



EFFINGHAM

VILLAGE PLAN

Housing Requirements Survey

November 2013

Dear Resident,

We need your help. Effingham Parish Council wants to hear your views about the future of our village, so that we can put together a Village Plan to influence the planning policies which will affect us all. The enclosed Housing Requirements Survey will help us answer one of the biggest questions facing us at the moment – if extra homes are to be built in Effingham, what sort of homes should they be?

Guildford Borough Council is currently consulting on issues and options for a new Local Plan, which could mean big changes for Effingham. Government planning rules place strong emphasis on sustainable growth, so our village may be required to find land for more housing. Already there are proposals to rebuild the Howard of Effingham School on land opposite the current site on Lower Road, to be paid for by new residential development on land owned by the School.

The Parish Council is determined to ensure that IF extra housing is built in Effingham, it should include homes of the size and type required by the village's existing community. Perhaps you hope to buy a larger 3 or 4 bedroom family home in the next few years, or you would like to downsize to a 2-bedroom bungalow, or your children want to set up their own home and need to find somewhere affordable to rent. Whatever your likely housing requirements, even if no change, let us know by filling in this survey.

If more homes are built, 'planning gain' money would be available to improve village infrastructure, such as local schools, health services, public transport, roads, footways, cycle ways, and recreation facilities. So please tell us your views on these services and facilities too.

Be assured the published survey results will be totally anonymous. We need your name and address on the front of the survey booklet to ensure the data we gather accurately represents the households in our village, but your individual answers will be treated in strictest confidence and not published.

The survey will be collected by a volunteer as shown on the front page. Please seal the completed survey in the envelope and leave it out by your front door on the collection date. We welcome online completion of the survey – follow the link on the Village Plan website www.effinghamvillageplan.com, and then leave the empty survey form out for collection with 'ONLINE RETURN' written on the envelope.

The Parish Council is holding an open day 'The Local Plan and Effingham' between 10 am and 2 pm on Saturday 9 November at the KGV Hall on Browns Lane, when we can answer any questions you may have about this Survey, as well as considering the implications for Effingham of the Local Plan.

If you have any questions, or would like assistance in filling in the survey, please phone the Clerk to the Parish Council Clare Ritchie on 01372 454911, or email clerk2010@EffinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk, or call in at the Parish Room at Home Barn Court, The Street, Monday or Thursday, 11 am to 1.00 pm.

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the survey for us – we really appreciate your help.

Yours sincerely,

Arnold Pindar

Chairman, Effingham Parish Council



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PTO for more information about the Housing Requirements Survey

About this housing requirements survey

Part 1

The first part asks you to tell us about your existing home, and whether anyone living in your home at present expects to require a different, separate home in the next few years. Please give your best estimate about the time scale for this, whether it's in the next 5, 10 or 15 years. This will help us predict housing requirements in the time scale of the Borough Council's new Local Plan.

An example

A family with two grown-up children living at home may anticipate that both children will require their own separate home during the next five years, and the parents plan to downsize after that. In this case the answer to Question 9 would be:

Number of separate homes required within the next 5 years	2
Number of separate homes required within 6 - 10 years	1
Number of separate homes required within 11 – 15 years	0

Part 3 of the survey should then be completed for each of the three prospective households.

Part 2

If extra homes are built in the village, 'planning gain' money (known as Section 106 funding) will be provided by the developers to help the village infrastructure to cope with the extra homes. That could help improve services and facilities such as local schools, health services, public transport, roads, footways, cycle ways, and recreation facilities including the King George V Hall and Fields.

So the second part of the survey seeks your views and concerns about these services and facilities in Effingham. Your answers here will enable the Parish Council to provide information to assist Borough Council planning officers in negotiations for Section 106 funding linked to specific local planning applications.

Part 3

Part 3 asks for further information about the size (in terms of number of bedrooms) and type of housing which might be required by current village residents in the future. If extra homes are built in the village, information from this part of the survey will help the Parish Council press for the right mix of homes, both for market housing and for 'affordable housing' provided by Housing Associations. For example, if there is an expected requirement for two-bedroom bungalows for couples downsizing, or for three-bedroom family homes with a garden, we can press for enough of those to be included in the mix.

This part of the survey also plays an important role in determining the need for affordable housing in the village, and will help the Borough Council's Housing Services make sure that any new developments include the right sort of affordable homes to meet the needs of local people.

An example

In the example above, the requirements of the two grown-up children requiring separate homes (perhaps with partners) are entered in columns headed Prospective Household 1 and Prospective Household 2, and the parents enter their requirements in the column headed Prospective Household 3.

Part 4

This offers space for any further comments you may have.