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PULBOROUGH RESIDENTS ARE BEING URGED TO FILL OUT A SURVEY FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Survey to tackle new homes

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Since 2000 Pulborough has taken on 500 new homes and now director of the local community partnership warns that many more will be expected if the Gatwick expansion is approved.

To tackle this, a neighbourhood plan is being developed in Pulborough to give some control over future building and a survey to ask for people's views will hit residents' door-mats this week.

Richard Keatley, chairman of the neighbourhood plan committee said: "Pulborough has taken about 500 new houses since 2000 and many people think that's enough.

"However we realise we have to take some more and we want to know where people think they ought to go and what



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Pulborough Neighbourhood Plan team - for more details visit www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

we should get in return. That's what the neighbourhood plan survey is all about, and why residents should seize the opportunity to have their say."

Various concerns of residents have already been identified including population increase, not enough younger people, overloaded sewage and

drainage systems, bad pavements and more traffic on inadequate roads.

David Hurst, a director of Pulborough Community Part-

nership, said: "According to Horsham's Local Plan, Pulborough, along with other villages, has to take some more houses but the proposed Gatwick expansion means it's even more important that people tell us what future they want for the village.

"Another runway at Gatwick will mean thousands of extra staff plus all the support services, and they'll all have to live somewhere.

"If it goes ahead, it's likely that Pulborough and the other villages may have to take far more houses than are allocated in the current Horsham plan."

Ray Qusted, chairman of Pulborough Parish Council said: "The survey is important so I'm urging people to fill it in. We want them back by September 5 so we have ammunition to fight for what the people want."

The parish council's survey will be delivered to every house in Pulborough parish over the next week.