

Rogate Parish Council Chair's letter

Normally January is fairly quiet but this year we have two important consultations running relating to village speed limits and potential building site allocation in Rogate Village centre.

Speed limits. This article has mentioned in the past that highways are considering reducing the speed limit in Rogate Village and Parsonage to 20mph as part of a Community Highways Scheme. We were expecting the consultation to start in March but for some reason it started on 16th January running for 3 weeks ending 6th February - notices have been put up round the village and information is on our website www.rogateparishcouncil.gov.uk or www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/

For those without access to the internet please telephone the West Sussex County Council Contact Centre on 01243 642105 to receive the documents by post.

Would urge people to look at the proposal and comment. Email your comments is tro.consultation@westsussex.gov.uk – provide your full name and address and use reference number TRO/CH12413/RC.

Possible development site. In December's article it was mentioned the SDNP are looking for new sites for housing development. One of the sites considered is in North Street opposite the Rogate Village Hall as having potential for 9 homes. Progress on this consultation is moving quickly. We have held a meeting with the SDNP where they made it clear the site not being included our Neighbourhood plan and protected views the development might spoil may hold little weight.

The consultation will run from 20th January to 17th March - www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/the-south-downs-local-plan-review/

SDNP have arranged drop-in information presentations – Wednesday 22nd January South Downs Centre, Memorial Hall, Midhurst and Wednesday 29th January Festival Hall, Petersfield – both from 6.30-8.30pm.

The Parish Council are having a public meeting on Thursday 6th February from 6pm in Rogate Village Hall – it will be an opportunity for people to have their say to the PC. Please come along.

Would stress at the moment this is a proposal, we have no idea about the type of houses being considered, or even whether the land would be suitable. Again, would urge everyone to consider putting their views forward and respond to the consultation.

Any questions about either of these important consultations please ask to any of your councillors or the clerk.

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Chair, Rogate Parish Council