

### From your local Conservative Team: supporting residents in Broadacres, Fairlands, Jacobs Well, Perry Hill, Wood Street and Worplesdon

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## WORPLESDON: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

*Development of The GBC Local Plan has raised many vexed issues for the residents of Worplesdon and Guildford Borough, in general. Your Conservative Team will continue to do all we can to ensure that the views of residents in Worplesdon Ward are properly represented on this matter and that you are kept fully informed.*

Our priority is our local area so it is important that we balance all the needs of the community and this means properly considering what Worplesdon Ward needs to do now and over the next 20 years so that it remains a vibrant economy and can provide the right types of employment and housing (affordable and marketplace) for the current generation, our children and grandchildren; whilst making sure at all times that we take proper care of the vulnerable and infirm people in our community.

Development will undoubtedly have to take place in Guildford and the surrounding area over the next decade and beyond, simply because of the increased local need for housing, business and service premises (e.g. schools, medical facilities, etc.). However, your councillors firmly believe that all development proposals must be carefully assessed and considered with respect to the current community, the local surroundings and the supporting infrastructure (e.g. roads, shops, schools, electricity, gas and water supply, drainage, sewers, etc.).

Bob McShee, Worplesdon Lead Member for GBC Planning commented; "GBC needs to clearly set out a proper vision for Guildford Borough for the next 20 or so years. There needs to be a document that conveys a very clear vision of what has to be done to ensure we retain a vibrant local economy in Guildford that meets the long-term needs and aspirations of local people and business; that also secures the investment we need to deliver the vision. Not least we need a dynamic vision that will re-vitalise the Town Centre without losing its unique character and charm. Significantly improving traffic management in and around Guildford is also an absolute necessity to make access for residents and business much more efficient. Other infrastructure has to be upgraded, modernised and expanded to make it fit for purpose in the 21st Century".

Then there is the GBC Local Plan which is just one part of the contribution to what should be a **Future Vision for Guildford**. However, this process has 'incorrectly' become the major talking point and has led to communities 'cherry picking' and arguing about specific issues that really should be looked at in context and with a much wider and better informed vision! Bob is also concerned about the loss of local agricultural land in connection with proposed developments in the Draft Local Plan. He says that "by making good use of agricultural land, the need to import food will be reduced and it will give encouragement to our local farmers."

Your Councillors are very aware of constituents concerns about 'potential' local developments identified in the draft Local Plan and are delighted with the recent public announcement by Council Leader Stephen Mansbridge, in response to revised guidance from Government, that "I can state categorically that no site will come forward for development within the green belt, any Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or area of flood risk unless it has been fully reassessed against the planning practice guidance as amended in October." Be assured, your Councillors will continue to take all necessary steps during the consultation process to ensure that the Local Plan achieves what is best for Worplesdon.



*Supporting local businesses and employment*



*Worplesdon Councillors Iseult Roche, Bob McShee, Keith Witham and David Elms personally value our local countryside and green spaces*

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## Local Councillors, Local People, Local Issues



## Road Safety, Local Roads Resurfacing and Traffic Improvement Schemes



Conservative County Councillors are getting more roads resurfaced more quickly and, in conjunction with Worplesdon Borough Councillors, local road safety and traffic improvement schemes for Worplesdon Ward are being relentlessly pursued.

**JACOBS WELL**—Clay Lane has been fully resurfaced; this follows the Jacobs Well section of Woking Road earlier this year.

A "No right turn" is being proposed from Jacobs Well Road, at the junction with Woking Road. This follows a number of personal injury accidents at that junction.

Following installation of a new bus shelter on Woking Road (see photo), six other local bus stops are being upgraded to address accessibility issues when boarding/disembarking from buses and a pedestrian refuge is to be installed on Clay Lane at the junction with Blanchard Hill and Jacobs Well Road. The Woking Road bus shelter has recently been vandalised (all the glass has been broken) which is a sad reflection on our society. The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance and is carrying out the repairs.

The bridleway which runs over Stringers Common and crosses Salt Box Road by the railway bridge is very difficult to cross safely because the restricted sight lines makes it difficult to see fast oncoming traffic approaching and this has contributed to several accidents. To address this issue SCC are intending to create a short length of pathway on each side of Salt Box Road and these paths, together with fencing on the southern side, will encourage members of the public to cross the road approximately 70 metres west of the bridge where sight lines are significantly better for both pedestrians and drivers.

**WOOD STREET**—SCC are intending to introduce a traffic improvement scheme between 139 Oak Hill and 10 Frog Grove Lane. These improvements are being introduced to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. During a recent speed check, the average speed of vehicles was 42/43 mph with a maximum speed of 80 mph. Surrey County Council are hoping that by taking these safety measures the speed of the vehicles will be reduced making it safer for the residents of Wood Street Village. Funding has been obtained for this road safety improvement scheme along Broad Street, Wood Street Village and is in the planning stage, including two "30mph" flashing signs, renewed speed limit signage, road markings, and high friction surfacing. Other schemes are being considered around the Parish.



## Community Health and Social Care

Our community's health and wellbeing are important to us all - Cllr. Roche advises Guildford Borough Council on public health & social care issues and ensures local matters are prioritized.

Integrated health and care services are important, especially to those who are elderly, unwell or have specific needs. It is planned in the UK for integrated holistic care to be achieved in the community with involvement from local hospitals and Primary Care teams.

Cllr Roche, who is also a Dementia Champion and trustee of the Citizens Advice Bureau, says: "Most elderly people would rather stay in their own homes for longer, even with poor health, rather than going into care. It is right to have a choice and most Doctors feel this is best for many reasons. Good quality care can be achieved at home as long as suitable health care staff are available locally to carry out care work and there is good local clinical support".

"This means more nurses and carers will be needed in the local community, to support those who need help, such as elderly, frail and unwell residents. For nurses and carers to live in and around Worplesdon, **additional appropriately located and affordable homes** will be needed, whilst protecting our green and open spaces.

Regardless of the local plan, suitable homes need to be built to enable nurses and carers to support elderly and unwell people stay in their own homes. Also for those with specific needs, we have to consider adaptable, variable size and affordable homes with good access to health care clinics and more local GP practices".

## Improving Community Play Areas

S106 funds arising from developments on the former T & R Generators and Guildford Shade Marquees sites are to be used to upgrade play areas in Worplesdon Ward. Following discussions between Cllr David Elms and Worplesdon Parish Council, the first location to benefit from additional equipment will be the Baird Drive play area in Wood Street. As further funding becomes available the young people of Worplesdon could enjoy upgrades to more play areas.





## Community Flooding Protection

The Worplesdon Flood Forum which was started 8 years ago by Anne Milton, our local MP, with the Parish Council and concerned residents in Jacobs Well, now covers the whole of the Parish. Our Flood Forum is now an exemplar for other areas to adopt. However, although Worplesdon Parish has been much less affected by widespread flooding than other communities in recent times, there still remain outstanding flooding and drainage issues to deal with.

Organised by Worplesdon Parish Council and chaired by Anne, the Forum includes local resident volunteers and hard working multi-agency groups from SCC, GBC, SWT, Environment Agency and Thames Water. Meeting regularly in Jacobs Well, Fairlands and Worplesdon the aim is simply to resolve flooding and drainage issues throughout the Parish by working together and importantly, sharing local knowledge. For more information on Worplesdon Flood Forum go to the Parish Council website: [www.parish-council.com/Worplesdon](http://www.parish-council.com/Worplesdon)



## Slyfield Area Regeneration Project (SARP)

Cllr. Bob McShee has represented Worplesdon Parish Council and local communities on the SARP Forum since 2009. Local areas affected by the SARP Development include Bellfields, Burpham, Stoke, Stoughton, Weyside and Worplesdon, particularly Jacobs Well. The Forum consists of our MP, County, Borough and Parish Councillors, local Resident Association representatives from the affected areas, Slyfield Estate business interests and the developers; Surrey County and Guildford Borough Councils and Thames Water. Since the Forum was first established, all stakeholders have been working closely together to ensure that the Project Team takes full account of local needs, now and in the future, thus making the necessary infrastructure improvements to allow this major development to go-ahead and bring good medium and long-term local community benefits.

