

Petition Title	Planning strategy in the light of the governments house building targets
Petition	We the undersigned petition the council to hold a full Council Meeting debate to determine a definitive strategy for the Borough to adopt in order to meet Government's house building targets whilst retaining control of planning matters in the Borough.
Statement in support	<p>The government's housing target of 579 units per annum has placed Epsom and Ewell Borough Council in a very difficult position and has resulted in the EEBC Planning Department proposing to the Council's Planning Committee to break their own guidelines as laid down in the Local Plan regarding planning regulations about height and density. This will cause much disruption and discontent which will only get worse as available sites for new developments diminish.</p> <p>The building of eleven thousand new dwellings in the next fifteen years will change the nature of Epsom for ever and in order to retain some control over the process, the Council must have a plan to achieve the target which is more acceptable to the residents than handing control over to the government which is the government's default strategy if we do not fulfil the imposed number of dwellings each year or have more than a few planning proposals appeals upheld by Government. The Council meeting to discuss this should be advertised well in advance and decisions made should be accompanied by a public information campaign.</p>
Petition Organiser	Tim Humphries (College Ward Residents' Association)
Action	On reaching 1500 signatures this issue will be reported to and discussed at a meeting of the full Council.
Period Open	This ePetition ran from 25/09/2019 to 01/11/2019.
Number of valid signatures received by petition	1815