



Appendix 4

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Fleet Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

4 May – 15 June 2018

Local people will be asked over the coming six weeks to comment on policies proposed for the Pre—Submission version of the Fleet Neighbourhood Plan which will shape the development of Fleet over the next 14 years.

A special issue of Fleet Town Council's newsletter TownTalk focusing on the Neighbourhood Plan will be dropping through letterboxes; it urges people to complete the questionnaire either online at www.fleet-tc.gov.uk or return the completed questionnaire to Fleet Town Council at The Harlington in Fleet Road.

Details of the Pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan and copies of the Plan will be on display in the Harlington for one month from 14 May until 15 June 2018 and at the Hart Shopping Centre from 14 to 25 May 2018. If members of the public have any questions on the Fleet Neighbourhood Plan or need clarification on any points, a Question & Answer Session is organised for Tuesday 22 May at 7pm in The Harlington.

Hard copies of the Pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan can also be found at Fleet Town Council's Offices in the Harlington, in Fleet Library and at the public displays.

Bob Schofield, Chairman of Fleet Town Council says "Creating a Neighbourhood Plan allows Fleet residents to shape how their area develops in future through local –level planning policies. This two-year project has been headed by a steering group of volunteers from the local community, businesses and town councillors.

The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the future of Fleet up to 2032 and will become part of the statutory Local Plan. It will have legal status and it will have to be considered when decisions are made on planning applications within Fleet Town Council's area.

Altogether there are 19 Policies in the Plan covering the Town Centre, Design and Heritage, Green Infrastructure, Sustainable Transport and the Public Realm.

It is a legal requirement to consult statutory bodies, local organisations and the wider community for a period of 6 weeks before this plan is submitted to Hart District Council who will check it meets legal requirements and arrange a further consultation before it is reviewed by an independent Examiner. Once this process has been completed, Fleet residents will have the opportunity to vote on the Final Plan in a referendum.

It is very important that everyone lets us have their views to shape the final version of this important document."

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