

BURPHAM UNDER THREAT!

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HAS PUBLISHED
THE NEW DRAFT LOCAL PLAN WHICH WILL HAVE
A HUGE IMPACT ON BURPHAM.



WHAT IS HAPPENING?

You need to be aware that Guildford Borough Council is planning to build over 14,000 new homes under the Draft Local Plan. Many of these houses will be built on large strategic sites

Blackwell Farm – 1800
Wisley (still in the Local Plan) – 2000
Slyfield – 1000 (could be 1700)
Garlick's Arch plus developments in Send – 500
and
Gosden Hill Farm, Burpham – 2000 homes

The Horsleys look set to have several developments adding up to around 500 homes. Add up what is proposed for Slyfield, Garlick's Arch and Send, Wisley, the Horsleys and Gosden Hill and you get

6000+ homes

**This is over 40% of the total number proposed and
all within a few miles of Burpham.**

Much of this development will be on Green Belt – many villages are being “inset” or removed from the Green Belt. They include Ripley, Send, Clandon and Wisley. This will inevitably lead to future development. Burpham will lose its present position at the edge of urban Guildford and immediately adjacent to the Green Belt.

Once the Green Belt is lost, it is lost forever.

The Draft Local Plan is some 1,800 pages long and you can access it at www.guildford.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Be warned, it is not user friendly.

- This plan, if put into practice, will merge all the villages along the A3 from the Hog’s Back to the M25.
- There is no provision for specific infrastructure improvements to either the A3 or local roads.
- The proposed new 4 way junction at Burnt Common will not alleviate Burpham’s traffic problems as has been claimed. The traffic situation, already dire in Burpham will be made far worse and to the detriment of everyone, residents and road users alike.
- Everyone seems to agree that a tunnel is a good idea – a decision has to be made BEFORE any planned development is agreed.
- If you want to preserve our village as a pleasant place to live, please take the time to make your views known by **18th JULY**.

HOW YOU CAN OBJECT

You can write a letter to:

Planning Policy
Guildford Borough Council
Millmead,
Guildford GU2 4BB

or email to:

localplan@guildford.gov.uk

It is important to get as many objections as possible so please encourage family and friends living in Guildford to join in.

Letters and emails should begin with the statement “I object to the 2016 Draft Local Plan” and continue with specific points. These might include:

- Loss of Green Belt
- Lack of evidence for alleged housing need numbers – 693 a year, more than double the previous figure given in 2012 of 322.
- Disproportionate level of development in one area of the Borough
- Lack of specific details of essential infrastructure.
- Limited consultation period.
- Decision needed on a tunnel before Gosden Hill can be earmarked for development.

These are suggestions – letters should be in your own words.

For help or advice please contact the BCA secretary at secretary@burphamca.org.uk or phone 01483 567791

Also see our website www.burphamca.org.uk