

## News release

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## Draft plan to be revealed

A date has been set for the first draft of Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan to go public.

Months of extensive research and public consultation have informed the content of the emerging plan, which will be available to view between 3 and 8pm on Thursday 26 November at Cranleigh Village Hall.

Once Cranleigh's neighbourhood plan is adopted, it will have the power to influence future development and land use in the village. Jane O'Leary, Chair of the Cranleigh neighbourhood plan steering group says: "Many people have contributed to the draft plan. It details locations and sets down the style of designs for new homes, shops and offices. It also presents views on the village's facilities and infrastructure. We now want to know if residents think we have got it right. Do people think the plan will help to manage future new developments? Will it protect Cranleigh's positive features and address future needs?"

Members of the Cranleigh neighbourhood plan team will be on hand to answer questions and to receive feedback. They will also be leading a discussion on some of the issues that came out of earlier community questionnaires. This will include looking at the idea of shared spaces in the village centre and options for enabling people and buses to use the same area effectively and harmoniously.

In mid-November, the third community questionnaire will be distributed to Cranleigh homes. Jane O'Leary adds: "This final questionnaire will seek to explore specific areas of the draft neighbourhood plan that require more evidence. Each household will receive one questionnaire - additional copies can be photocopied, picked up from the library or completed online. This is the last chance for people to have their say before we submit the plan to Waverley Borough Council for inspection and independent examination."

Neighbourhood plans establish general planning policies and once Cranleigh's plan has been adopted, it will have to be considered by Waverley Borough Council when determining planning applications.

Further information about neighbourhood planning in Cranleigh can be found at www.cranleighnhp.org. An online version of the questionnaire will be available from the middle of November.

For further information about the Cranleigh neighbourhood plan, visit www.cranleighnhp.org.

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