

# Horsley Countryside Preservation Society

## Planning Policy

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### Our policy

The Society is not a lobbying organisation but, where appropriate, planning issues are passed to the Planning Advisory Group of the Society. If the proposed application lies within the boundaries of the Horsleys or is of a scale that would likely harm the setting of the villages and its environs, we will respond.

As highlighted at our Annual General Meeting, AGM, the advisory group does respond on behalf of the parish councils on any plans which may have an impact on the villages. However, the most effective response mechanism for our members is that of individual letters or responses to the Borough Councils and interaction with local and larger pressure groups, for example CPRE.

### Local Planning Authorities

It will be for each constituent Planning Authority to determine whether a proposed development constitutes major development for the purposes of applying paragraph 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework, taking into account the proposal in question, the local context and any Government definition of major development. Where appropriate, the need for a major development should be demonstrated and any overriding public benefit arising from it. In seeking to identify in development plans sufficient land to meet Councils' future housing requirements, any proposed housing land allocations directly, or possibly indirectly, impacting upon the countryside should be avoided and be shown to be a last resort. Any such proposals will need to demonstrate that other sites have been investigated but would have greater adverse effects on the public interest. ■