

# HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs

## **RE: - Future Mole Valley - Draft Local Plan**

Horley Town Council [HTC] welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Local Plan and has considered the proposed plan at their planning meetings.

We refer to the sites you have identified as SA43/44; but in particular SA42 located in Hookwood.

Their geographical location in relation to Horley gives us grave concerns on many infrastructure matters. It is unfortunate that neither the Draft Plan nor the recent public exhibition held in Hookwood provided any information regarding supporting infrastructure.

Undoubtedly, the residents of these sites will look to Horley to meet their needs for education and health care. At present our current infrastructure is unable to meet the demands of Horley residents, let alone the increased impacts from the growth in our Horley population from the new developments within Horley.

### **Medical Provision**

The three Horley GP practices are operating with closed lists; whilst only one of our dental practices is accepting NHS patients.

### **Education Provision**

Though the Westvale Park development is scheduled to have a new two form entry primary school in operation from September 2020 it will be a phased opening therefore some six years before it is in full operation; similarly the primary school in The Acres opened on the same basis. This has meant that children whose ages are ahead of the phased opening are having to be accommodated in the existing schools with two of them accepting bulge years. There is also the matter of the capacity at our only comprehensive school, Oakwood, and we hope this will be addressed before children transfer from the primary ones.

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## **Transport Infrastructure**

We also have concerns about the impact SA42 will have on generating additional traffic on the already very busy A217, not to mention pressure on the road from Gatwick's growth plans.

## **Other Infrastructure Concerns**

HTC note that at the recent Reigate & Banstead Development Management Policy Public Examination it was stated that this is a water stress area. Has this been taken into consideration?

We must also mention concerns about the impact on the Horley Treatment Works which we presume will be required to support SA42. As well as supporting Horley's growth, Gatwick has included it in their master plan. HTC question how much more this facility can take?

We note that SA42 is in flood zone 2 which will require detailed plans for flood mitigation however HTC are concerned about the potential impact to Horley of mitigation from another major development in such areas.

We feel that it is vital that Mole Valley District Council publishes an Infrastructure Development Plan as soon as possible.

We hope that you will consider our comments and concerns in the future stages of the Local Plan.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk

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