
Westhumble Residents Association
Response to MVDC draft proposals regarding changes to village boundary
November 2018

The WRA view is as follows:

- There are some residents who resist any change, but most accept that the village could accommodate some additional housing if it is of the right type.
- There are concerns around aesthetics and traffic. Smaller houses are preferred.
- Some residents would like homes to be suitable for retirement or for young people.
- The proposed extension of the village boundary around proposed development 18-WH-001 seems unnecessarily extensive. The Planning Policy team at MVDC explained the reasons but some members of the Committee still do not fully understand the logic for the extent of the area covered by this proposed change.
- Some members have concerns that the area shown as being inset from the Green Belt would change the character of the area. Its status should remain as it is at present so that limited infilling only is allowed.
- Westhumble street, Chapel Lane and the railway bridge are already very busy with cyclists, cars, and commercial vehicles servicing the village. There are also vehicles using Chapel Lane as a route between the A24 and Bookham. Any increase in the number of houses will impact on these roads. The use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds should be used to take account of these increases in traffic.

We look forward to the next stage of the consultation.

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