

## HELP US SAVE BULL HILL AND THE RED HOUSE GARDENS

The Leret Partnership - Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) and Kier - have proposed building on the Red House Gardens and Bull Hill site. The plans currently include 6 tower blocks up to 12 storeys high, as well as an 8+ storey multistorey car park, a hotel and offices, replacing a locally valued green space with an unattractive and overdeveloped site.

### **This development provides no value to the community:**

- Multiple tall tower blocks with a large footprint will blight the skyline for miles.
- Multiple tower blocks will give negative first impressions of Leatherhead.
- Density and height of the proposal is completely out of character with the town.
- Loss of Leatherhead identity by mimicking development projects in cities.
- We need houses NOT flats! We already have a surplus of unsold flats in Leatherhead.
- There is NO additional provision of doctors, schools, dental, policing or social services for 1500+ new residents.
- The increased traffic congestion will grind an already congested one-way system to a halt and potentially isolate the areas south of the mole, that use it as access to schools and the M25.
- The sacrifice of Bull Hill will not provide any meaningful improvement to the high street.
- The proposal fails to address local wildlife needs and be respectful to Leatherhead heritage conservation.
- No more office spaces – there's many vacant offices around Leatherhead already.
- This proposal destroys a valuable community park enjoyed by residents for over 100+ years.

### **What we need:**

- Revitalise Bull Hill to become an active green space, which enhances Leatherhead's reputation as a destination in the beautiful Surrey Hills.
- This is a unique opportunity to attract visitors to Leatherhead and its heritage, creating a gateway to the surrounding countryside network and supporting walking, cycling and nature watching.
- Attract businesses that create a vibrant high street (e.g. butcher, baker and grocer), meeting the needs of residents and local producers. Bringing 11000+ local people who want to support their high-street.
- MVDC to consider reduced rents to new small businesses in the first few years to encourage them into Leatherhead and increase **free** parking for visitors in line with Bookham and Fetcham.
- Need for family homes in line with government objectives - planning approval for houses for young families in the adjacent brown field sites, not on Bull Hill.

- Recreate the Bull Inn as a three storey mid-cost hotel – there’s no evidence it needs to be taller.
- Listen to the residents who have been giving this feedback for 10+ years.

Please go online to the Leret Partnership questionnaire and have your say, with question 10 giving you room to give your feedback on any issues you have and what you’d like to see.



<https://theleretpartnership.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/feedack/step1>

## **We also need to make our voices heard at the MVDC Planning Department**

**Please email:**

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And .cc these counsellors as it’s up to them to press home our concerns to MVDC!

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**HAVE YOUR SAY. YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

**Deadline is 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024!**

If you want further help or information, contact us in confidence at [savebullhill@gmail.com](mailto:savebullhill@gmail.com) and please copy us in on your emails so they can’t deny they received them

We are a group of concerned local residents passionate about Leatherhead’s future