

Consultation on housing is extended

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Land owners, developers and agents have been asked to submit details of sites that could potentially be used for development over the following years.

The consultation exercise was due to end on Friday, August 15, but has been extended to allow extra time for potential sites to be submitted.

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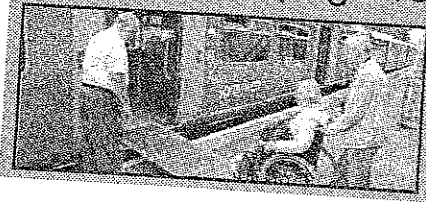
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Once completed, the assessment will be added as evidence to the Epsom and Ewell Local Development Framework study and will help in the preparation of new planning policies. The actual allocation of sites for new housing will be decided by the Site Allocations Development Plan.

Anyone who owns, knows of a potential site which could be developed at some point in the next 15 years for housing, or wants to simply find out more about the consultation exercise, can submit details online at www.epson-ewell.gov.uk or call 01372 732000.

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Epsom & Ewell covers an area of 8,500 acres, approximately 15 miles south of London.

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The majority group on the Borough Council is made up of residents associations which hold 25 of the 38 seats. The Liberal Democrat Party has eleven seats and the Conservative Party has two.

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Epsom & Ewell borders The Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, the London Borough of Sutton, the Borough of Reigate & Banstead and the District of Mole Valley.

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The population is approximately 69,600. The Borough has the smallest population of all the districts within the County of Surrey.

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There are 13,000 residents over the age of 65 and 15,500 under the age of 20.

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Under 35,000 residents are economically active and 25,000 people work in the Borough.

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Epsom & Ewell has around 2,000 acres of open space including Epsom Common, Horton Country Park and Rosebery Park, named after the former Prime Minister, Lord Rosebery who lived in the area.

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Epsom & Ewell was bombed during World War Two.

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Epsom was once famous as a spa town during the 1600s. The water from its Wells contained Epsom Salts. Diarist Samuel Pepys was a frequent visitor.

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Web page


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Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

Government guidance states that local authorities must maintain an adequate supply of new housing sites in their areas. As part of this all Councils have to give consideration to where new housing development might be located within the Borough and to assess all potential opportunities. This will help ensure that the Borough's housing targets, currently set at 199 dwellings per year are achievable over the next 15 years.

The Council is required to carry out a 'Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment' (SHLAA) so that it can demonstrate that the housing target can be met.

What is a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment?

A SHLAA is a technical document, which will help to identify the Borough's future housing supply. It will become part of the 'evidence base' for the Local Development Framework (LDF), which will inform the production of new planning policies.

The SHLAA will not allocate land; this is the role of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document. However, it will help inform the choices as to which sites should be selected in the production of the Site Allocations DPD.

SHLAA methodology & outputs

Through the SHLAA, local authorities are required to identify potential housing sites, in five yearly periods, for the next 15 years. Where it is not possible to identify specific sites for years 11 to 15, the broad locations for future growth could be indicated.

To produce the SHLAA, the Council is proposing to follow the methodology set out in the government guidance, varying it where appropriate to suit local circumstances. The scope of the study is required to be broad and must not be narrowed by existing planning policies (apart from those relating to certain national designations, such as flood zones). Therefore the study will examine the future potential for the release of sites in the Green Belt. However, it is not envisaged that such sites will be required for the foreseeable future, as the Council is confident that it can accommodate future housing growth within the built up area.

It is intended that the SHLAA will be updated regularly to ensure that a continuous rolling supply of potential sites can be demonstrated.

SHLAA Methodology

Planning Policy
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