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Paul, see attached poster which we are putting on our noticeboards to advertise the public consultation for the above.

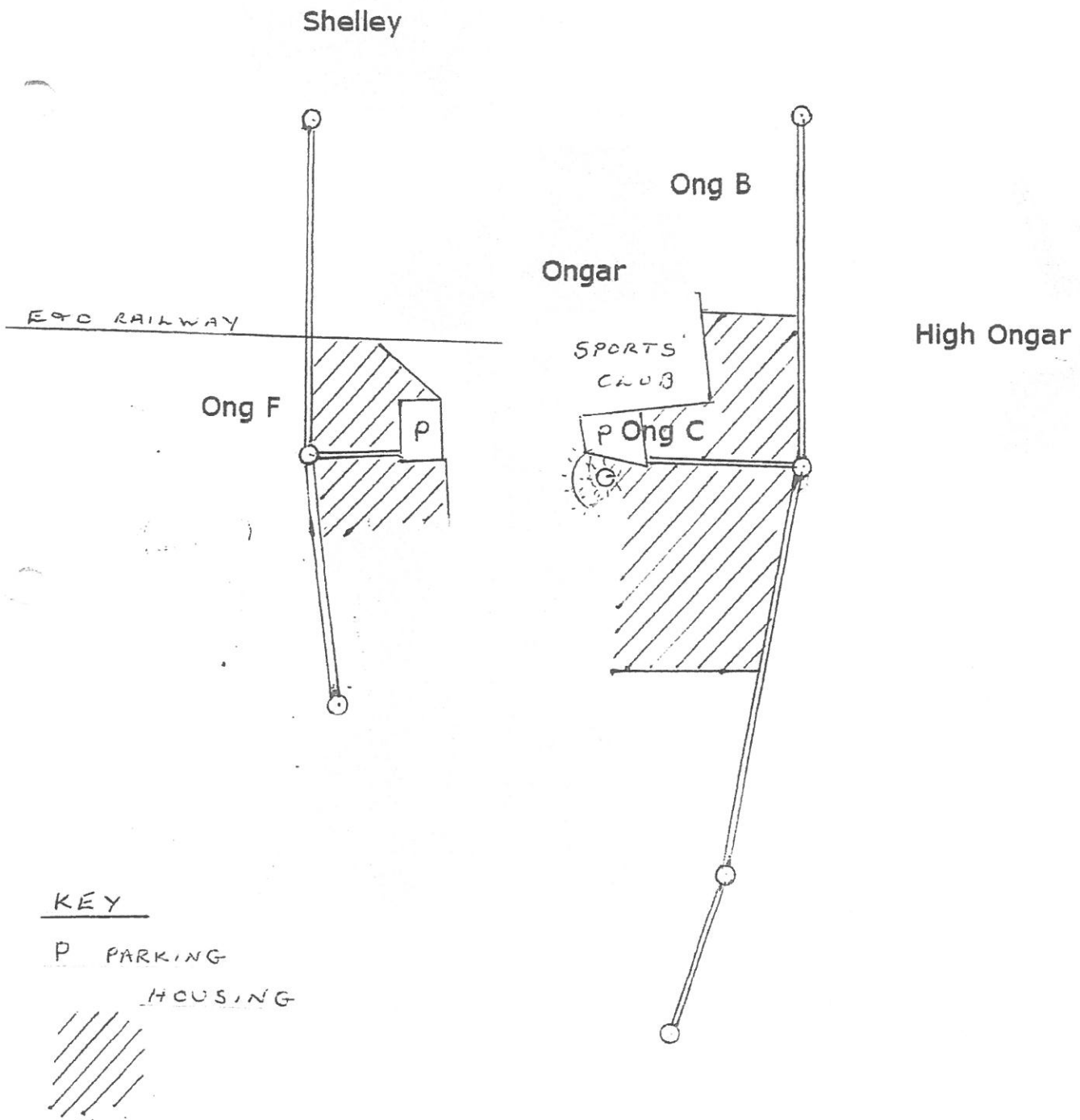
The information about the Local Plan came late into the office on Friday. We would really appreciate it if you could come to the Environment & Planning meeting on Thursday 11 September for the open forum part of the meeting.

Agenda will be posted out this week. Perhaps you could let us know if you are able to attend.

Kind regards,

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# A plan for Ongar



## The Problem

- Ongar is a small country town; in effect a one street settlement.
- The villages within Ongar's sphere of influence are going to grow.
- Fyfield Business Park is to be developed.
- Ongar itself will grow.
- As a result Ongar cannot remain a one street town.
- Development north of the A414 in Shelley and south of Marden Ash would turn Ongar into a dumbbell shaped settlement, exacerbating traffic and parking problems in the town centre.

## Solutions

- A relief road/ bypass to be constructed east of Ongar joining at A414 and A128.
  - Residential development in Area C of EFDC's plan. Housing would be within walking distance of the High St and public transport, including the Epping/ Ongar railway.
  - A car park to be constructed to the immediate north of the castle, serving the High St and Q.E.2 Sports Ground.
  - No vehicular link between these developments and the High St at any point.
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- Alternatively, or in addition depending on requirements, a western relief road/ bypass to be constructed linking the A414 Epping Road to the Greensted Road west of the Borough.
- Housing to be constructed in EFDC's Area F, above the flood plain of the Cripsey Brook.
- Car parking opposite Banson's Lane, affording pedestrian access to the High Street.
- New homes would be within walking distance of the High St., public transport and Ongar Primary School.
- Again no vehicular link to the High St.

## Consequences

- Ongar grows in a limited and manageable way.
- The High Street's traffic and parking problems would be solved.
- The town doesn't sprawl into the open countryside. The development would be in effect infilling, producing a more nucleated and cohesive settlement.
- There would be the minimum violation of the concept of the Green Belt."