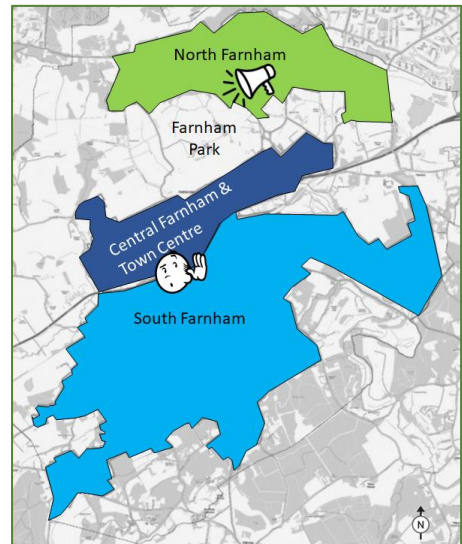


# NORTH FARNHAM VOICE

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*Hale, Upper Hale, Heath End, Sandy Hill, Folly Hill, Hog Hatch, Weybourne and Badshot Lea*

The Farnham Infrastructure Programme has issued a draft Optimised Infrastructure Plan (OIP) and it is time to have your say.



Despite any impressions the draft OIP consultation may give at first glance the key questions are:

1. Should partial or full pedestrianisation of the town go ahead without full mitigation of the impacts on other areas of the town particularly North Farnham?
2. Is the only traffic that currently uses down Folly Hill and Castle Street local and going to/from the town?
3. Is the only traffic that uses Hale Road going to/from the town?
4. Does the draft OIP deliver safe pedestrian / cycle routes or public transport from your home to the local places you and your family visit regularly e.g. your child's school, your place of work, your local shops, your doctor? Check out the proposals at <https://farnhaminfrastructure.commonplace.is/overview>
5. Do you support the all the interventions proposed in the draft OIP, including banning right turns from Upper Hale Road onto Alma Lane?

**If your answer to any of these questions is NO, then please get involved. The Consultants running the Infrastructure Programme need to hear from you by the 14<sup>th</sup> of March!!**

You can do this via the virtual consultation website:

<https://farnhaminfrastructure.commonplace.is/overview> or by calling Farnham Town Council on 01252 712667 and asking to be sent a summary of the plan and a printed questionnaire that can be returned or you can write to the Consultants care of Farnham Town Council.

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The draft OIP includes a series of proposals for different parts of the town and some overall proposals:

Some are very clear cut and easy for pretty much everyone to support such as banning HGVs through the centre of town and from the M3 through Upper Hale unless it is for access, although it is not clear what constitutes access.

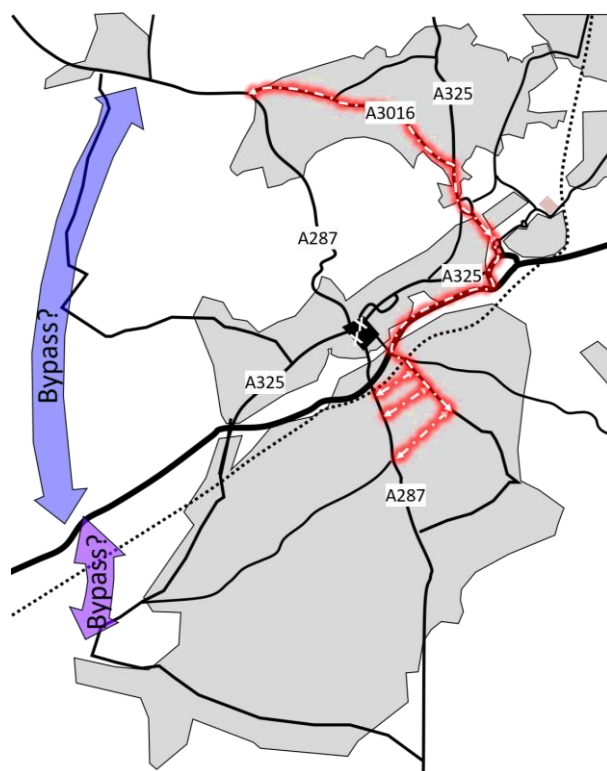
Others are more difficult and the impacts of change in one location on other parts of the town are sadly not presented. For example, a question being asked for the town centre proposals is:

