



WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Our Town – Our Future:

HAVE YOU RESPONDED? – CONSULTATION DEADLINE 10th SEPTEMBER 2018

How might Westerham look in 2035?

Where might the proposed 600+ new houses, a new industrial site, a bypass/relief road be sited?

Sevenoaks District Council has published their first draft of the Local Plan which sets out those sites within Westerham – and the rest of the district – which might be suitable for development. The fact that sites are included in this draft does not necessarily mean that they will be in the final version which will go to the Planning Inspector, an official responsible to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, who will decide if the plan is acceptable. At this stage SDC is asking statutory bodies (eg Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Kent County Council) for their views on whether the developments are feasible, **but they also want the community's view. Consultation opened on 16th July and ends 10th September**

How to Comment:

You will be able to comment via SDC's website www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan.

Alternatively, you can email planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk or write to Planning Policy, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1HG with your comments.

Please come to one of the events below, find out more and learn how to make your views known:

Wednesday 22nd August: 5-8pm Drop in session at the WSA building on King Georges' Field

During August-September Westerham Town Council have an information Room open during office hours: drop in and see the information.

Town Councillors will be at various events around the town with information. They will also be contacting the town's organisations and groups to gather their views.

Monday 3rd September: 7pm **Public Meeting, Westerham Hall**

Monday 10th September: 5pm **LAST DATE FOR making your views known to SDC**

Watch out for more information on our website, Facebook, noticeboards and social media.

**Many thanks to James Millard, Estate Agents for sponsoring the boards advertising the Family Fun Days on King George's Field this summer and for all the residents who agreed to display them.
Thanks also to Handome House for displaying a board.**

Nisa donation to Friday Lunch Club

The Barley Charity Trustee – Westerham Town Council is delighted to pass on a cheque for £500 from Nisa, Westerham - Making a Difference Locally to the Friday Lunch Club. The Club meets in Westerham Hall once a month and this money will go towards their outings in 2018. The Barley Charity Trust also passed on £150 to the Tuesday Club.

The Barley Charity was set up 'for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Westerham'.

Photo below: Left to Right – Sam Gravett – Event Prep Cooking, Angela Howells - Town Clerk, Ann Dumbleton, Lynda Everest, Lisa Howard – Nisa, Westerham, Christine Bird, Emma Page – Event Prep Cooking, Simon Goodall and Carol Hunter.

Sam and Emma from Event Prep Cooking give up their time once a month to cook a lovely meal supported by the regular volunteers.



Westerham Clubs/Activities for older people

Monday

No clubs.

Tuesday

Coffee Time at St Mary's Church 10am-12.00pm. Weekly.

Tuesday Club at Westerham Hall, 2pm-4pm. Bingo starts at 2.30pm. Enjoy a cup of tea, meet friends and go on monthly outings. Weekly. For more information contact Bob Ralph 01959 56344.

Wednesday

Talk Time at the Library, 10am-11am. Weekly.

Hearing Aid Clinic at Westerham Town Council Office, Russell House (above the doctors surgery) 10am-11.30am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (No Clinic August).

Thursday

KCC Community Wardens Surgery with Steve Grange at the Library, 10am-11am. Weekly.

Friday

Friday Lunch Club at Westerham Hall, 11.30 – 13.30pm, on the 2nd Friday of each month. Sponsored by Westerham Town Council and the Co-op. Enjoy a 2 course home-cooked meal, tea and coffee. There is a raffle and a quiz included in the price. Cost £5. Contact the Town council on 01959 562147 to book a place.

Forget me not Café, at the Congregational Church, Fullers Hill, Westerham, 11am-1pm on the 3rd Friday of each month. Sponsored by Westerham Town Council in partnership with KCC Community Warden and Home Instead Senior Care.

Age UK Lunch Club at Westerham Hall, 11.30am- 13.30pm on the last Friday of each month (except August and December). A 2 course lunch is served at 12pm followed by tea and coffee. There is a raffle and a quiz included in the price. Cost £4. Places should be booked prior to the day by contacting Linda Betts Tel: 01959 561302, 07956 430768.

Pupils at Churchill School have a taste of democracy

Westerham Town Councillors recently attended Churchill School to support a debate day and talk to pupils on how a democracy works. The day started with a presentation to the school on what a democracy is and how the town council operate. Pupils then had the opportunity to debate in each of their year groups on a range of topics from banning animal testing to whether Jack was right to steal

from the giant! Each year had to present their argument before a vote was taken. The day provided a great opportunity for the council to meet pupils and demonstrate the value of living in a democracy.

We were very impressed by the pupil's engagement and knowledge on the day. It was great to see children of all ages debating and learning more about local democracy. We look forward to hosting more events together in the future and our thanks go to Churchill School and all the pupils!

In the photo are Cllrs Hannah Marsh, Eddie Boyle and Alan Jowett.



Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Have your say- consultation closes 12 September 2018

The vision of the Kent County Council (KCC) Rights of Way Improvement Plan is to provide a high quality, well maintained Public Rights of Way network that will support the Kent economy, encourage active lifestyles and sustainable travel choices, and contribute to making Kent a great place to live, work and visit.

The plan set out the vision for the Rights of Way network and how KCC will work towards delivering this over the next 10 years. KCC would like your views on the [Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2018 – 2028](#) to ensure that it meets the needs and expectations of Kent residents. Please note this consultation closes at midnight on 12 September 2018.



FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

September

3rd Youth and Community
13th Planning and Development
10th Highways and Lighting
24th Finance and General Purposes
27th 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 for a schedule of 2018 meetings. You can also follow us on facebook www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil