

# NewLeaf

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## What's NEXT?

**Q: What do you mean by "regeneration" of the Town Centre?**

**A:** Getting the right uses in the town centre is key to its future. In an exciting first step, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council purchased Newman House, a key town centre site opposite Waitrose. Owning this property will ensure the right mix of uses and high quality design on the site. It is likely that the site will contain a mix of shops and flats.

Many new businesses have recently chosen to invest in the town including high street name McKays, alongside independently-run specialist shops.

The new Wetherspoon's public house has now opened, and has enhanced the historic character of the building.

Scottish & Southern Energy has announced plans to relocate 150 staff to Horley Town Centre from Crawley over the next two years, creating new employment opportunities.

Existing stores in and around Horley are also extending and improving access.

**Q: What else will you be doing?**

**A:** Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's themes for improving Horley and its surrounds include:

1. Making the most of being close to Gatwick Airport
2. Creating a distinctive place to live, work and visit
3. Improving the existing station and transport links

**Q: Who is involved?**

**A:** Our partners include Surrey County Council, Horley Town Council, Horley Chamber of Commerce, Horley Town Centre Management Group and businesses, interest groups and residents.

**Q: Can I get involved?**

**A:** Yes, we welcome your comments - see our contact details below.



Photo: Wetherspoon's "The Jack Fairman"



Photo: McKay's store in Horley High Street

## pssst! Have you heard?

**Dear Resident,**

You may have heard about the Horley regeneration plans and you're probably wondering what is happening in your local area and why. Well now you can read all about it.

We are proud to launch our first issue of a regular Horley Newsletter, designed to keep you up to speed with current projects in progress to benefit new and existing residents.

We promise to keep you up to date with what's going on and our continued work and investment into building a new and improved Horley.

## All change at... HORLEY STATION

**Move over Trinny and Susannah – Horley station is getting a make-over all of its own!**

Around £1 million is being spent to create a state of the art transport interchange at Horley station on the previous car park site. Works are currently underway and are due to be completed in January 2008. The most visible part of the new facility will be a new easy interchange between buses and trains, via a new step-free entrance directly from the car park level to the London-bound platform. Other improvements include:

- Upgrade of the station car park
- Provision of 68 car parking spaces including blue badge holder spaces
- New cycle shelters
- Drop off point for passengers being given a lift to the station
- Improved lighting and CCTV coverage in the car park
- Attractive landscaping
- Improved access to the car park with better visibility for users

The work is being delivered as a partnership between Surrey County Council (which is providing the bulk of the funding), Southern Railway (which is managing the project), Network Rail and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, and marks the beginning of the town centre's regeneration.

To minimise disturbance, the project is being planned to avoid night working.

Surrey County Councillor Kay Hammond is delighted that these works are proceeding, commenting: "The modernised station and new bus facilities will be a significant improvement for people who live in, work in or visit Horley."

Southern Railway's Paul Trevett announced that the Department for Transport has approved funding to make Horley fully accessible by providing lift access to all platforms. This work is planned to be undertaken between 2009 and 2011.

If you have any issues or concerns about the construction work, please contact Southern Railway on 08451 272920.



Photo: Paul Trevett (Facilities Manager, Southern Railway) and Cllr Kay Hammond (Surrey County Council) discussing progress at the station redevelopment site

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## YOUR Say?

**Do you have something to say about one of the articles you've read? Tell us what you think.**

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## Step By Step

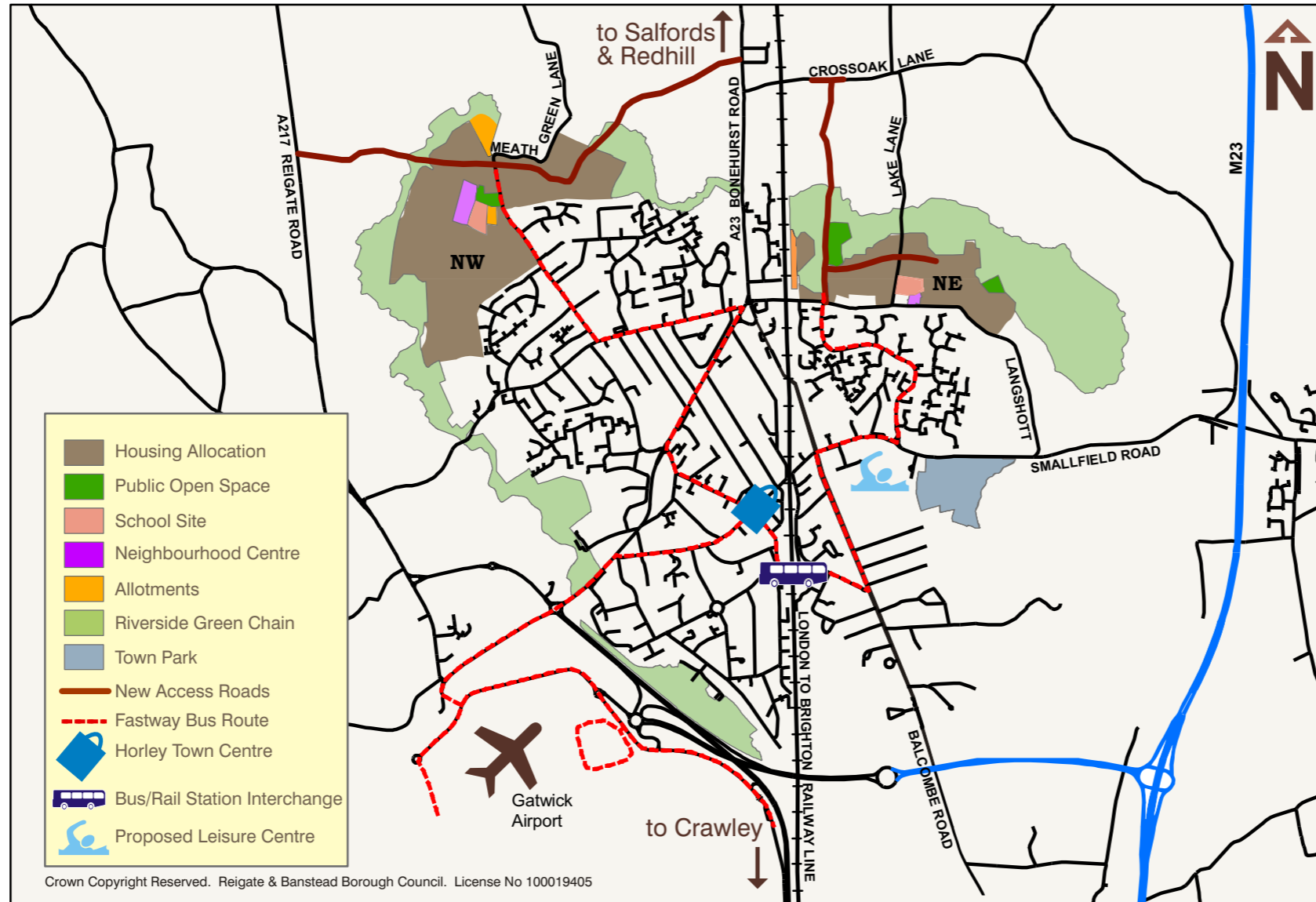
### The regeneration of Horley is moving forward apace.

A new forum has been set up and held its first meeting on 25th September. The forum is a partnership between public and private sector organisations and community representatives with an interest in Horley's future. The group will contribute to the area's development and improve the quality of life for residents by ensuring that key projects, such as the new leisure centre, are progressing.

Horley regeneration objectives include:

- To deliver the phased development of 2,600 dwellings
- To promote a healthy and vibrant community in Horley served by a wide range of social infrastructure including education, health, leisure and social care
- To ensure the development respects the principles of sustainable development
- To provide for mixed communities through a range of dwelling types
- To mitigate the impact of development on Horley and surrounding areas
- To reduce the need to travel and promote sustainable alternatives to the private car

Cllr Dr Daniel Poulter, Executive Member for Regeneration and Transport for Reigate & Banstead Borough Council said: "Regenerating Horley and creating two new neighbourhoods in the north of the town is an ambitious task. The plans we have long discussed and consulted on are becoming a reality."



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There are many stakeholders involved including residents, County, Borough and Town Councils, businesses and investors. All of these partners are working together to enhance and develop the town of Horley to make it a thriving, prosperous community.

Photo: Cllr Michael Miller with Cllr Dr Daniel Poulter



## Investment in Community Facilities

Horley will grow by a third over the next 10 years with the development of two new neighbourhoods to the north of the town. Some of the exciting new plans on the way are:

- A new leisure centre
- A new town park with football and cricket pitches, new areas of riverside parkland, 30 new play areas and 3 new allotment sites
- Youth facility and improved library
- Land for primary schools in the new North East and North West Sectors and funding towards secondary and post-16 education
- Neighbourhood centres in North East and North West Sectors including a community hall and local shops, and sites for a doctors' surgery and faith group in the North West Sector

- New public transport services
- Major investment in road network and improved pedestrian and cycle network linking new neighbourhoods to the town centre, schools etc and minimizing traffic impact on surrounding areas.

*“ Horley Councillors have worked together for many years to ensure that contributions are secured to local services and facilities to benefit new and existing residents. We welcome the investment being made by all partners. ”*

## News Headline

**Great Crested Newts are being moved to a pond to protect them during work on the development of the new neighbourhood in North East Horley, north of Langshott.**

While the new homes are being built, the newts will be staying in their holiday home.

Construction work will start in 2008 on the new homes and will continue for 5 years.

There will be a mixture of housing types including houses, flats and affordable homes. The new dwellings will respect the local character of the area by using materials in keeping with other homes, such as hanging tiles, weatherboarding and chimneys.



Photo: Great Crested Newt

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