

Summary of comments received for the West Horsley Neighbourhood Area

Organisation (if applicable)	Comment	Officer's Response
Member of the public	<p>I support the West Horsley Parish Council application to designate West Horsley as a separate neighbourhood area. Speaking as a resident of 31 years, I consider that West Horsley is quite different in nature from the neighbouring parish of East Horsley and the two should not be confused. Anyone who proposes that the two parishes should be considered as a single neighbourhood is ignorant of past history and the very widely differing character of the two communities.</p>	<p>We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.</p>
Member of the public	<p>I fully support the West Horsley Parish Council's application for Neighbourhood Area status.</p> <p>The planning officers and councillors of GBC have signally failed to listen to the concerns about the destruction of the green belt in West Horsley. The draft local plan would result in the urbanisation of this small hamlet.</p> <p>The draft local plan erroneously defines West Horsley as a medium village. It has no post office, and is therefore defined as a hamlet.</p> <p>The infrastructure of both the Horsleys, East and West, would not cope with more than a small increase in housing numbers.</p> <p>I therefore hope that WHPC will be able to deliver a neighbourhood plan which will meet the needs of its residents, and provide sufficient housing to cater for local needs.</p> <p>It has been well documented by activists, including the Guildford Greenbelt Group, that there is no need to build on any of the green belt in the borough, as there is sufficient land in brownfield sites to meet the housing needs of the borough, and beyond.</p> <p>It has also been demonstrated that the proposed target housing number of 652 p.a. is at least double that needed, and which GBC has failed to reflect in the draft local plan.</p> <p>Let us have our democratic right to decide what is best for our own village.</p> <p>[Name redacted]</p>	<p>We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.</p>
Member of the public	<p>Re your email concerning neighbourhood area plans I support the proposal.</p>	<p>We note your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.</p>

Member of the public	I very much support the Parish Council application for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for East Horsley (and seperately for West Horsley) whereby the residents of these villages can determine what level of sustainable development is appropriate for this neighbouhood which will preserve the existing rural environment and housing density in close proximity to Greater London, and which also recognises the severe limitations on local infrastucture including particularly roads/ transport, flood drainage and schools/ public amenities.	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
Member of the public	I think this is an excellent proposal - it gives residents of the parish a real opportunity to be part of the planning process and hopefully a voice in the decision making. [Name redacted]	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
Dagero Ltd.	As longstanding West Horsley residents, my family and I strongly support the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village as a way of increasing the say of local residents in their own future, especially in relation to the housing issues outlined in the Parish Council's application letter. Unfortunately, the current Guildford Local Plan process has exposed a complete disregard by the GBC Executive for local views. By trying to "inset" (i.e. remove) the Horsleys from the Green Belt and proposing the building of hundreds of new homes within West Horsley parish, the draft Local Plan, championed by the Leader and the Lead Councillor for Planning (and abetted by a Planning Department which independent consultants have recently found to be dysfunctional), have demonstrated a complete incapacity to understand the wishes and character of this village. [Comment redacted]. While recognising the constraints imposed under the Localism Act, a Neighbourhood Plan may go some way towards devolving a small measure of responsibility for local planning to a more sensible level, and to restoring a degree of trust in the integrity of local representatives.	We acknowledge your support for neighbourhood planning in West Horsley. It is not clear whether your support the proposed neighbourhood area boundary.
Member of the public	I support the application and the opportunity for my locality to have some influence in matters of direct concern to the local community.	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
Member of the public	Dear Sirs, I agree that West Horsley should be asked to produce their own Neighbourhood Plan.	We acknowledge your support for neighbourhood planning in the parish West Horsley. It is not clear whether you support the proposed neighbourhood area boundary.

