

Community Development Action Group **AGENDA**



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A meeting of the Community Development Action Group of the Test Valley Partnership will be held on **Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at 10am in Crosfield Hall, Romsey.**

This meeting is focused on the large developments that are planned for both Romsey and Andover. The Community Development Action Group has an important role to play in ensuring the new developments are successful, with strong communities integrated with our existing communities. We have two guests coming to our meeting to give us information and examples which will help inform the workshops.

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Matters arising from previous meeting (21st January 2008)

3. Major developments in Test Valley – Andover and Romsey

Graham Smith, Senior Planning Officer, TVBC

Test Valley has to plan for nearly 9,000 new homes. Some sites have already been identified (eg. Picket Twenty in Andover) and others sites have been proposed. Graham will give us an overview of these sites, and more detail of what the proposals are (including any new community facilities).

4. How it can work in practice – Basingstoke's experience

June Balcombe, Community Development Manager, Basingstoke and Deane BC

Basingstoke has had some major redevelopment over the last few years, in both urban and rural areas. How have they ensured 'communities' have been at the centre of this? What has worked and what has been learnt.

5. Break – coffee, tea and biscuits (approx. 11am)

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6. What do we need to do to make our new developments as success?

Four workshops, each looking at a different area (see below).

7. Feedback and next steps

Each group to feedback the key points from their workshop. This information will be used to develop a work plan for our action group, which can be used for all new developments – and we will be asking what you and your organisations can offer.

8. Lunch! (approx. 12.30pm)

Workshops:

- **1. Community Development Worker** .New workers are proposed as part of the major new developments. What should be their role? What should their priorities be? Who should they be talking to/working with?
- **2. Community Centre** .New centres are proposed as part of the major new developments. What should the centres look like? What sort of activities will be happening there? What facilities will be needed?
- **3. Integrating existing and new communities** .New developments with new facilities will be located next to existing estates, some of which are our more deprived areas. How can we ensure existing areas benefit from the new developments and do not feel 'left out'?
- **4. Working with the right people** .Just one or two organisations cannot achieve this alone. Lots of people need to be involved. What organisations should we be working with? Who are the contacts? What can they offer? When do they need to be involved?

For more information and to confirm attendance/give apologies please contact Alison Murley T01264 368622E amurley@testvalley.gov.uk

Future meetings: 20th May, Andover. 24th July, Romsey. 22nd September, Andover. 24th November, Romsey.
All start at 10am .