

## Appendix 2.3 Band Room Meeting

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### Report on Consultations and Evidence gathered for Cranleigh's Neighbourhood Plan

Event	Workshop
Date	16 June 2015
Venue	<b>Band Room</b>
Purpose	To help define the Objectives of the Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan
Evidence Report by	Peter Seaton

An evening workshop was held so that residents not able to come to events during the day had the opportunity to attend an event concerned with the Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan.

It was pointed out that the Neighbourhood Plan will be written to reflect the views of Cranleigh residents. To help in writing the Plan it was necessary to define the objectives\* of the plan based on the Vision Statement and responses to consultation with the community, for example Surveys and workshops. Those people attending were asked to read a proposed list of objectives and write a comment on all the objectives or those where they had an opinion. A volunteer from the Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan sat with each group of participants to explain the process and answer any queries. The draft objectives were listed in a pro-forma shown overleaf. A summary of the comments of those attending the Workshop are also attached.

\*Footnote: During preparation of the Plan, the use of the term "aims" was replaced with "objectives".

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### Band Room Open Evening on 16-June 2015. Summary of residents' responses to the aims

Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan will be written to reflect the views of Cranleigh residents. To help in writing the plan we need to define the aims of the plan. Below you will find a number of Plan Aims, which we have compiled, based on the responses we received from the public in recent surveys.

#### **Give us your comments about each aim**

Please read each Aim carefully. One of our volunteers will write down your response so please keep it concise and to the point. Each response is limited to 2 lines of text. When you have finished check the written response to be sure we have recorded your view accurately.

#### **PLAN AIMS**

##### **To preserve the existing rural character and heritage of the village**

*Agreed. Importance of open spaces in new developments with off street parking and densities similar to existing estates. Independent nature of shops and businesses. Retain, extend Conservation Area. Adopt Cranleigh Design Statement 2008. Restriction on neon signs. Avoid monolithic housing developments.*

##### **To preserve and improve good access to the surrounding countryside**

*Agreed. Maintain and improve existing footpaths, incorporate cycle ways with access for disabled people. Make Downs Link a central focus for access to surrounding countryside, e.g. hard surface. Provide good signage.*

##### **To preserve and enhance the existing and future open green spaces**

*Agreed. Strong support for local responsibility of maintenance of green spaces by Parish Council with appropriate budget. None to be sold or built on. New areas to be developed as parks and not sport with enhanced seating. All new developments to have open spaces.*

##### **To ensure future homes are built to styles consistent with a "village feel"**

*Agreed. Sympathetic to local Surrey and Sussex styles. Traditional, local materials. No high-rise buildings. Density consistent with existing estates. Variety within each development, no boxes.*

##### **To ensure future homes are a balanced mixture of private, affordable, part owned and rented that meets the needs of the residents**

*Agreed. High level of importance attached to including a balanced range of homes that local people want and can afford. Smaller homes for single young and older people downsizing.*

##### **To set down a preference for developments using previously developed land over those using green field sites (whilst accepting that green field development will take place)**

*Agreed but in fact National Policy.*

##### **To set down a preference for developments located to give easy pedestrian access to the village centre**

*Agreed. Important for older and disabled people and for sheltered housing. Support developments located within walking distance of centre. West of Cranleigh was seen by some as good location for this reason.*

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**To ensure that sufficient and appropriate development land is available for business development**

*Agreed. Concern that Cranleigh will become a “dormitory” for Guildford if local business land not made available with access for big vehicles to avoid centre of village. Need for incubator units for small and start-up businesses.*

**To encourage sustainable transport such as cycling and public buses**

*Agreed. Already mentioned to give access to local countryside. Where possible separation provided for pedestrians, cyclists and road traffic. Improve and extend bus routes. Smaller buses (Hoppa) around village. Walking buses for school children. Use of Downs link for pedestrians and cyclists as mentioned above.*

**To maintain a dialogue with Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and Network Rail to keep alive the possibility of a rail or guided bus link into Guildford**

*Little support. Strong views that better to preserve and improve for pedestrians and cyclists. Need for more parking for passengers and would act as magnet for more housing in village. Adverse impact on Bramley residents. Loss of habitat as 1000's of trees would have to be cut down.*

**To register the residents wishes for increased public car parking in Cranleigh**

*No strong agreement. One comment – double-edged sword as encourages more cars coming into village. Needs more consideration – need for parking and availability of land. New developments should have requirement for public parking.*

**To maintain a dialogue with education providers to ensure they plan ahead for the necessary resources to meet the future needs of Cranleigh's children**

*Agreed but emphasis on land. Little comment (end of workshop).*

**To preserve and improve existing facilities for care of our elderly**

*Agreed as important. Little comment (end of workshop).*

**To support organizations which enable our elderly to participate in community life.**

*Agreed but not a land use issue. Little comment (end of workshop)...*

**To maintain and improve existing facilities for sport, arts, culture, entertainment and out of school activities**

*Agreed but little comment as near end of workshop. Becoming a funding issue as budgets are being cut.*

**To support organizations which enable our young to participate in community life.**

*Agreed but little comment as near end of workshop. Not a land use issue.*

**To continue to support the concept of a Village Hospital**

*Agreed. Strong support and comment. Land has been identified. Question-Can funding come from CIL, Section 106?*