*“Please prioritise the improvements you would like to see for the pedestrian experience (1 being the most important and 6 being the least important)*

- *Revert to the original layout and remove social distancing measures*
- *Widen pavements – formalising the existing social distancing measures*
- *Permanent widening of pavements*
- *Access controls for buses and essential access*
- *Pedestrianising selected streets*
- *Full pedestrianisation of wider town centre*”

There is nothing about the implications of these suggestions on the other areas of the town or how any impacts will be mitigated. For example, if the A287 through town is closed then the route along the Upper Hale Road (A3016), A325 to the Shepherd & Flock, to the A31 then via residential roads to the A287 will be the primary option from the North or the South.

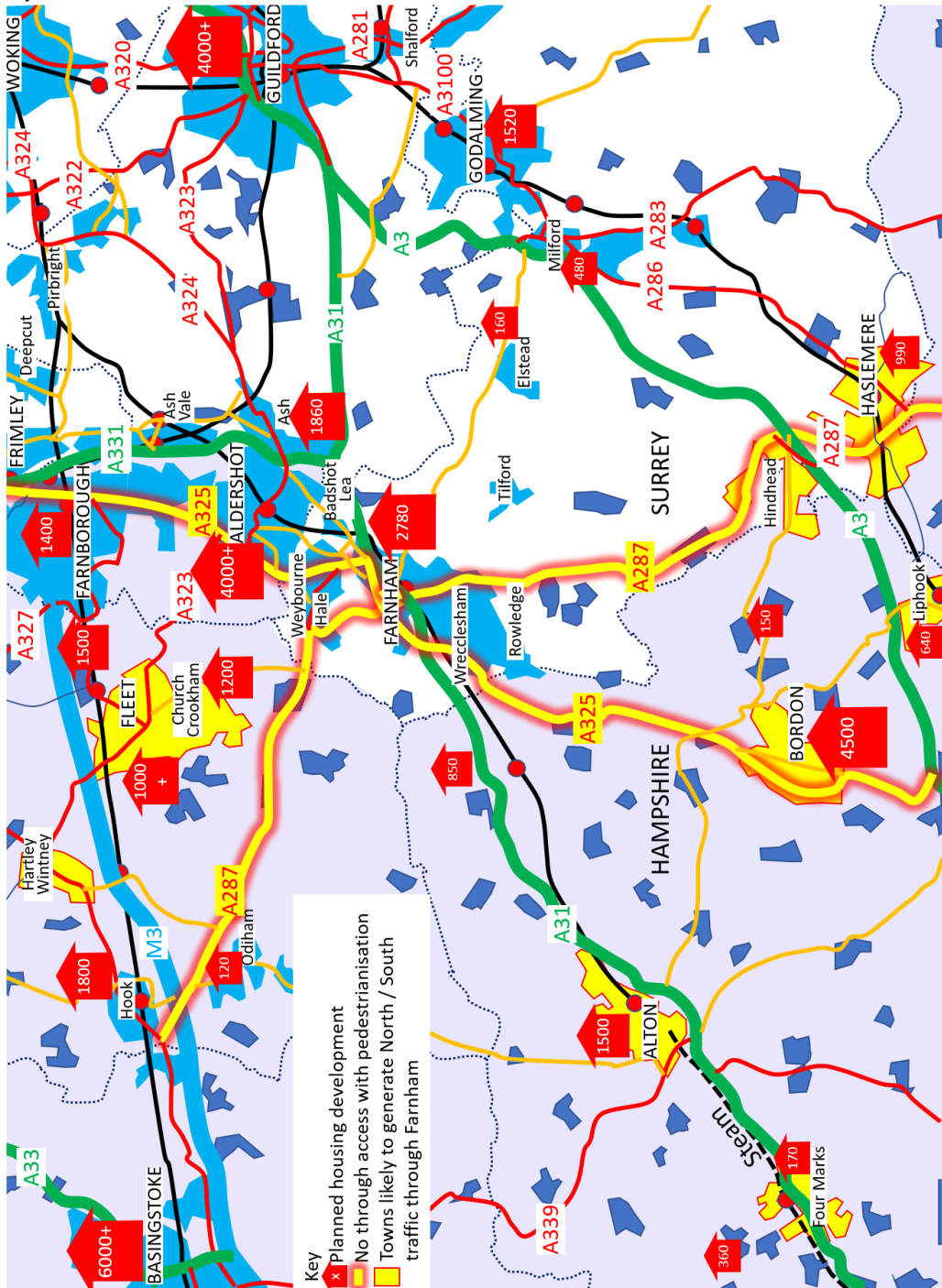
There seems to be some analysis that says that the majority of the traffic is created by residents of the town who can choose alternative means of travel.



