

4 PROTECT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Jeremy has long supported more local involvement in planning decisions and is concerned at the number of applications being upheld on appeal because Waverley has not secured a five year planning supply. He wants more protection for painstakingly negotiated Neighbourhood Plans such as those agreed in Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and many of our villages.

What Jeremy's doing

- Successfully campaigned in parliament to drop zoning plans.
- Successfully stopped massive rises in Waverley's housing targets.
- Met Housing Secretary Michael Gove to argue for more protection for Neighbourhood Plans.

What the government has done

- Introduced Neighbourhood Plans to give local people more say over planning decisions.

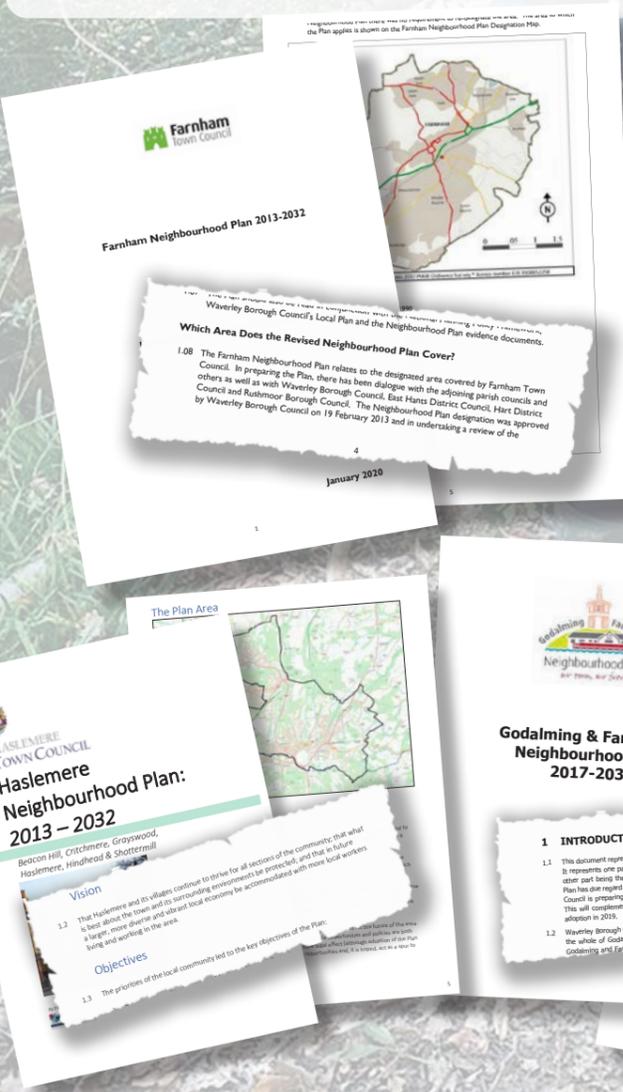
What you can do

- 1 Sign the letter to Michael Gove to give Neighbourhood Plans five years protection even when a planning authority has not secured housing supply.

Jeremy has met Michael Gove three times to press for more local say in development and better protection for neighbourhood plans



Jeremy has been campaigning for planning reform with Waverley and Farnham Councillor Carole Cockburn



Campaign 2022

RIVER WEY

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Dear local resident,
In my constituency surveys you have regularly said that protecting our beautiful local countryside is one of your top priorities. So here are four campaigns we can all work together on to make that happen. Please show your support by returning this short questionnaire in the reply-paid envelope.
Best wishes
Jeremy
Jeremy Hunt MP
South West Surrey



- Chiddingfold:** this sewer storm overflow spilled 76 times for a total of 1267 hours.
 - Bramley:** this sewer storm overflow spilled 12 times for a total of 54 hours, discharging into the Hascombe Stream.
 - Godalming:** this sewer storm overflow spilled 9 times for a total of 16 hours, discharging into the River Wey.
 - Grayswood:** this sewer storm overflow spilled 9 times for a total of 16 hours, discharging into the River Wey.
 - Central Farnham:** this sewer storm overflow spilled 29 times for a total of 209 hours, discharging into the Farnham Park Tributary.
- Source: Rivers Trust 2021 figures



Jeremy met Peper Harow anglers who have seen a big reduction in their catches because of phosphate discharges

1 REMOVE SEWAGE FROM THE RIVER WEY

At the moment, water companies are allowed to discharge effluent and treated sewage into rivers in emergencies such as storms to relieve pressure on the sewage network and prevent flooding. However, the figures above, from last year, show this happens far more often than in 'emergencies', posing both a major risk to public health and local wildlife.

