

Latest from Hart's Housing Partnership Working Groups

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Welcome to Hart's briefing on its online housing partnership working groups! This is the first edition and hopes to give you a flavour of what is being worked on to help achieve Hart's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) housing aims.

[Pepper-potting](#)

Background: There has been discussion, at political and operational and strategic levels, on the issue of pepper-potting, or distributing affordable housing amongst open market housing units in a development. We would like to open this up to the partnership members for their views

Proposal: We would like to hear the views of members about pepper-potting. What works in sites where we are looking to mix open market and affordable housing? Is there a minimum that works best or does it vary from site to site depending on layout, type of property etc?

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[Crisis? What Crisis in Hart?](#)



The LSP held a housing event entitled "Crisis, what housing crisis in Hart?" on the 6th of May. The aim was to raise awareness of the impacts the recession on people within the district and to inform peoples' perceptions of affordable housing. For those who attended we would like to hear your views about the event. Please leave feedback via the poll and feel free to add any further comments you have

 Theme(s) [Best Practice](#), [Housing Provision](#) |  [No Comments »](#)

[Crack-house closure protocol](#)

Background: There has been a number of crack-house closures in the district over the last year - 18 months. Organisations need to be able to communicate effectively and be aware of such events in order to act appropriately.

Update: Notes of the meeting held on the 29th of June at Hart District Council on this topic will be added to the website shortly.

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Recent Comments



Robert Jackson on:

[Pepper-potting](#)

"Clearly there are differences in approach. In Poundbury (extreme example, but valid nonetheless) the Guinness Trust have allow individual dwellings within the overall development. If we are trying to create mixed communities then surely we should be seeking to reduce the threshold down to a minimum."

Empty Homes



every home counts

Making the most of empty properties in Surrey and Hampshire

The introduction of a new website across much of Hampshire and Surrey, allows the public to report empty homes online. See <http://www.everyhomecounts.info/> for details about how to report empty homes as well as other advice and guidance on empty properties.

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Under Occupation

Background

Under-occupation leads to inefficient use of the limited stock in the district and may mean people are living in unsuitable accommodation if they are unable to maintain such a large property for example.

Proposal

We would invite members views on suggestions for best practice or new ideas on how we can make the option of moving from and under-occupied property more attractive. For example, Would information from the council's housing register on locations where under-occupying households currently reside, and where they are actively looking to move help RSLs in targeting their assistance?

Theme(s) [Best Practice](#), [Older People](#) | [2 Comments »](#)

One Stop Resource for Older People

Background

The housing team at Hart have recently consulted members of the public on the older people information it currently provides and updated their website section (as well as paper form for accessibility) regarding older people. It is split into four themes:

For more background information see [here](#)

Proposal

We would like to propose the partners look at the [map of community services](#) with a view to expanding this database of geographic information with useful services that will be publicly available for customers to explore.

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Local News from the site

July '09 | Housing Forum

Hart's Annual Housing Forum was well attended once again, with more organisations getting involved. Thank you to everyone who came for their time. Details of the event are available at www.hart.gov.uk/housing/online

July '09 | Almshouses

Hart's housing team met with the Almshouses that operate within Hart on the 1st of July. It was hopefully a useful meeting and notes are available at www.hart.gov.uk/housing/online

May '09 | Strategic Housing Market Assessment

Hart's Strategic Housing Market Assessment is now complete. For more information see [Hart's site](#)

May '09 | LSP Housing Event

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National News on site

[Healey: fairness and flexibility in housing allocations](#)

31 July 2009

Housing Minister John Healey has today taken steps to give people confidence that councils allocate housing in their area fairly. (continues...)

[Healey kickstarts work on 22,400 homes](#)

27 July 2009

Housing Minister John Healey today announced that 270 stalled development projects across the country have been shortlisted for a share of £925m which could help get building work on 22,400 homes back on track and create 20,000 jobs. (continues...)