



Campaign to Protect  
Rural England

SURREY

## MANIFESTO FOR SURREY

***The Surrey Branch of CPRE has drawn up a Manifesto highlighting 10 key policies for our county. These policies reflect the views of CPRE members and supporters countywide. We are urging every candidate for election to the County Council to sign up to the principles set out here, and to commit themselves to the defence of Surrey's environment.***

1. Quality of life and the protection of the environment should be political priorities – particularly in this time of recession.
2. Local democracy must be safeguarded and communities should continue to be able to influence the planning process.
3. The golden rule for development must be: Brownfield first, Greenfield only as a last resort.
4. The Green Belt was established to provide permanent protection and must be vigorously defended; the provision of alternative Green Belt sites elsewhere as recompense for losses in Surrey is not acceptable.
5. The housing targets for Surrey in the final South East Plan are excessive, unsound and unsustainable.
6. There must be no new housing without sufficient investment in associated infrastructure and public services.
7. Additional housing should meet local needs first and foremost, particularly the requirement for affordable homes.
8. New building should be to the highest design standards with emphasis on energy and water efficiency. Neighbourhood identity, character and setting should be enhanced by protecting open spaces and gardens, and by the use of local materials.
9. Surrey's farmers should be actively supported and the consumption of local produce encouraged.
10. The protection currently given to the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Areas of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) should be strengthened.