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# CRANLEIGH MP ANNE CALLS MEETING OVER PLANNING CONCERNS

**Recent concerns about the Berkley Homes application in Cranleigh have continued to grow over recent weeks.**

At a recent planning surgery local MP **Anne Milton**, along with parish and borough councillors **Patricia and Brian Ellis** and **Mary Forszewski**, had a chance to hear first-hand huge concerns from residents.

There was consensus that Cranleigh needed some more homes but that brown field sites should be used first.

There was also widespread agreement that any new homes should be affordable, that flooding must be taken into account and solutions should be found to the infrastructure shortfall – particularly with roads already overstretched and public transport before more building takes place.

Speaking after the meeting Anne said: “At the moment it feels like a planning free-for-all in Cranleigh.

“It’s great to get such good support from local councillors and we will all need to work together to make sure we defend the village from



Anne, pictured in Cranleigh High Street, is listening to residents’ concerns

these speculative developers. People feel very nervous and we need to keep up the pressure.”

Anne gave a thumbs-up to the newly formed Cranleigh Society saying: “It’s fantastic to see the commitment from residents to get a Cranleigh Society up and running.

“Well done to all of those who have given up their time to do this! Cranleigh is a great place to live and work and a Cranleigh Society

will be a guardian of all that makes Cranleigh so special.

“It will compliment all the work currently done by the Parish Council’s and can also look to the future to make sure Cranleigh is there for our children and grandchildren.”

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Waverley Borough Council planning committee deferred the application by Berkeley Homes until December to get more information from Surrey County Council over the surface water flooding.

Anne Milton said: "What Cranleigh needs is more affordable homes. I know that Waverley is concerned about using land zoned for employment but the bottom line is

that if we can't find homes for the people who already work in Cranleigh. There is no point in keeping land for jobs if we haven't got homes for the workers! Last winter we saw terrible flooding across Guildford and Waverley. "I have set up a flood forum in Alfold – I've had one up and running in Worplesdon for seven years – but we are working against the tide if we get

more homes and no flood measures put in place.

"We need a very well thought out plan to meet the shortage of homes, preserve our countryside and make sure we can all move about on our roads and by public transport. I know local councillors are very keen to get the right plan in place for the residents of Cranleigh."

**Grants now available for groups**

■ **The Waverley Community Partnership grant scheme funding round for 2015-16 is now open.**

Community organisations that deliver high priority services to the local Waverley community, in partnership with Waverley Borough Council, are eligible to apply.

Types of services that may be considered for funding include services for older people, youth organisations or arts and community centres.

For more information, visit [www.waverley.gov.uk](http://www.waverley.gov.uk) or contact the Grants Officer on 01483 523067.



Anne Milton in Cranleigh Bernardo's

**Recycling feedback welcomed**

■ **Waverley Borough Council has set up an online feedback form for residents to comment on Waverley's new garden waste service, launched last April.**

With around 10,000 residents now signed up, compared to 3,200 on the old scheme, the amount of garden waste collected has now doubled.

Whether or not residents have used the new service Waverley Borough Council would welcome their