

College Ward Residents Association



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Borough wide petition launched by CWRA

Hundreds of residents vote against the plan for high-rise buildings in Epsom and Ewell

In October CWRA launched a petition on EEBC's website calling for the Council to have a full Council meeting to discuss how best to meet the Conservative Government's requirements that 579 dwellings pa should be built, taking into account residents' views about high rise buildings and green belt land.



The CWRA chairman, Tim Humphries, in Epsom town centre facilitating people to sign the petition

The petition needed to have at least 1500 signatures before 1st November 2019 (ie in one month). In all 1815 people signed the petition of which 172 were paper signatures. If you want to see the petition go the Petitions page of the EEBC website.

The Council meeting will be held on 18th December 2019. Thank you to all who

signed! Do go and witness the debate.

See overleaf for more about planning and the Local Plan.

Litter Picking in College Ward

On 26th October a few staunch College Ward residents braved the rain to pick up litter in and on the roads around Alexandra Park.

Many bags of litter were collected, including a tyre!



We are hoping to have litter picks about twice a year. We would love lots of you to join us in this community activity in future.

Save the date

Wednesday

29th April 2020

CWRA AGM

at the Duchess's Stand

Speaker Alan Scadding,

Archivist Emeritus

at Epsom College

*Alan Scadding,
will be speaking
about the history
of Epsom College.*

Planning Applications

- South Hatch Stables - 18/00308/FUL-this application was approved by the chairman's casting vote. Since it affects the Green Belt, the application has been sent to the Secretary of State for approval. It is of some comfort that the application was not approved within the normal timeframe.
- Downhill - Downs Hill Road-19/00921/FUL- application to build a two storey four bedroomed detached house in the garden. This is still awaiting a decision.
- 59 Ashley Road-18/00548/FUL - Residential development of 6 flats following demolition of existing building. This is still awaiting a decision.
- 24-28 West Street Epsom Surrey-19/01021/FUL-application to construct a 13-storey building following demolition of existing building. To date there have been 397 objections to this development. This is still awaiting a decision.

Please use this link to view the proposed building - <https://bit.ly/330AuUg> and then scroll down to download the PDF file under Plan Proposed | PROPOSED PERSPECTIVE 1



A seven story building near Epsom station. Do you want buildings higher than this around the Borough?

The Local Plan

Your RA Councillor, Nigel Collin, has been actively engaged with RA colleagues in shaping the response to the Local Plan on which all residents will be consulted shortly.

What is the Local Plan?

The Council remains in a very vulnerable place with regards to planning applications. The government requires us to show we have a five-year land supply – we currently have just over one.

This lack of a five-year land supply will be addressed through a new Local Plan which will set out how Epsom and Ewell will meet its needs through to 2040.

There is a statutory duty to produce a new, up to date, Local Plan that takes into account demanding national government housing targets, as mentioned on the front page.

The aim is to have a new Local Plan by the end of 2020 so that the Council can continue to positively shape development in the Borough. The Council will shortly be engaging with residents to capture comments and opinions on the work completed to date.

Any residents that wish to be contacted as part of the process can email details to localplan@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

The Local Plan is a challenge because of the very ambitious targets set for the Borough by the government. Meeting these targets could



require some tough decisions such as building more densely and releasing some underperforming Green Belt land and it is important that residents voice their opinions. It is also important to produce a Local Plan that an Inspector will approve, otherwise the Council could face a very costly bill to re-write it.

For further details go to <https://bit.ly/2O3KJgv>

It is an opportunity for you to have your say on what Epsom and Ewell could look like in the future. Your voice will count. Please make your opinions known when the Council seeks the views of residents.

Residents' Association Councillors Statement on a new Local Plan and Housing Numbers

The Government's policy to increase house build numbers includes a formula that determines how many houses must be built in each local planning authority area. For Epsom and Ewell, with approximately 45% green belt and limited brown field sites, the target has been set at 579 new dwellings per year – a total of 9843 new homes by 2036. That figure is unreasonable and unrealistic, but we do have to find ways to build more homes through the development of a new Local Plan.