Bob reports "the existing single access into Slyfield Industrial Estate is a major problem so a Clay Lane link road was identified 5 years ago as an essential requirement to relieve local traffic problems for residents living along the Woking Road and in Jacobs Well, Stoke, Bellfields and Stoughton. The Master Planner has come up with a number of possible schemes / routes and the preferred option has now been identified. This 'link road' is a key part of the

SARP Project so the recent opportunity to take advantage of a £6 million Central Government funding (a loan) must not be lost. This will ensure that the SCC Highway engineering design can proceed unhindered in the near future (2015). However, prior to submission of a planning application to GBC it will be important for Forum members to play an active role as the technical analysis proceeds and before the consultation period with the wider community commences."

## Improving Waste Collections & Recycling

Following reports to Cllr. David Elms about irregular bin emptying being experienced by several residents in Jacobs Well, contact was made with the Head of Environment at the Guildford Road Depot. This department is responsible for waste collection and they agreed to revisit the collection arrangements and rectify problems. As a result, GBC agreed the service could be improved and an additional vehicle has been made available; so the previous three x 3-man crews have been replaced by four x 2-man crews and this has proved very successful.

Keeping Worplesdon clean and tidy is in everyone's best interest so your Conservative Team will always support local recycling schemes that encourage people to properly dispose of litter, etc.



Litter Bin Provided by Parish Council



## Aldershot Road Allotments

In the 'Draft' Local Plan the land at Aldershot Road allotments has at last, after much pressure by Worplesdon councillors, been identified for continued use as allotments including the 'fallow' land at the top of the allotments site. For many years this site was allocated for housing and open space, but after much lobbying by your local Councillors and local residents, Guildford Borough Council has accepted that allotments are the preferred use for this site and the 'fallow' land will be incorporated into the existing allotments over the next 5 years.

David Bird, the Chairman of Westborough, Broadacres & District Residents Association, (WBDRA) has stated that "WBDRA is very grateful to Worplesdon Conservatives for their help over the past 10 years in helping to put the Aldershot Road Allotment site into the No Housing category in the 'Draft' Local Plan. He added that it has been a long, arduous haul to get this far and local residents owe a tremendous debt of gratitude in particular, to Cllr. Bob McShee and the late Cllr. Mike Nevins for their full assistance and support.

## Deliverers Needed in Worplesdon

If you would like to help us to deliver newsletters and other literature in your local area or street, then please get in touch with one of the Councillors or John Findlay, Chairman of Worplesdon Conservatives Branch on 01483 823234.



## Your Local Team

has been elected to serve the community of Worplesdon. If you need their help or advice then please get in touch with one of the team.

### Anne Milton, our local MP

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Anne has been the Member of Parliament for Guildford since 2005 and in 2012 she was promoted to serve as a Whip in the Government Office. Anne has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically for all of her constituents; getting involved with many local activities to provide her personal support to local people and communities. Anne is widely respected in Guildford and in Parliament as a hardworking MP.

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Bob is a Guildford Borough and Worplesdon Parish Councillor. He was the WPC Chairman for 13 years. A retired consulting engineer living in Broadacres and with many years local experience, Bob is Worplesdon lead member on the GBC Planning Committee. He is also a member of GBC Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee, and GBC's representative on the FLGCA.

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Keith is the Surrey County Councillor for Worplesdon, Normandy, and Pirbright. He lives in Normandy and being a working Director at a hospice, his primary focus is care in the community.

Keith is Chairman of the SCC Adult Social Care Select Committee. He is also a member of the SCC Guildford Local Committee.

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← David, the Mayor of Guildford for 2014/15, is a Guildford Borough Councillor and Worplesdon Parish Councillor.

He is a former Chairman of the GBC Licensing Committee and, being a former magistrate, is very experienced and ready to help with these matters. He is also a member of the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny and Standards Committees.

David is a retired fire officer and lives locally with his family in Fairlands.

Iseult is a Guildford Borough Councillor and works locally as a doctor. She is a Council nominated Governor at the RSCH and is also a member of the Healthy Guildford Group and a Trustee of the Citizens Advice Bureau. →

Iseult is also a member of the GBC Customer and Community Scrutiny Committee, Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee and Standards and Licensing committees.

Iseult is married and lives with her family in Perry Hill.

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## THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY - YOUR ISSUES ARE OUR ISSUES