

## The future of Compton – Your Neighbourhood Development Plan update May 2019

At the end of April members of the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) were given an interesting tour around the Compton Pirbright site, gaining a useful insight into the scale of the site, the amount of green space as opposed to the developed areas, and the state of repair of the buildings. The tour brought back many good memories for some of the group – both former employees as well as those who were frequent visitors to the on-site social club, The Pickled Pig.

It is an extensive site with much green space and includes buildings that were built as far back as the 1940s to more recent 1990-builds.

With the longer spring evenings, the NDP working groups are busy using the time to focus and investigate on specific areas of interest such as housing, businesses and jobs, environment and community.

We are including updates from the different groups in every issue of *Compilations*, this month Alan Garmonsway's reports on the work and the survey that the Community, Education and Facilities (CEF) Working Group has been undertaking.

*"Our working group is considering how the NDP can assist us in growing our community in the village.*

*"As a starting point the group has been talking to people associated with a wide range of up to 30 different 'organisations' – from schools to church groups, scouts and guides to football. It has given some useful information on all sorts of different topics, such as suitability of physical facilities, communication across the village and the potential for new activities.*

*'We shall be further analysing this and gaining more information with a view to showing preliminary thoughts and findings at the village fete in early July.*

*"Residents will have a chance to feedback thoughts and opinions so that we can build up a consensus picture of how to develop a vibrant hub to serve the needs of the village in the future.*

*"Also to help us hear your views on community issues, we have set up a short survey which you can access via the QR code or at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MTZHXVZ>.*

*This will be open on an ongoing basis - please visit the site and tell us what you think!"*



As mentioned by Alan, the Compton Village Fete on July 6, as usual to be held in the recreation ground, will be a chance for you to take a look at the NDP's latest work.

We will have plenty on display and we'd love to see you all then to update you on progress. In particular the working groups will be revealing the early results from their various surveys and the ongoing conversations that you have kindly been helping with.

We are still looking for a Housing Association tenant to join the Housing and Development Working Group – the time commitment really is not too onerous. If interested and you would like to chat with the group's chairman, David Norbury, in confidence and without any commitment, please get in touch on the email below and you will be put in contact.

And, of course, the steering committee is happy to answer any questions or receive any discussion points regarding the NDP, its work and objectives at any time – just email [comptonndpsec@outlook.com](mailto:comptonndpsec@outlook.com) or pop a comment on the facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/ComptonNeighbourhoodDevelopmentPlan/](https://www.facebook.com/ComptonNeighbourhoodDevelopmentPlan/)

Finally, this week, the NDP received a presentation from a prospective developer of the Pirbright Institute site.