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The draft OIP doesn't address the combined impact of the massive amount of nearby development and proposed town centre improvements at all. What does the development map tell you? Are you concerned about the effect on local of all the development planned locally?



Note: some housing is already being constructed, others is in approved local plans and some is in local plans that haven't yet been finalised or approved. The housing development that impacts on Farnham is from 2 Counties and at least 8 district / borough councils

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What does the OIP say about the town centre? This is the one page summary they have issued. What do you think?

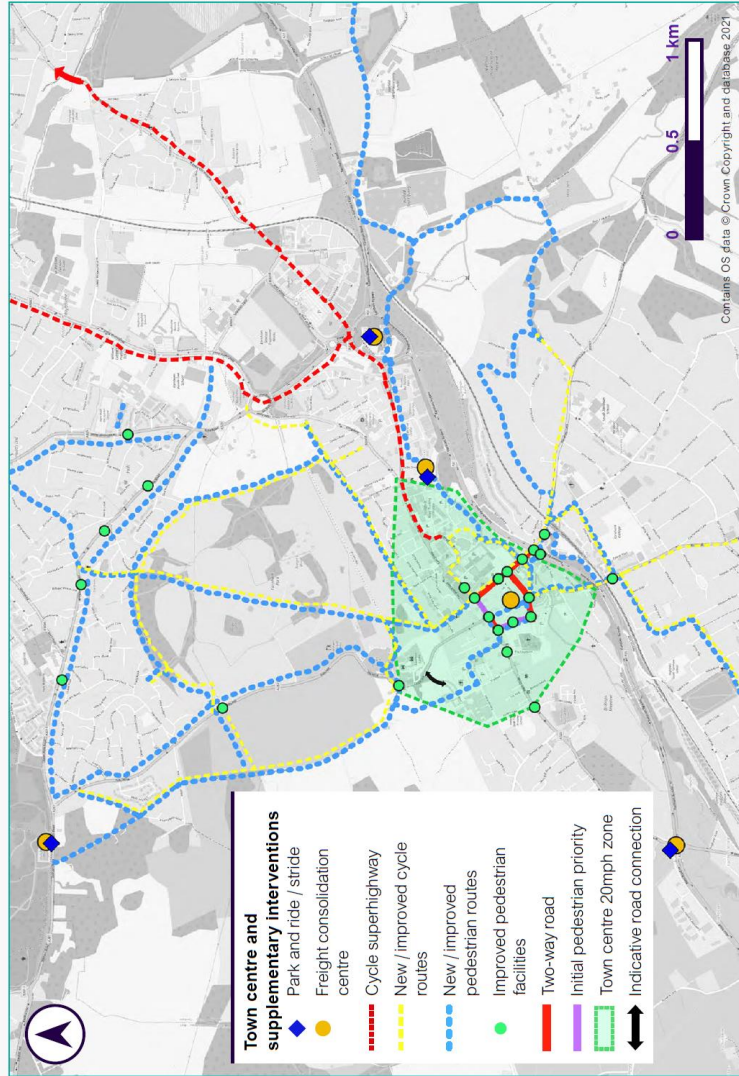
### Possible town centre interventions

This is the historic heart of Farnham, an important destination between Guildford and Winchester that serves western Surrey and eastern Hampshire. It benefits from a dynamic economy, with high-quality shops, food and drink destinations, unique heritage and status as a World Craft Town. However, traffic dominates the town centre.

