



Latest news

and information

Council says NO to providing 1,715 homes every year for the next 10 years

The Government announced last week that it was consulting on proposals to reform the planning system in England. Unless that is changed it would oblige Horsham District Council to almost double the number of homes from the current Government minimum target of 920 homes to 1,715 homes a year.

The Council has consistently challenged the Government over housing numbers and its aggressive timetables. It is clear however that the Government sees construction as a key driver of economic recovery.

It is difficult enough already to find land that has few constraints for development and to absorb 1,715 homes every year would make that task virtually impossible.

The Government has said that there should be a public consultation on these new numbers and proposed much simplified planning rules and so we are seeking the views of our residents so that they can be incorporated into our response to the Government. Our poll will close at 5pm Friday 4 September.

[Read the Council's statement and share your views](#)



Save the dates for The Virtual Big Nibble 2020! 🍏

The [Big Nibble Food Festival](#) is on its way this September to celebrate local food and drink businesses across the District – in a brand new virtual format!

This year, not deterred by the coronavirus outbreak, the Big Nibble will return in virtual format from Friday 4 September to Wednesday 30 September. We'll be sharing recipes from top local chefs, online trails, business videos and recipes, a unique competition and more.



[Find out more](#)

A museum fit for the future ☐

Horsham Museum and Art Gallery is set to undertake one of the most dramatic changes in its 126-year-old history as work begins to modernise and refresh displays, introduce a digital cultural heritage offer, and improve the customer experience.

The refresh will tell new stories with rationalised and carefully curated collections. These will be complemented by a more extensive digital offering, including online collections.



[Read more](#)



75th VJ Day anniversary remembrance



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Chairman Cllr Karen Burgess led a simple wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial in Horsham's Carfax on the morning of the VJ Day 75th anniversary on Saturday 15 August 2020.

She was accompanied by Jeremy Quin MP, the Vice Chairman Cllr David Skipp and Cabinet Member for Horsham Town Centre Cllr Peter Burgess to commemorate 75 years since Japan surrendered and in effect ended the Second World War.

[Read more](#)

Every year we check the electoral register to make sure that any resident who is eligible to vote can do so. This is called the Annual Canvass.

We'll contact you to check your details are up to date. Follow the steps we've sent so you can have your say at future elections.

It's really important that everyone who is entitled to vote is able to do so; checking the form that will arrive through the post is one of the easiest ways to find out if you are already registered.

[Make sure your details are correct on the electoral register](#)



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