Press Release

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The Burpham Neighbourhood Forum has today submitted its Burpham Neighbourhood Plan to Guildford Borough Council, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The Neighbourhood Plan contains a suite of policies that seek to guide development in the Burpham over the next 20 years. The policies cover a range of topics, such as protection of the environment and general development control issues, such as the density of new development and parking requirements.

Of particular note, the plan seeks to designate important green spaces in Burpham as ‘Local Green Space’, giving such land a high level of protection from future development, in accordance with Government policy set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Chairman of the Burpham Neighbourhood Forum, Ros Pollock, said: “I’m delighted the Plan has been submitted to Guildford Borough Council for the final round of consultation before submission to an Independent examiner. The plan represents over two years hard work by Forum members, who are passionate about their community and who want to ensure future development in Burpham is appropriate and of a high standard. Input into the Plan by local people has been extensive and, subject to a local referendum, I look forward to the plan becoming part of the Development Plan for Burpham and therefore a material consideration in the determination of planning applications in the Ward.”

The Plan can be viewed on the Forum’s website at:

Burphamneighbourhoodforum.org

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Photos attached for use.
Notes to Editors:
Neighbourhood Planning is a flagship government policy, designed to empower local communities.

Burpham was the first community in Guildford to designate a Forum and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

Guildford Borough Council will now check the plan for legal compliance, before launching a six week public consultation period;

Following the consultation the Council must appoint an Examiner to review the plan;

The Examiner must be a suitably qualified person whose appointment is made with the agreement of the Forum;

The Examiner can i) recommend the plan progresses to a referendum of voters in Burpham; ii) recommend the plan be amended before referendum or iii) recommend the plan not proceed to a referendum.

A simple majority is required in the referendum for the plan to become part of the Development Plan for Burpham.

In the meantime, the Secretary of State can recover planning appeals relating to 10 or more housing units in Burpham to determine himself:

www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SN05838.pdf