What Jeremy's doing

- Successfully campaigned in parliament for legislation to require water companies to reduce discharges.
- Met local angling group.
- Meeting the CEOs of Thames Water and Southern Water.
- Arranged for Environment Secretary George Eustice to visit South West Surrey.

What the government has done

- Introduced statutory duty on water companies to reduce discharges.
- New duty on government to have a plan to reduce storm overflow discharges.
- New strategy to eliminate discharges over time.

What you can do

- 1 Sign the petition to Thames Water.
- 2 Support Jeremy's campaigning for better monitoring of sewage discharges and overflows including phosphates, for safe swimming zones in all rivers and to eliminate plastic from wet wipes.
- 3 Come to a public meeting with Philip Dunne MP, Chair of House of Commons Environment Audit Committee who is currently holding an inquiry into water quality in rivers.

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2 REDUCE SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Single use plastics are terrible for both climate change and the environment. It takes a single use plastic water bottle up to 450 years to decompose in a landfill. With community action we can reduce the use of single use plastics and recycle any we do use.

What Jeremy's doing

- Campaigned in parliament to speed up introduction of deposit return scheme.
- Asked Waverley Borough Council repeatedly for their new plans now they have abandoned 15% a year residual waste reduction target.
- Organised litter picks in Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and Milford.

What the government has done

- Announced nationwide deposit return scheme to help change consumer behaviour - increasing the recycling rate of drinks containers and reducing littering.

What you can do

- 1 Sign the petition to Waverley BC so that all litter bins have a recycling alternative.
- 2 Write to town councils asking for water refill stations to encourage reusable bottles.
- 3 Join one of Jeremy's upcoming litter picks by emailing huntj@parliament.uk
- 4 Ask your local supermarket to install recycling points for single use plastics.
- 5 Switch to plastic free teabags and other such products that currently use plastic.

3 MAKE THE SURREY HILLS A NATIONAL PARK AND EXPAND OUR AONB

National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty enjoy the highest level of protection in terms of landscape and scenic beauty. Following an intervention by Jeremy, Natural England announced last year that the Surrey Hills AONB was being considered for a boundary extension. If this is successful there will be not just more protection but a renewed drive to support nature recovery within the designated area. Jeremy now wants to go further and turn the entire Surrey Hills into a National Park which would give it an independent governing body, planning powers and potentially more funding - so it would be better able to prevent inappropriate development.

What Jeremy's doing

- Successfully campaigned for first AONB boundary review.
- Met Surrey Hills AONB chair Heather Kerswell to mobilise local support.
- Made submission to review.
- Supporting campaign to increase nature recovery inside all AONBs.
- Fighting the UKOG drilling plans in Dunsfold.
- Written to Environment Secretary to ask for National Park status and secured his agreement to visit Surrey Hills

What the government has done

- Announced the first review to Surrey Hills AONB boundaries since 1958 meaning that legally local councils are responsible for conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the designated area. They must produce a plan for the area and consider the effect of new developments.

What you can do

- 1 Sign the petition to George Eustice urging him to support the area's proposed AONB extension when the decision is made.
- 2 Support change in Surrey Hills status to a National Park.



Jeremy getting stuck into a litter pick in Milford (and getting soaking wet!)



One of the single option litter bins we have in Waverley

17th September 2022
HASLEMERE

1st October 2022
GODALMING

22nd October 2022
FARNHAM



● Surrey Hills AONB Current Boundary ● Potential new AONB area

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JOIN ONE OF JEREMY'S LITTER PICKS



Litter bins with a recycling option: Jeremy wants all litter bins in Waverley to be like this