Work has already begun on new restrictions to HGVs travelling through the town, and consideration of lowering speed limits to 20mph and reclassifying roads is already underway. At its cabinet meeting in January 2021, Surrey County Council agreed £2.5 million in funding to deliver these 'quick wins' and for further feasibility studies.

#### Potential options could include:

- An integrated town centre strategy, ensuring high-quality public spaces
- Improvements to integrate walking routes from new development areas to the east, including Brightwells, into the rest of the town centre
- Major improvements to walking and cycling
- New public transport hubs
- A fundamental review of bus services to transform accessibility to the town centre using public transport
- Major changes to the town centre road layout, with major improvements to the pedestrian experience
- Better management of town centre car parking, including a review of existing car parks alongside new 'park and ride / stride' sites, and electronic signs to show where spaces are available
- Off-street locations for deliveries by goods vehicles
- New freight consolidation centres to reduce the number of goods vehicles entering the town centre; short-medium term in the town centre, longer-term facilities on the outskirts.



What do you think about the issues in Farnham?  
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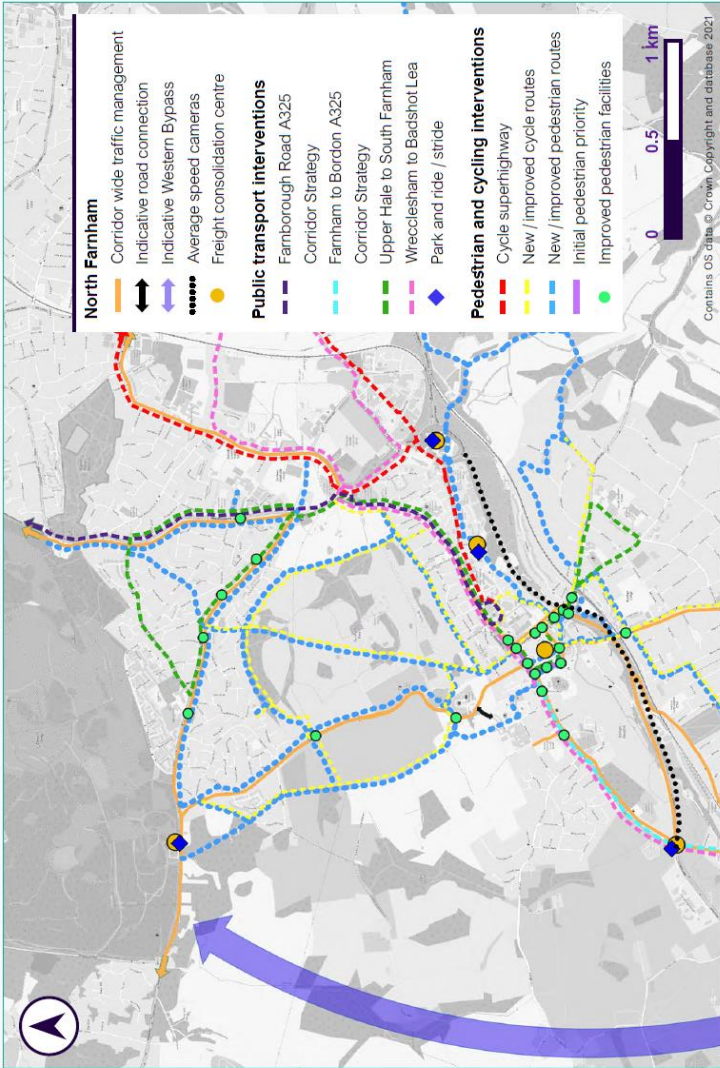
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What does the OIP say about North Farnham? This is the one page summary they have issued. What do you think? More information on proposals is available at <https://farnhaminfrastructure.commonplace.is/overview>

