

Ashtead Neighbourhood Forum: Why? Who? How?

2011: Government introduces Localism Act

- Gives local communities opportunity to influence the future of the places where they live
- Gives "Neighbourhood Forums" the right to draw up a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Autumn 2012: Ashtead Community Vision (ACV) founded

- Initial aim to recruit a Neighbourhood Forum
- Forum recruited from the local community through publicity campaign (press articles, website, contact with local organisations & businesses)
- Funding raised
- Contact made with MVDC Planning Department
- Public meeting held January 2013 - publicised through posters, press articles & a Newsletter delivered to every address in Ashtead

February 2013: Ashtead Neighbourhood Forum set up

- Made up of 48 members – volunteers from across the community who meet 4 times per year
- Oversees & directs a "working group" (ACV) in the creation of Ashtead's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) in consultation with the community

Forum Designation

- April 2013: The Forum applies to MVDC for official designation
- May-June 2013: MVDC undertakes a public consultation
- 30 July 2013: Ashtead Neighbourhood Forum designated

The Forum & ACV would like to thank the following for their help:

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| ▪ MVDC Planning Department | - | Funding, support and guidance |
| ▪ Surrey County Council Local committee | - | Early funding |
| ▪ Ashtead Residents' Association | - | Funding, support and publicity |
| ▪ Dept for Communities & Local Government | - | Funding administered by the Community Development Foundation |
| ▪ Planning Aid England | - | Direct help and support |
| ▪ Local organisations and businesses | - | Ongoing support |