



Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan

What is the Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan?

Our parish is very special and development within it must reflect the views and wishes of local people. The Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan sets out spatial and land-use policies for the whole parish and will be a formal planning document that will sit alongside Waverley Council's Local Plan, adding a local dimension. It will be used to determine planning applications within Cranleigh Parish.

The Plan has been developed by a Steering Group of volunteers and parish councillors and has sought community views to understand how Cranleigh might develop over the next 20 years. The vision is that:

'In 2032, Cranleigh will have maintained its village character, whilst adapting to the needs of a diverse and growing community with well-designed, sympathetic development and protected green spaces.'

What does the Neighbourhood Plan include?

To achieve this vision, 21 policies have been created, under the following topics:

Housing and design: We need to provide much-needed housing including affordable housing and self-build plots, but in the places that have the lowest impact on our environment and services. The policies require high quality, sustainable design that reduces energy-consumption and is in keeping with the 45 character areas that we have identified. A number of important views and vistas across the landscape of the parish will be protected.

Employment: We want to keep our local economy thriving by supporting business development in the right places. Importantly our rural areas will be supported where they wish to diversify to support new types of business that are appropriate in the countryside.

Environment: We value highly our green spaces and countryside and the Plan aims to protect the key features – including woodland and hedgerows - that make our landscape special. We are designating 21 'Local Green Spaces' which will safeguard valued areas for recreation and wildlife for future generations. We also recognise the valuable role our private gardens play as habitats for wildlife and for our health and wellbeing. Flooding has been a problem for our parish and new development must take account of this and not make matters worse.

Infrastructure: We want to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle around the parish, which will benefit our health and also reduce pollution. Protecting the historic Downs Link is an important part of this. Ensuring that adequate services, such as drainage, are in place before development happens is also critical. Finally, we want to protect our historic buildings.

Tell us what you think about the Neighbourhood Plan

We want to know what you think about the Neighbourhood Plan. Our six-week consultation runs from **Friday 27 August 2021 until 5.00pm on Friday 15 October 2021**. Further details are at https://www.cranleigh-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan_15176.aspx. The documents can also be inspected at Cranleigh Parish Council, Council Office, Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8AF.