### Possible North Farnham interventions

This urban area has strong links with adjacent parts of Hampshire. There are traffic demands from both cars and goods vehicles. There are significant challenges caused by heavy traffic on roads including the A3016 through Upper Hale and A325 through Heath End.



**Potential options could include:**

- A programme of traffic management measures, which will be the subject of further study
- Improved walking and cycling, including high quality segregated routes through Badshot Lea and Weybourne, and new / improved routes through Farnham Park
- Measures to create wider pavements and narrower roads
- Investigating new bus services and enhanced bus infrastructure on the A325 Farnham to Aldershot corridor
- Working closely with Hampshire County Council to ensure seamless new walking and cycling routes, bus routes and traffic management
- An initial assessment on the potential benefits of a Western Bypass, focusing on the ability to reduce through traffic.

Quick wins will also be progressed to tackle the impacts of HGVs and speeding traffic through the area, including reduced speed limits, e.g. 20mph.

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What do you think the positives in the draft OIP are for North Farnham?

- Link from Folly Hill to Hart car park, meaning people coming from the North can park without having to drive through the whole town centre due to the one way system
- Some improvements proposed for pedestrians and cyclists
- Speed reduction measures on some roads
- Additional crossing points on some roads
- Additional bus routes

What about things you wouldn't support or that are gaps in the draft OIP for North Farnham?

- No link between pedestrianisation of the town and more traffic in North Farnham.
- Proposed changes will increase traffic on roads in North Farnham making air quality and road safety worse, particularly when coupled with the huge housing developments around the area. (see earlier map)
- Nothing to address the identified key areas of concern, particularly the narrow gap on the A325 near St John's Church between two Grade II listed buildings.
- Proposed no right turn from Farnborough Road on to Alma Lane; residents of North Farnham have said this is not solving a problem but will create rat-runs on interconnecting roads, which have no pavements and are used by pedestrians, particularly school children.
- Removing parked cars from the Upper Hale Road – many residents have said the parked cars are the only thing that slows the traffic and makes them feel safe on the narrow pavements near the mini Tescos.
- No 20 mph zone for North Farnham - although one is proposed for the Town Centre where traffic can't really travel that fast anyway!
- Nothing specific on the primary residential-to-school routes in North Farnham.
- Proposals still leave gaps in pedestrian, cycling and public transport provision between residential areas and places people want to go, limiting active travel.
- Nothing to address the lack of key facilities in North Farnham such as no Doctors surgery, only one pharmacy and one post office for 14,000 people and approximately 6,000 homes.
- Park and Stride / Ride and Freight consolidation are located on inappropriate sites, particularly the one in North Farnham in the SSSI and the one on the Shepherd & Flock Roundabout, which is a Conservation Area.

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### Local Charities

**Hale Community Centre including Hale Community Fridge and Cupboard** - No referrals needed, no questions asked just come and help yourself this will help reduce food waste, open 10 until 12 Monday to Friday - [halecommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:halecommunitycentre@gmail.com)

**Farnham Foodbank** – can help with food, [www.farnham.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or 07901 581539

**Farnham Frontline Money Advice** – if you are in financial crisis they can help 01252 560 752, or you can call 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) and via [www.farnhammoneyadvice.org](http://www.farnhammoneyadvice.org)

**Farnham Coronavirus Support Fund** – can provide up to £300 to Farnham residents to assist with urgent essentials – [www.farnham.gov.uk/town-council/coronavirus-covid-19/farnham-coronavirus-support-fund](http://www.farnham.gov.uk/town-council/coronavirus-covid-19/farnham-coronavirus-support-fund) or The Farnham Coronavirus Support Fund, c/o Farnham Town Council, South Street, Farnham, GU9 7RN

