**SUMMARY OF SPRING 2021** **VILLAGE CONSULTATION**

**Q1. WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT THE AREA?**

Over 90% of respondents stated that the Open Spaces, Wildlife, Walking, SANGS and the Canal area as the top good thing about the area. Quiet, low crime aspect was the next top response along with good rail & road links to major towns. The Village Green/Play Area was also a popular response. A significant number of respondents were also positive about friendly residents, a positive community, village feel, Deepcut Café and Milano’s.

**Q2. WHAT IS BAD ABOUT THE AREA?**

Over 70% of respondents felt that the lack of a supermarket/shop and other amenities was a negative factor. Many commented on the levels and speed of traffic and poor road conditions in the village. The impact of construction works, poor bus service, lack of health GPs and pressure on infrastructure figured highly. Some residents are clearly experiencing anti-social behaviour of varying forms; noise, apparent drug taking, dog fouling and littering. The MOD’s poor care of its estate, including the housing stock and noise from the military area were mentioned frequently.

**Q3. WHAT MAKES A NEIGHBOURHOOD GOOD TO LIVE AND WORK IN?**

Echoing responses from Q1, Opens Spaces and access to Green Spaces was identified by over 50% of respondents as the biggest factor in making a neighbourhood a good place to live. Considerate, helpful neighbours; local amenities such as a small supermarket and grocery/butcher/bakery shops; a pub/eating places were also identified by almost 50% of responders also featured highly. A quiet peaceful environment and frequent village events/activities were also classed as positive beneficial elements of a good village. Respondents identified a sense of community; taking pride in the village, a mix of resident ages would be factors in a positive village environment.

**Q4. WHAT PRESSURES AFFECT THE AREA NOW AND IN THE FUTURE?**

Pressure on the infrastructure once the 1,200 homes were built on the old Princess Royal Barracks site; traffic levels in the future and indeed now were also major concerns along with future parking availability. The increase overall in housing units was felt to be a pressure too; indeed, the nature of the village and the retention of green spaces were felt to be at risk due to the level of growth.

**Q5. WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?**

The single biggest need was for a small supermarket/village shop, closely followed by better public transport; parking and residents and business demonstrating a sense of pride in the village through better care of public spaces and shop fronts and environs. Speed control, improvements to the condition of DBR and Lake Road; health facilities, community events – and the Pub - were also high on people’s wish list.

The Deepcut Neighbourhood Development Plan has been created to establish a vision for the village and to help deliver the local community's aspirations and needs for the plan period, supported by policies to manage land use and development.

It will be a statutory document, part of the Surrey Heath Borough Council Local Plan and planning framework and used to determine planning applications within the Deepcut Plan area.

It must comply with the following basic conditions (National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Planning Guidance para 065)

* Have regard to the national planning policy and advice
* Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
* Be in general conformity with strategic policies contained in the development plan for the

area of the authority

* Be compatible with EU regulations