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Public to view plans for 70 homes on village field site

A DEVELOPMENT of up to 70 homes is being proposed for Farncombe.

In the wake of the demise of Waverley Borough Council's core strategy for development, large housing estate proposals have been cropping up across the borough.

So far Godalming and Farncombe have not seen many such applications, but this could be about to change.

The borough is in desperate need of new housing, particularly affordable housing, and Croudace Strategic, which owns the land in question east of Furze Lane, said it envisages up to 40% of its development being affordable.

The spans an area of 2.47 hectares and the developers plan to use up two hectares of that.

The proposals include a

mixture of two, three and four-bedroom homes - which would be built using 'traditional materials' - with amenity space.

The company is preparing to submit an outline planning application to Waverley Borough Council and is inviting members of the public to view its proposals at an exhibition at the end of the month.

A new access point would

be constructed along with a new road through the estate.

Following the recent heavy rainfall in the area, neighbours pointed out that the Furze Lane fields get very boggy - there is a stream running next to the area.

A spokesman for Croudace Strategic said detailed technical work is being undertaken which will result in a Flood Risk Assessment Report.

"This is a standard report

that accompanies planning applications and will contain a flood and drainage strategy appropriate to the circumstances of the site to ensure that development of the site for housing is safe from flood risk etcetera," said the spokesman.

"The FRA will be one of a number of reports that will accompany the planning application - other topics will cover landscaping, ecology,

highways, sustainability and a design and access statement."

Neighbours in Godalming and Farncombe can have their say in where housing should go in the area as a neighbourhood plan is being launched this month.

A spokesman for Godalming Town Council said: "The council is leading the process for Godalming because, legally, it is the only

body that can. However, the process is a community-led one and the resulting plan should belong to the whole community not just the town council. The public meeting will take place in the Borough Hall, Godalming, at 7.30pm on Thursday January 23 and everyone is encouraged to come along and find out more about their opportunity to influence the future growth of Godalming."

Croudace Strategic will hold its public exhibition the following day - Friday January 24.

It will take place from 11am to 7.30pm at Broadwater Park Community Centre in Summers Road.

Around 2,000 homes will receive a leaflet inviting householders to the event and anyone is welcome to attend. Questionnaires will be distributed for attendees to

give feedback on what is shown and said.

Croudace's proposals follow a call from Waverley Borough Council last month for landowners and interested parties to highlight any sites they think are available for potential development.

This is part of the council's actions to create a local plan after the axing of its £300,000 failed core strategy in November.

In brief

Woman cut free after collision

A WOMAN had to be cut free from her car after hitting a tree in Brook.

Surrey Police is appealing for witnesses after the crash, at 12.40pm on Tuesday.

The red Skoda Octavia was travelling along the A286 near the railway bridge. The driver, in her 50s, was taken to King's College Hospital, London, with a head injury.

The road was closed while emergency services dealt with the incident.

Anyone who saw the collision, or the car beforehand, is asked to call police on 101, quoting ref-

Flood victim's fury at offer of B&B in Slough

By Jennifer Morris

Their offices remained locked council and contractors the spokesman added:

