosphere is one of a lively, community event.

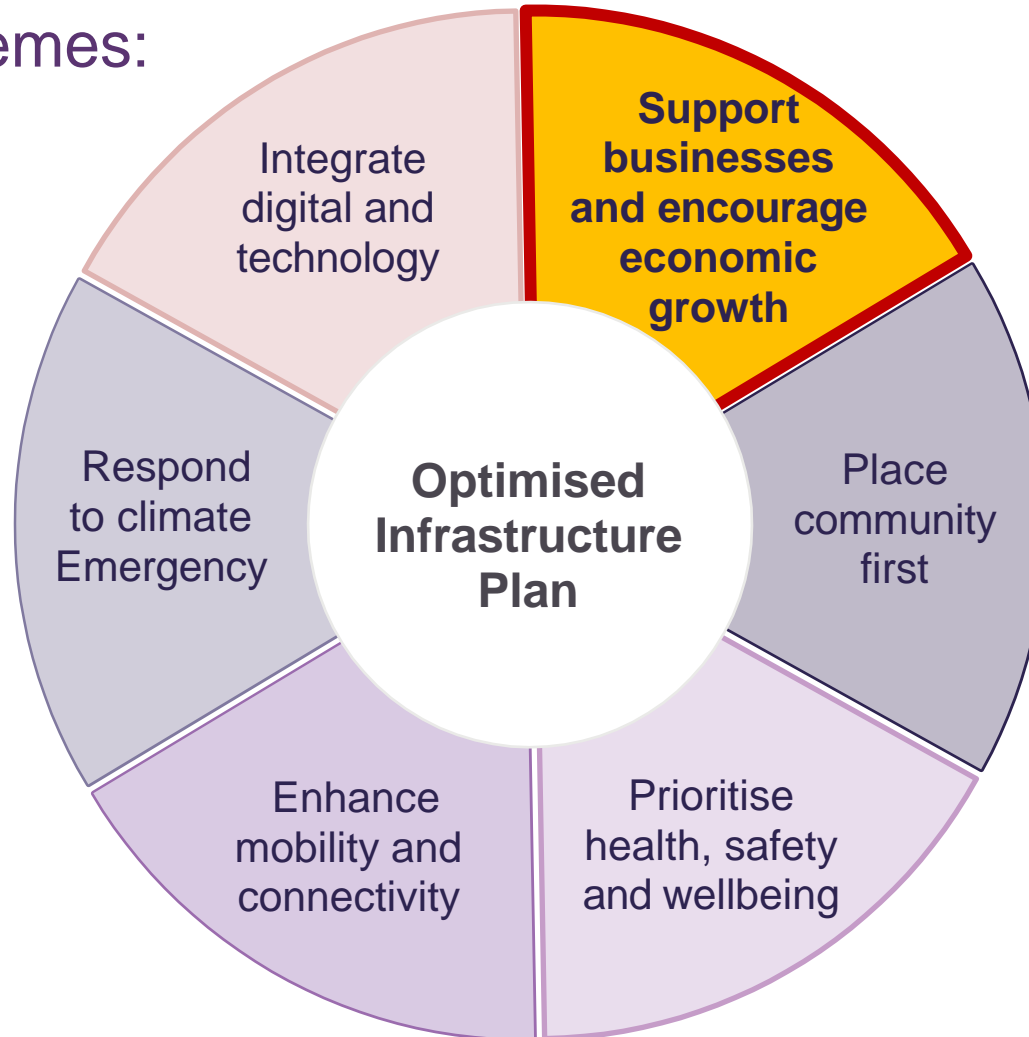
2.

Update on the Programme – Chris Tunstall

Programme vision:

Deliver an attractive, well-integrated, future-focused and high-quality infrastructure solution for Farnham that enables a connected and vibrant town, where people choose to live, work, study and spend their leisure time in sustainable ways.

Programme themes:



Future activity programme

Verbal briefing on:

- Future activities
- Summary timeline



3.

Projects and known issues affecting
businesses in Farnham – Wyatt Ramsdale

Identified current projects:

- **Project 1** – Short- and medium- term improvements (**quick wins**)
- **Project 2** – Farnham **town centre** transport infrastructure improvements
- **Project 3** – A31 Hickley's Corner / **A31 Bypass** improvements
- **Project 4** – **A325 Wrecclesham** safety issues and relief road

*Consideration of a Western Bypass is currently being progressed at a programme level; depending upon consultation outcomes and the ability to develop an appropriate business case, the Western Bypass may become a project in its own right

An aerial photograph of a landscape featuring a large, dense forest in the foreground and middle ground. The forest is composed of many trees with varying shades of green and brown. In the background, a town or city is visible, with numerous buildings and structures. The sky is a uniform light blue. The overall image has a slightly desaturated, muted color palette.

4.

Participant discussion – All

An aerial photograph of a landscape, likely a golf course, featuring a large, dense forest in the foreground and middle ground. The forest is composed of various types of trees, including some tall, thin evergreens. In the background, a town or city is visible, with numerous buildings and a network of roads. The overall scene is captured in a monochromatic, sepia-toned style.

5.

Concluding remarks – George
Hesse

An aerial photograph of a historic site, likely a castle or fortress. In the foreground, there are ruins of stone walls and structures. A large, multi-story building with a dark roof and several windows is visible in the middle ground. The background shows a dense forest. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark layer containing text.

6.

Thanks and next steps – Wyatt
Ramsdale

Future Local Liaison Forums

Date	Chair	Topic	Key Attendees
02-Nov-20 (16:00)	WR	Businesses	any Farnham businesses
25-Nov-20 (18:30)	JN	Community	any Farnham residents
09-Dec-20 (18:30)	AM	Town Centre*	any Farnham residents
06-Jan-21 (15:00)	AM	A31 & Hickley's Corner*	any Farnham residents
06-Jan-21 (18:30)	AM	Upper Hale*	any Farnham residents
07-Jan-21 (18:30)	WR	Wrecclesham*	any Farnham residents
14-Jan-21 (15:00)	JN	Young People	any young people, youth organisers, school leaders

- Will also address the desirability of a Western Bypass

Please note that public consultation on the Farnham Infrastructure Programme Vision Statement concludes on **08 November 2020.**