**Samaritans** – call free on 116 123 (24 hours a day 365 days a year)

**The Dempster Trust** – one off grants for people living in Farnham  
[www.thedempstertrust.org.uk](http://www.thedempstertrust.org.uk) or 07768 148039

**Bishop Sumner Educational Foundation** - Grants are available to young people aged under 24 for items and activities such as textbooks, musical instruments or lessons, educational visits and sport and the **Hale Cottage Trust** - assists residents of the Parish of Badshot Lea and Hale with medical prescriptions, fuel and necessities -  
[www.badshotleaandhale.org](http://www.badshotleaandhale.org)

**Farnham Job Bank** - help and guidance on job hunting and CVs - 07815 925563 or email [alanwyle@gmail.com](mailto:alanwyle@gmail.com)

**Hygiene bank** - [thbfarnham@gmail.com](mailto:thbfarnham@gmail.com)

**Farnham Assist** - Organises social activities for older people such as Knit 'n' Natter, Pie and Pint pub lunches and coffee mornings. [www.farnham-assist.org.uk](http://www.farnham-assist.org.uk)

**Care Farnham** - A voluntary organisation which drives people in transport need to their medical appointments. [carefarnham.org.uk](http://carefarnham.org.uk) or 01252 71 66 55 (7 days a week from 9.30am to 3.00pm)

**Hedgehogs** – helping local people in need – [www.the-hedgehogs.org.uk/](http://www.the-hedgehogs.org.uk/)

**Farnham Lions** – helping the local community – [www.farnhamlions.org.uk](http://www.farnhamlions.org.uk)

**Farnham Round Table** – helping to raise funds for local charities –  
[www.farnhamroundtable.org.uk](http://www.farnhamroundtable.org.uk)

**Friends of Farnham Park** – voluntary group looking after the park with many free events – [www.friendsoffarnhampark.co.uk](http://www.friendsoffarnhampark.co.uk)

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### Charity Spotlight



Hale Community Centre

### *Hale Community Centre*

*a Not for Profit organisation that provides a safe, welcoming and inspiring space for the whole community. They aim to provide recreational, learning, business and social activities which are accessible and affordable to all.*

### What have they done during the pandemic

1. Set up the Hale Community Fridge & Cupboard – taking community donations and surplus stock from Tesco Express Hale, Waitrose Farnham, Asda Farnborough and Lidl Farnham and making the food available to Community, helping those in need and minimising food waste
2. Set up the “Swap Shop” to support the community swapping puzzles, books, DVD's, children's toys and crafting items.
3. Worked with space2grow and St Georges to set up a Space2Breathe to provide practical support for those struggling with the demands of juggling work, home schooling and running a home.

### Can you help Hale Community Centre do more?

Changes in Surrey County Council's (SCC) overall strategy over recent years had lead to the youth hut in the middle of the estate falling into disrepair and support for the facility being withdrawn. SCC have agreed to renovate the disused Nursery building behind the Community Centre for use as an open access youth facility for 10-19 year olds run by the Community Centre. The minimum operational costs to be covered by the Charity are £20,000 per annum.

### Are you interested in becoming a friend of Hale Community Centre?

This would involve either providing a one-off donation or providing a regular donation, the charity could also claim gift aid if appropriate.

**Are you able to support the activities at Hale Community Centre as a volunteer?** Possible volunteering roles include:

- Fundraising co-ordinator
- Session co-ordinator
- Session instructors – Fitness, Sports, Gardening, Cookery, Art, Crafts, Photography, Bicycle repair, academic support and anything else you can think of.

### Are you already involved in an organisation that could offer free sessions?

For more information or to donate or volunteer please contact Cathy Burroughs on 07471 180958 or by email at [halecommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:halecommunitycentre@gmail.com)

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