

# Phase1 Consultation Results 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014



#### Phase 1 Consultation

#### The Phase 1 Consultation took place during the summer

- ▲ We used royal mail to distribute to all homes in post codes GU27 1 and GU27 2.
- △ Others in surrounding settlements like Camelsdale were invited to take part
- In addition the consultation document and questionnaire were available online

#### There has been considerable comment on the consultation,

- ▲ We all accept that it was a long document and the issues sometimes complex
- ▲ It was anticipated that some people would be put off by its length
- It was agreed that the options warranted full explanation

#### We should bear in mind

- ▲ WBC consultations have received far less response
- △ Commercial online surveys that people are paid to complete often receive less than 10% response
- What we now have is a sound basis for the development of the Neighbourhood Plan in these areas
  We will be able to focus the shorter phase II consultation on housing related issues



### Who Participated

- ▲ We have received 681 responses
- A good balance of genders
- Low participation from the under 35s
- A good cross section of households
- More home owners
- Good geographical distribution
- The results presented below are unweighted i.e. they have not been adjusted e.g. to boost the responses from under 35s
- ▲ This is for 2 reasons:
  - On the whole there is strong agreement across all types of people so weighting would not change the result substantially
  - Not weighting allows everyone to see exactly what everyone has said



### A1 Using our New Community Rights







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#### I am in favour of...

- A1.1.. using these rights for the benefit of the community
- A1.2 .. not using any of these community rights
- no opinion



#### How to use our Community Rights

- △ We received more than 130 comments on how we might use our community rights
- There are a great diversity of ideas
- ▲ The most popular themes are:
  - ▲ To develop community assets and facilities for youth and community use (33)
  - ▲ To deal with Haslemere parking issues (33)

Community facilities: library, youth and Community/ H Hall, H Mus Station Parking

Parking management

Asset register and community developmentt

Retail support/development/ employent generation/ TIC

Weyhill Development

Affordable/ Co-op/ self build Housing

Road improvements

Open space and recreational facilities

Hospital/ hospice/ mental health community care

Other parking developments

Cycle routes

Energy generation and environmental conservation Other issues

Steetscape





#### A2 The Future Look and Feel of our Town and Villages

A2:4 .. the Plan not imposing further limitations on what Strongest support is for 15% people can build developing Local Area Plans A2:3.. developing Local Area Plans for areas like Wey Hill, and for the Haslemere Design 73% the Station, Beacon Hill & Haslemere Town Centre Statement A2:2.. the development of a Public Realm Design Guide for 51% Haslemere Younger people are most in favour of the area plans A2:1.. future developments in our public spaces 63% conforming to the Haslemere Design Statement 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% not given under 34 100% 88% 83% 83% 77% 35-49 80% 50-64 80% 66% 69% 69% 65-79 64% 60% <sub>55%</sub> 63% 57% 80+ 53% 54% 52% 60% 41% 36% 40% 31% 19% 15% 17% 16% 20% 9% 0% I am in favour of A2:1.. future developments in our A2:2... the development of a Public A2:3... developing Local Area Plans A2:4... the Plan not imposing further public spaces conforming to the Realm Design Guide for Haslemere | for areas like Wey Hill, the Station, |limitations on what people can build HASLEMERE Haslemere Design Statement Beacon Hill & Haslemere Town 6 Centre

### B1 The Future Focus of our Local Economy

- 79% of respondents favour protecting or increasing employment land uses in Haslemere
- A proactive policy is most strongly supported by the 35-64 age bracket
- Those in council accommodation want to prevent any further loss



- B1:1.. using some of our scarce land to promote more and better paid jobs in Haslemere
- B1:2.. preventing any further loss of employment land
- B1:3.. the continued conversion of employment land to housing uses

no opinion





#### B2 Haslemere's Visitor Economy

64% of respondents favour supporting the development of more visitor and tourism related business and facilities in the town

Beacon Hill residents are the least likely to be enthusiastic

11% 25% 64% no opinion 69% 68% 60% 59% not given Beacon Hill

B2:1.. the status quo I do not wish the Plan to encourage the development of a more vibrant Visitor Economy

 B2:2.. supporting the development of more visitor and tourism orientated businesses and facilities in the town





