

Shapley Heath Garden Community Survey With Suggested Answers

1. Which of these themes are most important to you? Please rank them from 1 to 5, 1 being most important.

- Community & Wellbeing (3)
- Homes & Heritage (4)
- Sustainable Transport (2)
- Green Spaces (1)
- Future Proofing (5)

2. One of the principles of a garden community is a clear local identity with an attractive and vibrant centre and public spaces. Which of the following do you think contributes the most to creating a community identity? Please pick your top three.

- Unique architectural character
- Opportunities to meet and socialise with people
- Local employment opportunities
- Access to green space and nature
- Access to good retail facilities
- Access to good leisure, sport, health and wellbeing facilities
- Wide variety of volunteering opportunities
- Activities and facilities for children/young adults
- Inclusive and supportive community
- Access to good education and training
- Opportunities for arts and culture
- Good transport connectivity within the community and with other settlements

Also choose Other: The Hart community identity will be best served by cancelling the Shapley Heath project to retain the existing rural nature of the area. Other options such as urban regeneration should be considered now."

3. Does Hart have a unique identity? If yes, what are some of its features that should be reflected in a new community?

Yes, Hart does have a unique identity. Most of that unique identity derives from its mix of urban, semi-rural and rural areas dotted across the landscape as separate, unique, distinct communities. As your map shows, a new town in the Heart of Hart would effectively create a single conurbation, obliterating Winchfield and joining Fleet, Crookham Village, Dogmersfield, Hartley Wintney, Hook and Odiham together. This would destroy the main attraction of Hart and so the best way to preserve that identity would be to abandon the project all together.

This whole survey pre-supposes this project is going ahead. Please do not infer from any of my responses that I endorse this project in any way shape or form. I do not believe it should go ahead at all, whether it is 2,000 houses, 5,000 houses or 10,000 houses.

Moreover, you have dumbed down the 10 government principles into just five, not giving enough emphasis to Well-designed places; Strong vision and local engagement; Healthy Places and Legacy and stewardship arrangements. Plus, what has happened to the principle of Land Value Capture that was agreed by Cabinet? Paying the landowners £125K per acre as per the viability study will not deliver enough cash to fund the required infrastructure.

4. Garden communities are well designed places that provide more than just new homes. They can include a range of local employment types and premises, retail opportunities, recreational and community facilities, to create a sustainable community. Which of the following should be prioritised to achieve a vibrant mixed-use community? Please indicate how important each of the following are to you.

- Space for local employment/business
- Combined home and workspaces
- Retail space (local shops, markets, café/pub/restaurants)
- Formal indoor and outdoor sports and leisure spaces (pitches, courts, fields, landscaped parks)
- Informal recreational space (meadows, trails)
- Play spaces (playgrounds, splash parks)
- Safe and well-integrated public realm (neighbourhood squares/town green/streets and walkways/pedestrian priority space)
- Community facilities (community hall, library, youth space, allotments)
- Full educational provision (early years through to college/apprenticeships/training)
- Place of worship
- Multi-use facilities or flexible spaces (designed to be adaptable and serve different purposes e.g. yoga classes and business conferences)
- Culture and entertainment spaces (theatre, cinema, bowling alley, arts/cultural centre)
- Health and wellbeing provision (GP surgery, dentist, optician, well-being services)

Choose your own answers to these questions. Maybe make all of these as "not important"

What other facilities or future facilities do you think would be necessary to ensure that the new community is sustainable?

You have totally ignored the need to invest in road and rail infrastructure. Prior studies into a new settlement in this location discussed extending the car parks and platforms at the stations; potentially a new station; improving the existing road network, building new roads and even the potential for a new motorway junction.. The most sustainable option would be to retain the rural nature and green space in the area. So, the best way of ensuring this project is "sustainable" is not to do it at all. Cancel it now.

5. Is there anywhere else you go to connect with people?

The open countryside that you propose to destroy. Cancel the project now.

6. Garden communities are shaped, developed and managed locally. Which of the following is the best form of governance for the large areas of public space in a new community? Please pick one.

- Community Interest Company (It uses its assets, income, and profits for the benefit of the community it serves. It must ensure that assets are kept within the company to support its activities or otherwise used to benefit the community.)

- Community Trust (It is a non-profit, community-based organisation run by volunteers developing housing, workspaces, facilities, or other assets for the community.)
- Co-operative Society (It is run for the mutual benefit of its members. Surplus income is usually reinvested in the organisation to provide better services and facilities.)
- Management Company (It is set up to manage land, landscaping, and facilities. Membership/ownership is often extended to residents, who become members or shareholders, depending on the constitution of the company.)
- Hart District Council (It is made up of councillors elected by the public in local elections. Councillors work with local people and partners to agree and deliver on local priorities. The decisions are implemented by council officers, who deliver services daily.)
- New Parish Council (It is a democratically elected local authority representing the concerns of local residents and providing services to meet local needs. It has a wide range of powers including looking after community buildings, planning, street lighting, allotments.)
- Other (please specify)
- I don't know

I really do not know the best answer to this. However, I do not think we should let HDC anywhere near it.

7. Exercise is an important aspect of health and wellbeing in communities.

Where did you **mostly** exercise during the Covid-19 pandemic?

- Gyms/leisure centres
- Outdoor sports pitches/courts
- Public parks
- Public open space such as village greens or nature/wildlife areas such as Fleet Pond
- Countryside parks such as Bramshot or Edenbrook Countryside, including agricultural land
- Along the streets/paths around your home
- Only at home
- Not exercising
- Other **Mostly on the public footpaths, highways and byways around the area that you plan to destroy. Cancel the project now.**

Where will you **mostly** exercise once the Covid-19 pandemic is over?

Same list

- Other **Mostly on the public footpaths, highways and byways in and around the area that you plan to destroy. Cancel the project now.**

8. Garden communities are designed to be resilient places that have the ability to absorb, recover and prepare for future economic, environmental and social changes. Which of the following are most important to ensure that the new homes are designed to respond to existing and future challenges? Please pick your top three.

- A mix of homes for all stages of life
- Homes that can be adapted/extended in the future
- Specialist housing for older people (e.g. sheltered housing, care homes, bungalows)

- Affordable homes (includes social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market)
- Beautiful, good quality homes
 - Energy efficient homes
- Homes with space for family and work life
- Homes with private outdoor space
- Good broadband connections

Other – The best way to prepare for future environmental change is to keep our green spaces that can be used to produce food, act as a carbon sink and provide amenity space for residents of urban areas. Cancel the project now.

Most of these elements will be covered by Government mandate, so they are not really a differentiator for SHGV.

9. New garden communities should consider heritage and design, developed with involvement of the local community. What are the best ways to ensure that the natural and historic environment of the local area is reflected and respected? Please rank from 1 to 4, 1 being most important.

- The layout and design of buildings to respect the landscape (4)
- Ensure that architectural style reflects the local area's character (3)
- Protection and enhancement of the natural environment (1)
- Maximising the visibility and appreciation of local heritage sites (2)

A somewhat arbitrary ranking, but I wanted to ensure protection of the natural environment is top of the list then protection of heritage sites.

10. Are there any other measures that should be considered to ensure that natural and historic environment of the local area is reflected and respected?

Yes, by not building on it in the first place. Cancel the project.

11. The new community will need to provide integrated, forward looking and easily accessible transport options that support economic prosperity and wellbeing for residents. Which of the following are the most important features of a sustainable and integrated transport system? Please pick your top three.

- Secure cycle parking at transport hubs
- Safe, convenient, integrated cycling and walking routes
- Real time information on public transport
- Frequency and convenience of public transport
- Public transport provision beyond local towns/villages
- Connecting bus and train services
- Walkable neighbourhoods for local services and schools

- Car sharing schemes
- Home electric charging points
- On street electric charging points
- Other (please specify)

Ensuring proper transport capacity should be the primary concern. Building new roads, enhancing existing roads and adding rail capacity to ensure that the extra traffic movements generated by the new town do not negatively impact existing residents and settlements. Or cancel the project now.

[This is the la-la land question. They seem to think that all of the transport and congestion issues will be fixed if only we could install electric charging stations. Important to answer the "Other" question, the others are somewhat arbitrary I think].

12. Transport strategies for garden communities are designed to encourage an increase in the number of journeys that are undertaken by sustainable modes of travel. Please indicate how likely each of the following are to encourage you to use a more sustainable mode.

- Safer journeys and transport hubs (railway stations, bus stops etc.)
- Convenient journeys
- Quicker journeys
- Cheaper journeys
- High quality direct and reliable public transport links
- Need to increase physical activity
- Need to reduce pollution/reduce your carbon footprint
- Better quality of the public transport infrastructure
- Jobs available locally
- A wide range of services and amenities provided locally
- More information about most efficient sustainable travel options
- Other (please specify)

Other: The best way to make the transport system more sustainable is to not build 5-10,000 unnecessary houses in addition to the Local Plan. Cancel the project.

[This is another of those la-la land questions, where the available answers are somewhat meaningless what does "Safer Journeys and transport hubs" actually mean]?

13. How did you mostly travel to work during the Covid-19 pandemic?

- Walk/cycle
- Use public transport
- Drive
- Work from home
- I don't work
- Other (please specify)

This is totally irrelevant, because if this is ever built, the pandemic will be long gone. Plus, it tells you nothing about what the future residents might do. Cancel the project now.

14. Other: How can anyone predict the future? Plus, it tells you nothing about what the future residents might do. Cancel the project now.

15. How did you mostly undertake your main food shop during the Covid-19 pandemic?

- Walk/cycle to supermarket/shop/market (including using Click & Collect)
- Take public transport to supermarket/shop/market (including using Click & Collect)
- Drive to supermarket/shop/market (including using Click & Collect)
- Use a home delivery service
- Other (please specify)

Again, totally irrelevant, because if this is ever built, the pandemic will be long gone. Plus, it tells you nothing about what the future residents might do. Cancel the project now.

