

The government has emphasised that recommendations made in Community Governance Reviews ought to bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

### **Why are we carrying out this Community Governance Review?**

Guildford Borough Council has received a valid community governance petition which requires the Council to carry out a community governance review to enable the request in the petition to be considered. This involves consultation with local electors and anyone else with an interest in the review.

The area under review is the area of the borough of Guildford comprising the existing parish of Shere (see map at **Annex 2**).

### **What are we consulting on?**

We would like to receive your views on the proposal contained in the community governance petition referred to above, which is:

Whether a new civil parish of Peaslake and a new Peaslake Parish Council should be established, with the area of that new civil parish comprising the area of the existing South-West parish ward of the parish of Shere.

If this proposal is approved, the parish of Shere would comprise of the remaining two parish wards (North Ward and South-East Ward as shown on the map in Annex 2).

### **Electorate Forecast**

At the time Guildford Borough Council considered the request in the community governance petition, to carry out this community governance review, the Local Government electorate for the parish of Shere was 2,977 (as at 1 April 2025).

For the purpose of this review, we are required to forecast the expected growth in the electorate for the parish of Shere for the next five years from the beginning of this review.

There are currently outstanding planning permissions (permitted but not completed, including those commenced) for 46 homes in the parish. On the basis of the average number of electors per dwelling being 1.7, it is anticipated that this increase in the number of homes in the parish will result approximately in an additional 78 electors.

### **How to let us know your views**

You can do this in the following ways:

- via our online facility: [www.guildford.gov.uk/comgovrev](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/comgovrev), or
- by email to: [committeeservices@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:committeeservices@guildford.gov.uk), or