

Message for RA's/ PC's Website/ Magazines

Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) is about to start work on its next Local Plan, "Future Mole Valley". The project will set out plans for land use in the District for the next 15 years; it will include targets for delivering new development as well as setting out those areas which will continue to be protected.

This is about the future of the District for everybody who lives here, so it is vital that we understand what you think. We need to help households who are struggling to find suitable, affordable accommodation, create better conditions for local businesses and adapt to the changing demands on - amongst other things - retail and leisure services. Doing nothing is not an option. It is clear that development will have to take place to meet these needs, and we want to positively shape how and where that development goes for the benefit of all.

We are launching a consultation on two main themes: making the best use of brownfield land, and the potential release of greenfield land. At this stage, the consultation is not about specific sites for development but is seeking your views on the options we have for general approaches to accommodating new development.

The consultation runs from 1 July – 12 August 2017. See the video on our website at www.futuremolevalley.org which explains more. There is a questionnaire covering the options, as well as space for you to give us any other ideas you may have. During the consultation we will be hosting a series of events throughout the District so that we can meet people face-to-face, answer questions and receive views direct. We plan to be in [see *meeting schedule*] and look forward to seeing you then.

This is an opportunity for everyone in our District to help shape the direction of development to meet the housing and economic needs of Mole Valley, whilst protecting the countryside that we all love so much. We need your views because we need to get this right, so please do take part.

Yours sincerely,

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