

## **Appendix 9.0 Item 6**

### **Ashtead Neighbourhood Forum to review resident's views on future development**

Ashtead Neighbourhood Forum is has launched a consultation exercise into the future development of ten plots of land in and around the Village.

Each of the plots has been put forward by developers and each assessed for potential development by the Forum's working group Ashtead Community Vision (ACV).

Now it's the villagers' opportunity to make their views known about each of the sites.

So far, thanks to the support ACV has had from community groups such as ARA, responses to these consultations have exceeded expectations with hundreds of residents putting forward their views on issues such as the Green Belt Boundary Review – the first major element of Local Planning in which the Forum has had to engage.

Once the villagers have had their say on the land assessments, ACV will then compile all the comments, amend their findings where necessary and then put their findings back to the Forum. The Forum has to sign off the assessments before submission to Mole Valley District Council by 23 May.

It's worth remembering that while Mole Valley's councillors have the final decision on the plots of land, the voice of residents of Ashtead will have been presented loudly and clearly and, thanks to help from professional planners, in a manner consistent with good planning practice – so our views will have significant weight.

You can take part in the survey on-line at [www.astheadcommunityvision.org.uk](http://www.astheadcommunityvision.org.uk) or fill in the survey at the open morning to be held at the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

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