

Planning for the Future

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has issued a white paper consultation which has wide ranging proposals to reform the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed.

It may be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>

Sanderstead Residents Association is preparing a response to the questionnaire together with other Associations in the South of the Borough.

HOWEVER, our response only counts as 'one'

Every resident is encouraged, therefore to participate in the consultation process, please. The more responses submitted, the more chance the policy makers will listen.

Whilst it is not in the Sanderstead Resident's Association constitution to brief residents' on their response in such situations, the Association will concentrate on the need to maintain and develop a sufficient stock of 'houses' with sufficient amenity for families against providing flats with maximum occupancy and very little amenity.

We will also seek to prevent the existing policy of hap-hazard intensification of dwellings driven by developers whose prime objective is to make as much profit as possible by building on existing established residential sites.

We will seek to expose the proposed reduction of open areas of land, particularly the Green Belt for concentrated dwellings.

We will comment and seek to ensure that any development is in an area which has either sustainable public transport or sufficient space for off-street parking, thereby keeping roads safer.

Those residents who have been involved with the current Croydon Council planning process will feel that we are not fairly represented due to the formation of the Planning Committees. We are of the opinion and will press for a democratically elected planning committee (proportionally representative of local area irrespective of political affiliation) which would enable democracy to be better provided by including local input.

These are but a few of the issues so it is important that you express your views, please.

Log-on and have your say

Closing date for comments 25 October 2020

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