



# Additional Site Consultation Overall Summary

## Introduction

The additional site consultation is the third public consultation undertaken as part of the development of the Local Plan.

The Local Plan is a document that will set out how Crawley should manage the development of land within its boundary to ensure that planning decisions will meet the needs of people living and working in the town today and in the future.

Following feedback from previous consultation about things the town will need in the future as well as information gathered through studies that have been undertaken by the council, additional sites were identified for possible development. The proposed sites focus on providing land for the development of more housing, developing a new cemetery for the town as well as allocating land for a permanent gypsy and traveller site. The consultation also included questions about land that might be designated

designated as a historic park and garden.

The purpose of the consultation was to seek views and opinions about what sites should be included in the final local Plan document that goes forward for inspection in 2014.

### How could people take part in the consultation?

The consultation ran initially for four weeks, from 3 June until 1 July 2013.

As with previous consultation exercises people were given options as to how they could get involved; recognising that people like to take part in different ways. The consultation was widely publicised through different channels to try and get the message out to as many people as possible. The table below outlines how people could take part in the survey and the communication plan which supported the consultation.

<b>How could people take part in the consultation?</b>	<b>How did people find out about the consultation?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete a survey online</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A briefing was held with the local press at the beginning of the project. The press then followed the consultation during the four weeks with different elements being publicised each week.</li></ul>

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What this indicates is that although the development of the Local Plan is something which will inevitably shape the future look and feel of the town as a whole this consultation was about specific sites which became a local issue that attracted local interest. Local people in the areas directly affected by the proposals were more likely to take part in the consultation than people living in other neighbourhoods across the town.

It should be noted that the Langley Green Forum held

during the time of the consultation.

Attendance at this meeting was high. This helped people know about the consultation exercise and as

a consequence a high proportion of the overall response rate was drawn from people living in this neighbourhood. These factors need to be considered when reading the results. The survey is not a representative view of all residents living in Crawley.

1990 (96%) of respondents completed the questionnaire as individuals. Only 1% (29) represented an organisation. None of these people lived in the town.

## How has information been report?

Recognising that people took part in the consultation because of proposals directly affecting them; some sections of the questionnaire had a higher response rate than others. To ensure that one issue dominate over another, percentages are based on the numbers of people answering each question rather than the total number of people taking part in the consultation.

Respondents were also asked to provide their postcode. Within each section postcodes received have been mapped, where it was felt to be appropriate. This enables us to better understand how *local* agreement or disagreement was in the areas directly next to the proposed sites.

Overall four reports have been written which are accompanied by an appendix which lists all the comments made under each of the topic areas. In some cases, because comments were considered by the council to be inappropriate, offensive or racist they have had to be removed. The reports include:

- Housing Development consultation report accompanied by Appendix A listing all the comments received
- Gypsy and Traveller Site consultation report accompanied by Appendix B1 and Appendix B2 listing all the comments received.
- Cemetery Site consultation report accompanied by Appendix C listing all the comments received.
- Historic Parks and Garden and Local Green Space consultation report accompanied by Appendix D listing all the comments received.

Key messages

may be allowing people somewhere to voice their concerns and working alongside them to try and overcome the issues being expressed. The issue of growth is not going to go away; nothing stands still, but rather than be in conflict with people living and working in the town, the challenge is to work with them to realise the full its full potential.