

HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Headley Court Outline Planning Application

Drop In Session at The Village Hall – Wednesday 26th February

The first planning application covering the proposed development at Headley Court has been submitted to Mole Valley. It is an outline application for up to 100 houses on the land to the West of the road to Leatherhead. The details of the application are broadly in line with the plans shown by Angle Property at their consultation session in November.

Cllrs Coe, Furr, Preedy and Steventon have formed a Working Group to prepare the Parish Council's own formal submission, but we also encourage residents to make their own submissions.



In order to capture as many local views as possible to inform the Parish Council's submission we are organising the following:

- As soon as the detailed plans are publicly available, we will publicise the link on our web-site and to our e-newsletter subscribers;
- We are organising a drop-in session at the Village Hall on February 26th from 3.30pm to 8pm; we will have copies of the key plans and a summary of the key concerns we have identified about the proposals. Parish councillors will be present to discuss these and to listen to other issues that you might raise. We will also be able to provide help on how to make your own submissions.
- We have scheduled a special Parish Council meeting on 9th March from 7:30pm-9pm. This will review two items – the PC submission on the Headley Court application, and our proposed response to the Draft Local Plan consultation.

SES Water Mains Update

The Parish Council has been in regular communications with SES Water about the progress of works along Church Lane to replace the water mains. The work is scheduled to last until Summer 2020.

Following complaints from the Parish Council we have seen some improvements:

- The information on the SES Water website has been updated, including details of the alternative bus provision;
- Signage about the businesses being open has been improved;
- SES Water has agreed to a regular meeting with Cllrs Furr and Laverty so we are kept fully briefed on progress;
- We have been promised better liaison before plans are finalised for subsequent works on Headley Common Road.



Meanwhile, Cllr Preedy is in discussions with SES Water’s senior management to explain the massive disruption this work is causing to our community and to ask them to allocate more priority and resources to the project. He is also asking for a more flexible approach to providing compensation to small local business for the impact of the closure.

New Headley Parish Council Website

The Parish Council has launched a new website which went live at the end of January. We had to transfer to a new vendor since the previous site was no longer supported. The web-site address is unchanged at www.headley-pc.gov.uk, but the move enables us to keep it more up-to-date as a source of information about the Parish Council and other issues affecting the community.

Please take the chance to look at it and tell us what you think.



The new website gives us the chance to revive our e-newsletters in a way that meets the GDPR privacy regulations. If you have given us your email details at a recent meeting, you should receive an email inviting you to sign up. If not, you can subscribe to the newsletters by entering your details in the bottom banner on the website.

Church Lane Nursery Update

We are expecting a planning application to be submitted for the Church Lane Nursery site. For over 8 years the Parish Council has been in discussions with the site owners and their agents with a view to building some affordable homes for people with a connection to Headley. The site has been viewed as the most appropriate site in walking distance of the centre of the village.

In 2019, based on feedback from residents, the Parish Council informed the owners that their plans were too intensive for the site. The owners have proposed some modest changes, but the Parish Council has felt unable to support them. If a new application is submitted to Mole Valley, we will organise another drop-in session before deciding whether to give them the Parish Council’s backing.

Mole Valley Draft Local Plan

- Are we building the right sort of homes in the right places in Mole Valley?
- Is there enough affordable housing and housing to rent?
- What sort of infrastructure is needed to support new housing?
- Are we protecting our Green Belt and open spaces?
- Are we doing enough to combat climate change?

These are just of the issues that will be affected by Mole Valley's next Local Plan. This will set the policy framework for planning decisions in the District up until 2033 and identifies potential sites for enough new homes to meet the Government-imposed target of new homes for Mole Valley. While the bulk of the demand would be met from brownfield sites, some of the proposed sites are in the Green Belt.

The Draft Local Plan is now available for public consultation until 23rd March.

The key headlines directly affecting Headley are:

- The entire village would remain "washed over" by the Green Belt; this provides a high-level of protection against inappropriate development
- There is an update describing Headley Court as a developed site within the Green Belt; this may well be overtaken by events if the current planning application is progressed;
- The rumoured housing site near Highlands Farm is not one of the sites proposed for housing.

This is a really important document for the future of our area and the Parish Council will be preparing a submission; this will be reviewed at the special Council Meeting on Monday 9th March – please join us from 7.30pm at The Village Hall.

We also strongly suggest residents reply directly to the consultation. Every household will be sent a card describing the process. The information is available online at futuremolevalley.org or paper copies can be supplied on request. There are also 13 consultation events across the District where Council officers will be on hand to answer your questions.

Cycling – Last chance to have your say on the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey event

Surrey County Council is undertaking a survey to inform an SCC Cabinet decision on whether the Ride London event continues in Surrey from 2021 until 2025. The event this year is already committed to go ahead. The survey closes on 16th February, so if you have strong views one way or the other, please respond to the survey.

surreycc.gov.uk/PRLSurrey



Headley Spring Clean Litter Pick

We are really grateful to the residents who help keep the village tidy by joining our litter picks every six months.

The next one is scheduled for Saturday 28th March and the plan is to meet at 3pm, spend a couple of hours tidying up the roads in the village and then meet up at The Cock for a drink.

Everybody is welcome and we normally arrange for any youngsters who help out on the Heath away from the roads.

Parish Precept 2020/21

In November the Parish Council set its budget for 2020-21 and agreed to leave the precept unchanged again. Residents might see a small change in the amount on the Council Tax bills since the precept may be shared over a slightly different number of properties.

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2020 Parish Council Meeting Dates - 7.30pm in The Village Hall

Monday 27th January
Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th March
Parish Council Meeting

Monday 30th March
Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 14th May
Annual Village Meeting

Monday 18th May
Annual General Meeting

Monday 27th July
Parish Council Meeting

Monday 28th September
Parish Council Meeting

Monday 30th November
Parish Council Meeting