1. We recognise that, like many other areas, we face an acute housing shortage and we are committed to increasing the number of homes built in the borough, particularly affordable homes
2. In doing so we are also committed to maintaining the character of the borough by ensuring local circumstances and character are taken into account. Therefore:
 - Planning policies will support the “desirability of maintaining an area’s prevailing character and setting” (taken from the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) para 122(d).)
 - We will introduce policies to ensure that developments ‘function well and add to the overall quality of the area [be] visually attractive ... sympathetic to local character, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting ... [and] create placeswith a high standard of amenity for existing and future users’ (NPPF para 127)
3. We will focus housing development in the following locations:
 - I. Epsom Town Centre
 - II. Other centres and stations
 - III. Principal movement corridors
 - IV. Strategic employment sites
 - V. Intensification of the urban area
 - VI. Urban edge of green belt
4. Mindful of our commitment to maintain the borough and each locality’s prevailing character and setting, we will increase the density and height of development but we will place a height restriction [storeys] which reflect each localities character and setting, based on the NPPF which states that developments should be: “consistent with the prevailing height and form of neighbouring properties and the overall street scene.” (para.118)
5. In order to meet the Government’s housing target we will have to develop some areas of the Green Belt, but we are committed to maintaining the vast majority of the Green Belt which is an important part of the character of our borough.
6. We will introduce design policies that require developers to deliver design quality with an emphasis on green and family friendly, and which ensures that each development is ‘of Epsom’ reflecting the local character and setting.
7. Our Local Plan will also reflect our commitments in the Environmental Action Plan (Climate Change Action Plan) to be agreed by the Borough Council in January 2020.
8. Our Local Plan will also address the issues of the necessary infrastructure to ensure that new developments are sustainable (transport, schools, local shops and community facilities).
9. In line with Government policy we will make a realistic assessment of the number of homes our community can sustain.

Update on Tree Planting

Surrey County Council (SCC) has committed to facilitate the planting of 1.2 million trees – one for every Surrey resident – by 2030. The aim is to meet the target by working with Surrey boroughs and districts as well as local community groups and partners who will assist with both funding and the supply of trees and land. However, there is not such good news on SCC's promise in July to increase the planting of trees in Epsom and Ewell's residential streets. There has been no announcement of a change of policy.



In Epsom town centre where, funded by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, contractors



have started planting eighteen new trees as part of the marketplace development.

Dashboard of the Chief Constable of Surrey Police

The yearly telephone calls to 999 and 101 contacts with Surrey Police

999 CALLS		101 CALLS	
12 months to Sept 2018	134,000	12 months to Sept 2018	322,000
12 months to Sept 2019	139,905	12 months to Sept 2019	338,761

Daily demand (current averages Oct 2019) of police activities:

11 Missing Persons	60 ASB Incidents	32 Mental Health Incidents	15 Repeat Mental Health Incidents
936 101 Calls	385 999 Calls	207 Emergency or Priority Response	263 Repeat Demand
210 Crimes Recorded	13 Burglary	20 Violence with Injury	5 Serious Sexual
130 Allocated for Investigation	27 DA Cases	149 Repeat Locations	48 Repeat Victims of Crime

Can you afford 10 mins twice a week to water a tree near you over the summer? The Tree Advisory Board are looking for Tree Champions. Phone 01372 727953 to find out more.

Subscriptions

CWRA have kept their subs to £3 pa for several years. If you have not paid your 2019 subscription and would like to do so you can now pay by direct bank transfer. Here are the details:

Lloyds Bank,
Sort code: 30-93-08;
Account number: 00439551,
Reference to quote:

Your postcode followed by your surname (no spaces) eg "KT174BZJohnson"

If we don't have your email address and would like to keep up to date with news through our Bulletins, then please let us have your email address as well via info@collegeward.org

1. Thirteen
2. 79451
3. 25 to 44 years
4. Street Lights
5. 1780
6. 43%
7. All of them
8. Jack and the Beanstalk
9. The Borough has the largest racehorse training facility in the country
10. Least affordable
11. Develop a new long-term vision for the borough

???? QUIZ ????

How much do you know about the Borough?

