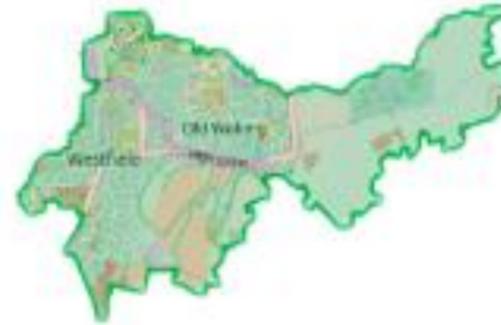


**Hoe Valley
Neighbourhood
Forum**



**CONSULTATION ON DRAFT
POLICIES FOR THE HOE VALLEY
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Local Character

1. Local Character should be preserved, especially regarding local green and open spaces.
2. All green spaces should be protected and preserved for the benefit of residents. Wildlife habitats should be maintained and protected from incursion by development.
3. There should be no future extension of the town centre boundary. This is to prevent Urban sprawl and a change of local character.
4. The following areas are identified for the application of extra protection: Loop Rd Recreation Ground (King's Meadow); St Peter's recreation ground and Elmbridge recreation space.
5. The Hoe Valley Linear Park should be classified as a Green Wildlife Corridor as there are Local Nature Reserves at both ends of this corridor- Mayford Meadows and White Rose Lane.
6. It should be considered further whether sections of Millmoor Common should be classified as a SSSI due its potential to provide a suitable environment for the water vole.
7. There should be increased signage on wildlife and heritage in Hoe Valley area.

Question: *should the plan include further restrictions on the development of local green and open spaces to protect it from inappropriate development. What form should these take?*

Climate Change

1. All new build properties should be carbon neutral.
2. All new builds and property redevelopments should have provision for or easy access to electric charging points.

Question: Should we insist that new build properties in the Hoe Valley Ward should be built to Level 4 standards up to 2030 (BREEAM references) with an aspiration for Level 5 standards.

Flooding

1. Every building and extension should have Sustainable Urban drainage (SUDs)
2. We will make residents aware that driveway additions need to be subject to planning permission and increase SUDs awareness.
3. Hedges and ditches should be preserved and enhanced. We encourage restoration of ditches.

Local Infrastructure: Telecommunications

1. We positively encourage improvements in cabling and fibre provision in the Hoe Valley Ward.

Local Centre Development

1. Reprovision of the post office and continuation of the chemist will be encouraged.
2. More restaurants and cafes, especially dine in, will be encouraged.
3. Public parking will not be reduced in our local retail areas.
4. Commercial buildings that support the vitality and viability of local centres will be supported.
5. Loss of retail space that will only be supported where it is demonstrated that the proposed development will not have an adverse impact on the local shopping area.
6. Redevelopment of retail space of up to 200sqm will be supported in our local retail centres that does not result in a net loss of shopping opportunity.

Local Industrial Area

1. The Industrial Area in Old Woking should be smartened up.
2. Preserve the Industrial Area as a location and source of local employment.
3. We should resist the loss of employment space.
4. Local employment opportunities should be promoted where they are not in conflict with other policies in this plan.

Local Infrastructure: Highways, Cycleways and Paths

1. Proposals that will increase the amount of highway usage must be assessed to be safe for all users.
2. Noise and air pollution along the main highways in the Hoe Valley (Claremont Avenue, Kingfield Road, A247, B382, Vicarage Road, Loop Road, Westfield Avenue, B380) should be monitored carefully.
3. Parking provision, especially off-street parking, should be encouraged to lower instances of on-street as far as possible.
4. Preservation and maintenance of grass verges and trees on the local highway network.
5. There should be increased connectivity between different parts of the ward - more footpaths, cycle paths and better signage.
6. All footpaths and cycle paths must be well maintained for use all year round.
7. Ensure accessibility for mobility vehicles, wheelchairs and prams/buggies to the local footpaths and cycleways.
8. Local highways should be upgraded to include more and better dropped curbs to enable people to crossroads more easily.
9. The local highway network on Kingfield Road near to Westfield Avenue, Elm Bridge and the Leisure Centre driveway should be upgraded to include better crossing points to link the end of the flood defences and the end of the leisure centre driveway.

Local Infrastructure: Parking Provision

1. Local events should include parking plans, especially for large local events such as Football matches and marathons.
2. Flats in the Hoe Valley area should have the same parking provision as houses.
3. Proposals brought forward for residential development must provide for a safe environment through the provision for off road parking and meet the following minimums:
 - i. a 1 bed property should have provision for at least 1 car;
 - ii. a 2-3 bed property should have provision for at least 2 cars;
 - iii. a 4+ bed property should have provision for at least 3 cars.

Exceptions to this should only be permitted if it can be clearly demonstrated that alternative requirements are necessary due to nature and accessibility of residential development or availability of public transport.

Local Infrastructure: Schooling

1. We will engage with Surrey CC to increase provision for local students to attend a school within walking distance.
2. We will promote harmonious relations between local Schools and Colleges and residents.

Questions

- Do you agree with these policies?
- What do you like?
- Are there any parts you disagree with?
- Is there anything you were expecting to see but isn't here?
- Any other comments?