16. How will you mostly undertake your main food shop once the Covid-19 pandemic is over?

Same list

Other: Again, totally irrelevant, because if this is ever built, the pandemic will be long gone. Plus, it tells you nothing about what the future residents might do. Cancel the project now.

17. How did you mostly undertake the school run during the Covid-19 pandemic?

- Walk/cycle/scooter
- Use public transport/school bus
- Drive
- Taxi
- Not applicable
- Other (please specify)

Where's the option for the kids staying at home, as most did for much of it? How will this tell you what future residents might do? Cancel the project now.

18. How will you mostly undertake the school run once the Covid-19 pandemic is over?

Same list

Other: How will this tell you what future residents might do? Cancel the project now.

19. Garden communities provide, accessible, good quality green spaces and supporting infrastructure. Which of the following uses of green spaces are most important in promoting health, wellbeing, and quality of life to you? Please pick your top three.

- Walkways
- Cycleways
- Open green spaces
- Open blue spaces (for example water-based space such as splash parks, ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, canals etc)

- Running and training circuits in parks
- Sports facilities (for example cricket, football, rugby, tennis, outdoor gym)
- Play spaces for different ages (for example play parks, skate/bike ramps)
- Informal natural play spaces for different ages
- Places to rest and picnic
- Private residential garden space
- Allotments or other land for private horticulture
- Community garden/farm/orchard
- Natural wildlife habitats/corridors to enhance biodiversity
- Woodland (including increasing tree cover)
- Other (please specify)

Keeping the existing fields, woodland and habitats will be the best thing to promote my health, wellbeing and quality of life. Cancel the project now.

20. Green spaces within garden communities are also opportunities to enhance biodiversity and the natural environment. Which of the following are most important to you? Please rank from 1 to 6, 1 being most important.

- Enhancement of the existing habitats (1)
- Creation of new habitats (2)
- Enhancement of ecological connectivity by creating more, bigger, better well connected/linked areas of biodiversity (3)
- Use of flood management to create water habitat, wetland areas (5)
- Controlled access to protect and encourage biodiversity (6)
- Active stewardship and management (4)

I think the answers are fairly arbitrary here, but I focused on enhancing the existing habitats, creating new ones and joining them together.

21. Are there any other aspects of delivering ecological and biodiversity gains within the new garden community that we should be considering?

Building 2,000, 5,000 or up to 10,000 new houses in the countryside will irreparably damage ecology and biodiversity. The best thing you could do to protect and enhance them is to cancel the project now.

22. New communities should be designed for generations to come. What are the most important aspects of future proofing to you? Please pick your top three.

- Buildings which are designed to be flexible in their use over time rather than being replaced
- Service infrastructure (utilities/communication) which are designed to be flexible in their use over time rather than being replaced
- Transport infrastructure that can adapt to new technologies and changing habits
- Green infrastructure that supports a variety of uses such as play, walking, cycling and community events

- Room for the community to grow without joining with surrounding towns/villages
- Local industry that can respond to economic shifts and the emergence of new sectors
- Supporting new jobs, economic shifts and the emergence of new skills and sectors
- A place that can adapt to climate change
- A community that can adapt to changing demographics
- Flexible local services (health, education) that can adapt to changing needs
- Other (please specify)

The best way to future-proof our district is to protect our green fields, protect the woodlands, SINC's and SSSI's. They enhance wellbeing and quality of life, provide food, habitat and carbon sinks. Cancel the project now.

[The other point here is that many of these items simply are not in the gift of the council to promise. How on earth do they deliver "a community that can adapt to changing demographics"? They do not have jurisdiction over utility design, transport, health or education and they cannot control who lives there or which businesses might occupy the commercial space].

23. What future technological opportunities should new garden communities anticipate?

Please rank from 1 to 7, 1 being most important.

- Autonomous vehicles (self-driving cars) (5)
- Widespread and improved use of the internet, email, telephone and video conferencing for home working (2)
- Renewable energy and real-time energy monitoring systems (7)
- 5G infrastructure (3)
- New construction technologies for new homes using robotics, digital design, 3D printing, off site modular construction (6)
- Intelligent public transport, highways and traffic management and information systems (1)
- Widespread use of drones (e.g. for emergency services and deliveries) (4)

[Again, many of these things are not in the gift of the council to offer. There is already widespread use of the internet; the thought that any new development will have anything other than full-fibre broadband is laughable and I would think the developers will decide for themselves how to build it. 5G is coming whether they like it or not. The thing to be concerned about is the "renewable energy" point. It sounds nice and green and cuddly but, in the last incarnation they talked about a wood-burning power station. I would think that is the last thing we want, nor a load of windmills blighting the landscape.

So, I think the answers here are fairly arbitrary, except the Renewable Energy part should be at the bottom of the list and proper transport should be near the top].

24. Are there any other future technological opportunities we should be thinking about?

Most of the items here are not in the gift of the council to deliver. We do not want a wood-burning power plant or windmills and before even considering intelligent transport solutions, make sure you put in the proper investment into road and rail capacity.

Of course, the best thing you could do would be to leave this area alone and keep it as an area of peace and calm and a place to escape from technology. Cancel the project now.