

Preferred Options and Draft Policies Consultation January 2011

Chapter 2: The Spatial Portrait

There were 36 respondents to this Chapter, making a total of 77 comments. These are summarised below:-

Key Consultee Groups

Highways Agency

- Recommend production of a Transport Strategy that sets out transport measures and outlines how they can be delivered.

English Heritage

- The Sustainability Appraisal points to Appendix 1 as providing such evidence in support of SA Objective 13, but information provided differs from some areas of the Core Strategy.
- Appraisal does not distinguish between the three options in terms of potential impacts upon SA Objective 13 and it is evident that there is uncertainty over the outcomes. Further consideration needs to be given to the evidence base if it is to inform the strategy adequately.
- The presentation of the evidence base compares unfavourably with that for the natural environment.

South Downs National Park

- Document as a whole fails to recognise the constraints and opportunities represented by the South Downs National Park on the borough's southern boundary. Changes needed to reflect its importance for recreation and tourism arising from Haslemere's proximity to the park.

National and Local Organisations

- Additional information needed in chapter on generation of renewable energy (Guildford and Waverley Friends of the Earth)
- More specific information needed relating to which wards suffer in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation from a barrier to housing: is this in rural areas? (Guildford and Waverley Friends of the Earth)
- Concern about lack of theatre in Farnham (Farnham Theatre Association)
- Review SPA zones (Bourne Residents Association)

Developers / Agents

- While the spatial portrait states there is a need for affordable housing, the policy and option for housing development is very restrictive. It is desperately needed in and around the small villages. (Mark Westcott, Architect and Landscape Architect)

Individuals

- Good range of leisure and cultural facilities and shops, but no theatre or other similar premises.
- Waverley is not well supplied with surgeries. More housing will make issue worse.
- Should acknowledge that poor east/west connections are a constraint and locate development nearer the better north/south connections. Why target Cranleigh when it has poor road connections.
- Problems at Haslemere: overcrowded trains, lack of parking etc.
- Bus services in rural areas underused, too limited in terms of operating times and too expensive. Smaller buses would be better.
- Low target for new homes will do nothing to increase affordability in this area.
- Area does nothing to promote those with interest in aviation. Although aviation is permitted at Dunsfold this is so restricted at weekends as to be of zero use to those who fly at the weekends for recreational purposes, and have to travel great distances to do so.
- Statement on recreation does not reflect newer activities.
- Inconsistency with locating new development in places where it is not entirely necessary to rely on having access to a car and the location of the Milford Hospital development site.