Burpham Neighbourhood Forum	Map in West Horsley document along Ockham Road North indicates centre line of Road as Boundary. (probably correct) East Horsley indicates West Horsley side of Road - suggesting diversion lines between two applications are not consistent	Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Our mapping system shows that at Ockham Road North south of East Lane, the dividing line between East and West Horsely runs through the centre of the road. The map used in the application was sourced from Surrey County Council and shows the correct boundary at higher levels of zoom but an unclear boundary at the scale used here. We do not consider this mapping error to be a serious issue as the correct parish boundary is a matter of public record and both neighbourhood area applications refer to the parish boundary.
Member of the public	I support West Horlsey application for Neighbourhood area status	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
Member of the public	I would like to support West Horsley Parish Council's application for the designation of a neighbourhood area covering the parish of West Horsley	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
Member of the public	As a resident of West Horsley I believe this village is a suitable and appropriate area for neighbourhood planning purposes and hope that it will duly be designated a Neighbourhood Area.	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.

<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>I am a resident of West Horsley and refer specifically to the site allocations 70,71,72 and 73</p> <p>My comments and observations are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Settlements such as West Horsley have evolved over time and the imposition of such a large development of housing will adversely impact on the character, nature and heritage of West Horsley 2. Public services and infrastructure are insufficient to support the level of housing development proposed. 3. School facilities in West Horsley are limited and could not support the development proposed. Also, it is inappropriate to suggest that independent schools are 'in walking distance' of the areas for development. These schools have a wide catchment area and are related more to income than proximity. Therefore this is an unsupportable suggestion in the housing plan. 4. Land your survey characterised as 'poor agricultural' was being used quite satisfactorily some years ago, particularly for diary farming. Much of the land around West Horsley is actually good usable arable/pasture agricultural land. I consider the survey characterises the quality of agricultural land in West Horsley too harshly. Land like this should be considered an asset as it also sustains biodiversity. 5. Greater thought should be given to developing housing within the hinterland of the Guildford urban area where services and infrastructure are already well developed and have capacity for further development. The local villages have little ability to absorb more housing, particularly on the scale proposed in the Local Plan 6. The danger of the way this Local plan is presented is that it doesn't take into account the effects of the aggregated house building. In individual sites it appears modest, but aggregating the proposed house building in an 'area' will have a profound impact and unintended adverse consequences. 	<p>We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area. We will enter your comments about the draft Local Plan into the Draft Local Plan strategy and sites consultation.</p>
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<p>Merrow Residents' Association</p>	<p>Thank-you for your email of 2 July about the application from the East and West Horsley Parish Councils to be designated as neighbourhood areas.</p> <p>The Merrow Residents' Association is very pleased to be able to support this application.</p>	<p>We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.</p>
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 West Horsley: Application for the designation of a neighbourhood area</p> <p>We have read the application made by West Horsley Parish Council by letter dated 12 June 2014 for the designation of the West Horsley Parish as a neighbourhood area under the terms of the above Regulations. We wish to support the application.</p>	<p>We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.</p>

Member of the public	As a local resident of west horsley who currently lives on windmill hill I would like to express my strong support for the designation of the neighbourhood area outlined in the consultation.As a resident who uses both the two local shops, the post office and the roads in the area I can confirm that this is a suitable and appropriate area for neighbourhood planning purposes. In particular any development must consider the limited infrastructure that is currently available in the area. This ranges from the fact that there is only one bus four times a day run by the council, to one state primary school which is currently oversubscribed and cannot take anymore children. We also have a limited amount of small dwelling. affordable housing for young people and families who have grown up in the area and work here to be able to live and this makes community views even more important in shaping the future of the area, another reason why the area proposed in west horsley must be made a neighbourhood area.	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
Member of the public	As residents of West Horsley we are completely in favour of the proposed plan for West Horsley Parish Council to take on a neighbourhood planning role.	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
Member of the public	I wish to support the designation of * the parish of West Horsley as a neighbourhood area * the parish of East Horsley as a neighbourhood area as requested by both Parish Councils	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.
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Member of the public	We would like to support the designation of both West and East Horsley as separate neighbourhood areas so that local people can have a say in the sympathetic development of these villages.	We acknowledge your support for the proposed neighbourhood area.