

## E-Petition – Housing Development at Fairoaks

### Briefing Note

1. An e-petition has been received which asks the Council to “not promote or support housing development at Fairoaks but to retain it in the Greenbelt.”
2. The petitioner has added the following information to the petition:

“We petition SHBC not to promote or support housing development at Fairoaks but to retain it in the Greenbelt ..... This includes committing to not making a second bid for a Fairoaks Garden Village. SHBC should instead encourage airport operations at Fairoaks with their associated local employment opportunities.”
3. All petitions received must be dealt with in accordance with the Petition Scheme at Part 4 of the Constitution. The scheme provides that any petition which receives over 3,500 signatures will be considered by the Council. Under the terms of the scheme a petitioner is entitled to present their petition at the relevant meeting of the Council and speak for up to 5 minutes.
4. The e-petition opened for signatures on 24 March 2017 and closed on 24 June 2017. It has received 5,348 signatures. Signatories to the petition are required to provide their postcode when they sign the petition. The e-petition contains 992 signatures from members of the public who have provided an address within the borough. The number of signatures received by ward is as follows:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>No. of Signatures</b>
Bagshot	36
Bisley	25
Chobham	605
Frimley	6
Frimley Green	7
Heatherside	18
Lightwater	69
Mytchett and Deepcut	6
Old Dean	4
Parkside	15
St Michaels	7
St Pauls	16
Town	9
Watchetts	12

West End	90
Windlesham	67

5. Of the remaining signatories, 1,414 were from those who have given an address within Surrey, as set out below, and the remainder were from outside the county.

<b>District/ Borough</b>	<b>No. of Signatures</b>
Elmbridge	153
Epsom and Ewell	11
Guildford	119
Mole Valley	65
Reigate and Banstead	36
Runnymede	395
Spelthorne	91
Tandridge	32
Waverley	65
Woking	447

6. The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be debated. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. It may decide to
- take the action the petition requests,
  - not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate,
  - or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant scrutiny committee.
7. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision and confirmation will be published on the Council's website.