1. There are 38 borough Councillors in Epsom and Ewell, but how many Wards are there in total?

1. One
2. Seven
3. Thirteen
4. Eighteen
5. Twenty-Two

2. Epsom and Ewell is the smallest and mostly densely populated borough in Surrey. But how many people live here?

1. 69,231
2. 79,451
3. 89,614
4. 99,666
5. 120,651

3. In Epsom and Ewell, the 85+ population is projected to increase by almost 100% over the next 20 years. Which age range is projected to decrease over the same period?

1. 0 to 24 years
2. 25 to 44 years
3. 45 to 65 years
4. 65 to 85 years

4. The Council provides more than 50 different services. Which of the following does the Borough Council not provide?

1. Street sweeping
2. Street lights
3. Bin collection
4. Food hygiene inspections
5. Building Control
6. Taxi Licensing

5. The first recorded race at Epsom Downs Racecourse took place as early as 1661. But what year did The Derby first take place?

1. 1720
2. 1780
3. 1830
4. 1875
5. 1901

6. Epsom and Ewell is a very green and beautiful place. What proportion of the borough is Green Belt?

1. 10%
2. 25%
3. 35%
4. 33%
5. 43%

2. 19%
3. 25%
5. 43%

7. How many of these creative places are in the borough?

1. Epsom Playhouse
2. Laine Theatre Arts
3. Bourne Hall Museum
4. University of the Creative Arts
5. Performing Arts College at NESCOL
6. Horton Chapel

8. What was by far the best selling production last year at the Epsom Playhouse?

1. An Evening with Pam Ayres
2. Jack and The Beanstalk
3. The Wizard of Oz
4. Epsom and Ewell Schools Music Festival
5. Epsom Symphony Orchestra

9. Which borough fact is not true?

1. King Henry VIII had a palace here
2. Epsom Common is Surrey's largest nature reserve
3. The UCA includes the UK's only Business School for the Creative Industries
4. The singer, Petula Clark, was born here
5. Epsom Station is the 3rd busiest in Surrey
6. The Borough has the largest racehorse training facility in the country

10. Housing affordability is a big challenge across Surrey.

Compared to other boroughs and districts in Surrey, Epsom and Ewell is:

1. Most affordable
2. 2nd most affordable
3. Averagely affordable
4. 2nd least affordable
5. Least affordable

11. Future40, is a Council led initiative. But what is it for:

1. To try and reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph
2. Promote NHS health checks for over 40s
3. Develop a new long-term vision for the borough
4. A 40km bike race starting from Epsom Common
5. A 40-year time capsule located in the Market Place

Answers: see previous page

Citizens Advice Epsom & Ewell need volunteers

Join a local team that makes a difference in their local community

Contact them to find out more

The Old Town Hall

The Parade,

Epsom,

KT18 5AG

Find out more information on -

<https://caee.org.uk/volunteer/> or Email on -

asm@caee.org.uk



Your RA Councillor, Nigel Collin, has been busy on your behalf

Environment:

Nigel has campaigned for specific reference to air pollution in the climate change motion and is engaged with Surrey County Council's greener future project advocating wild flower planting along road verges to attract more bees, butterflies and other insects.



Hospital:

In conjunction with the chairs of the Health and Wellbeing committee and the Health Liaison panel, Nigel has discussed the RA strategy for retention of our hospital's services. Two recent press releases were published setting out the RA position and it is planned to hold an open meeting early in 2020. A consultation document is due to be published by the NHS soon. Please make your views known, they do count.



College Ward issues:

Residents have contacted Nigel (who is a local



committee member) regarding a number of parking issues from verge parking to the need for yellow lines. These include double yellow lines on Wallace Fields, curfew parking in Windmill close, the Ridings and Downs Road with curfew parking on the odd numbers side of Bridge road. Weekday restrictions for Alexandra Road have also been introduced.

Your CWRA Councillor Nigel Collin holds a monthly surgery

It's on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 11am to 12noon, in the coffee shop on the first floor of the Ebbisham Centre where Nigel is happy to discuss any concerns face to face.



For any Borough problem phone EEBC on 01372 732000

CONTACT CWRA

If you have anything you wish to comment on or query contact us by email: info@collegeward.org
Alternatively, you could phone our chairman, Tim Humphries, on 01372 740325