#### B3 Planning the Future of Our Central Areas

- The clearly preferred option is development that promotes the integration of Wey Hill and Old Haslemere
- Beacon Hill Residents are more in favour of spreading retail and employment
- Those from Camelsdale and the South are the group most interested in Wey Hill (and those renting from the council)
- B3:5.. the changes in our centres should be left 11% to market forces to dictate B3:4 .. new retail/service development focused 29% around a new Wey Hill Fairground... B3:3... a plan that promotes the greater 50% integration of Wey Hill and Old Haslemere B3:2... a plan that seeks to spread 39% retail/service/ employment developments B3:1.. focusing retail/service development in 23% Old Haslemere 0% 40% 60% 20% not given Beacon Hill Haslemere West Haslemere East





### C1 The Future of Our Roads

- The largest group of residents favour a balanced approach
  - Making short term provision for some car growth but
  - Seeking ways to reduce car dominance and improving public transport



and encouraging other means of

transport

C1:1.. accepting and providing for more motorised traffic

- C1:2.. short term provision for some car growth while reducing car dominance and making better provision for other means of transport
- C1:3.. restricting future town centre motorised traffic growth and encouraging other means of transport



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#### C2 Balancing the Needs of All Road Users

- The most popular option among all residents is to re-balance the use of our road space to create a safer and more attractive environment.
- Measures to make it safer for parents to walk children to school are also popular especially among those living in council accommodation



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### C3 Promoting Access for All

- Improving alternative transport access to the station gains strong support from all groups
- Using community funds to give assistance to young people needing help to travel to work is most popular among those living in council properties







100%

## C4 Managing Commuter Parking

- The most popular option expands off street parking – without restricting on street parking.
- C4.3 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular option also favouring more off street parking
- However, the two options seeking to restrict parking demand when combined are more popular among women 40%



- C4:1 .. a reduction in parking demand and restrict on-street parking
- C4:2.. a reduction in parking demand without restricting on-street parking
- C4:3.. maintaining existing parking capacity, by increasing off-street parking with matched decreases in on-street parking
- C4:4 .. restricting growth in commuter parking by restricting ALL onstreet parking to Haslemere residents and shop or office workers
- C4:5 .. restrict growth in commuter parking by restricting SOME onstreet parking to Haslemere residents and shop or office workers
- C4:6 .. expanding parking capacity by increasing off-street parking without restricting on-street parking

■ C4:7 .. Leaving matters as they are



#### C5 Improving our Town Centre

- The most popular option for all but Haslemere West residents is more convenient shopper parking
- More Haslemere West residents are in favour of a new non car link between Wey Hill and Old Haslemere

C5:4 .. no changes to the current arrangements in our shopping areas

C5:3 .. further investigation of a new purpose built route for non-car users linking Old Haslemere and Wey Hill

C5:2 .. the achievement of a better balance between cars and other road uses in and around our shopping area

C5:1 .. the introduction of more convenient shopper parking payment systems with discount days for shoppers





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#### C6 Residential Parking

- Residents want to ensure new developments are built with enough parking within the curtilage of the property to prevent overspill onto the street
- However they chose potentially conflicting policies to increase minimum parking provision and development that encourages other means of transport

C6:4.. leaving things as they are 6% C6:3... increasing the minimum off-street car parking provision for all new infill developments to encourage 55% parking within the curtilage of new properties C6:2... more residents-only parking zones 26% C6:1.. controls on new housing developments near the station that encourage the use of other means of 57% transport and contain all parking within the property 0% 20% 40% 60%



#### **Next Steps**

- We will be forming 4 Policy Development Groups to look at how we can develop the preferred options into 'Neighbourhood Policies' or 'Vision Goals'
  - Community Development
  - Economy
  - Transport
  - Street Scape
- ▲ The Phase 2 Consultation Preparation is already underway and will focus on:
  - Housing numbers, location and type of development
  - △ The nature of housing development and 'built form'
  - Wey Hill Area Options
  - Beacon Hill Area Options
- Date will be publicised to discuss all these issues and anyone wishing to get further involved in any of these groups should let Stewart Brown know by email at XXXX by Tuesday 30th September 2014



