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## Your Town Council needs your view!

Sevenoaks District Council is currently drawing up its new Local Plan. This is a legal requirement and will, when finalised, determine what can be built where and what should be protected in the District up to 2035.

**SDC has sent you their Issues and Options consultation, and we urge you to read it carefully and respond before the closing date of 5th October.**

This survey covers many aspects: responding to Question 3 is especially important for Westerham as it asks for your opinion on 'Which Way Westerham' a concept promoted by Squerryes.

### **So why is Westerham Town Council also seeking your view?**

There are three main reasons:

1. We want to know your views as soon as possible so that we can represent them with certainty, and before the Local Plan process moves on. SDC's survey results are unlikely to be available until December 2017.
2. While SDC's survey is wide ranging, your Council's question relates to Which Way Westerham only.
3. SDC's survey has gone to the whole of Sevenoaks district, giving those outside Westerham the opportunity to give a view on Which Way Westerham. Your Council wants to know the views of those who live or work in its area.

### **Westerham Town Council's question is:-**

Do you support the Which Way Westerham concept?

**Which Way Westerham**, - a concept promoted by Squerryes:



'600 homes in new neighbourhoods, together with a relief road to divert the A25 around the town centre, with environmental and landscape improvements, new green public open spaces, community facilities and extensions to Common Land'

## Some key points

**Which Way Westerham**, - a concept promoted by Squerries:

'600 homes in new neighbourhoods, together with a relief road to divert the A25 around the town centre, with environmental and landscape improvements, new green public open spaces, community facilities and extensions to Common Land'

**There is as yet no detail on this proposal. You are being asked for your views on the concept.**

A more detailed plan would be necessary, should SDC decide to include the proposal in its draft Local Plan.

**Westerham's need for houses:** SDC has assessed that it needs 12,400 houses in the district over the next 20 years. The need for the 'Upper Darenth Corridor', which includes Westerham, Brasted, Sundridge and Chevening, is, according to SDC's assessment, 474 houses over the next 20 years.

**A relief road** would pass from the Beggars Lane roundabout, continue from the London Road to the Croydon Road, passing Churchill School, and would be able re-join the A25 only after the restoration of Covers Farm sandpit has been completed. The planning application for this restoration has yet to be made to KCC and a further planning application would then be needed for a relief road.

## Where to find more information

**All the information on the Local Plan** can be found at [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/issuesandoptions](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/issuesandoptions).

**And the information on Squerries proposal** at:

[www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20014/planning-policy/349/localplan-issuesandoptionsconsultation](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20014/planning-policy/349/localplan-issuesandoptionsconsultation)

Westerham Town Council has also set up an '**Information Room**' at the Council Offices, Russell House, where paper versions of the documents can be viewed Monday - Friday between 9.30am and 1pm.



Do please find out as much as you can, before you vote.

### **How to vote**

A voting paper has been sent to each household and business via Royal Mail. If you did not receive one week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September please contact the Town Council office on 01959 562147 email - [office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk).

We are also keen to hear from the next generation, so please encourage young people in the house or any who would prefer to vote on-line to access the question at:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WTCQuestion>

**Please respond as soon as possible and by 20th October at the latest.**

**Family Fun session at Westerham Hall  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
10.00am – 1.00pm  
Suitable for ages up to 11 years**

***Fun for the kids with a bouncy castle, games and crafts.  
There will be a magic show for part of the session.***

**Sessions are FREE of charge and no need to book just turn up  
and join in the fun.**

**The event has been sponsored by Westerham Town Council.**

## Programme to replace the posts along the top of the Green

We are pleased to report to residents that Westerham Town Council has been successful in securing funding to replace the posts across the top of the Green.

Currently there are a variety of posts: old oak posts that are deteriorating; some that were replaced by polyurethane posts (that nobody likes) and latterly Kent County Council haven't replaced them at all and there is a patch of tarmac in the paving where a post used to be.

In an attempt to smarten up the centre of Westerham and unify the posts around the town we will be replacing the posts along the top of the Green with cast iron bollards, as can be seen below. We will be working with a local contractor to remove the existing posts, install the new ones and make good the surrounding area, with the minimum of fuss and disruption during October.



## FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

### October

9<sup>th</sup> Council

12<sup>th</sup> Planning and Development

26<sup>th</sup> Planning and Development

Members of the public are very welcome to attend these meetings. The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House. **Visit our website [westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information.**