

## WAVERLEY LOCAL PLAN 2016: SITES FOR HOUSING

Waverley Borough Council published in August its draft of part 1 of its new Local Plan. Once adopted, the new plan will set out the planning framework for the Borough for the period between now and 2032.

A key element of the Plan is the number of new homes which need to be provided for in order to meet the expected local demand. The figure for the Borough as a whole has been broken down in the draft in order to set out the number of new homes to be provided by the major settlements (Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and Cranleigh) and the larger villages. The proposed number for Elstead is 150, for the period 2013-32; this includes 22 homes already built or for which planning consent has been given.

The Parish Council has commented extensively on the Local Plan draft, and a copy of the full response can be found on the Parish Council website. On the issue of the number of new homes to be provided in Elstead, the Council has queried the basis of the Waverley figure of 150, which does not appear to be justified by the supporting data. It has therefore asked for further discussions with Waverley planners to try to sort this problem out.

It is however clear that Elstead will be required to find additional space for new homes over the next 16 years. Rather than leave this process solely to Waverley planners, the Elstead and Weyburn Neighbourhood Plan team will itself review all of the previously notified potential housing sites in order to make recommendations on their suitability or otherwise.

As part of this process, the team would like to invite parishioners to suggest any sites – no matter how small – within the parish which they consider are both **suitable and available** for housing development. If you think you know of any such site, can you please contact the Parish Clerk ([elsteadpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:elsteadpc.clerk@gmail.com)) with details as soon as possible, and in any event **before the end of November**. While we will use this information in our review of possible sites, we will not reveal who supplied the information without the prior consent of the persons concerned.

The purpose of this exercise will be to formulate proposals for the location of new housing – sufficient to meet whatever target finally emerges from the Waverley Local Plan process – for inclusion in the draft Elstead and Weyburn Neighbourhood Plan. This draft will itself be the subject of full consultation within the Neighbourhood Plan area.