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ASHTEAD FORUM LAUNCHES DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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The Ashtead Neighbourhood Development Forum is seeking comments from residents over the next six weeks for a draft plan aimed at ensuring they have a greater say over the future development of the village.

The Draft Ashtead Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has 16 policies that aim to steer future development decisions by Mole Valley District Council in line with local preferences as well as national guidelines.

On Saturday 6th February, between 10am and 12.30 pm, the Forum will be holding an open morning at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall to encourage residents to engage in the consultation process by filling in a questionnaire, which seeks their views and comments on each of the 16 policies in the plan. The questionnaire is also on line on the Forum's working group website at www.ashteadcommunityvision.org.uk.

Ashtead Community vision (ACV) – the Forum's working group - is promoting the Draft NDP through a range of media including a newsletter delivered every home in the village, posters and articles in local media.

Forum Chairman Tony Tuley said that it was important that as many people as possible gave their feedback before the Draft NDP is submitted to Mole Valley District Council.

Tony said: *"it's really important that all residents engage in the development of the plan as it is the greatest opportunity most will have to shape the future development of Ashtead."*

Tony went on to explain that once the council has accepted the NDP then it would also consult with residents before sending the NDP to a planning inspector. If the inspector is happy with the plan then he will order Mole Valley District Council to hold a referendum so that residents can then vote on the plan. Once adopted the plan will give a strong steer to developers when considering future development in the village.

Notes to Editors:

Full details of the Draft Ashtead NDP and copies of the questionnaire are available at www.ashteadcommunityvision.org.uk. You can also find out more about ACV and the Forum's work at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ashtead-Community-Vision/> and <https://twitter.com/AcvComms>

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