

**Test Valley Borough Council,
Beech Hurst,
Weyhill Road,
Andover,
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Dear Resident

We have an amazing opportunity for you to help shape the future of Romsey and decide what community facilities are needed now and in years to come.

Romsey Future (RF), supported by Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC), is working with Thinks Insight and Strategy and Plus Four Market Research to run a citizens' assembly in July and September 2024, and we'd really like you to take part.

The citizens' assembly will see local people come together to consider key information from different community groups and use this to create recommendations for RF to include in their plans to regenerate the area south of the town centre, which includes the Crosfield Hall site.

Between 2018 and 2020, RF worked with the local community to create the Romsey Town Centre Masterplan, which is a blueprint for the town's redevelopment.

The masterplan didn't make any firm conclusions around how and where to provide community facilities as it required further investigation, so the citizens' assembly will play an important role in shaping the recommendations.

There will be 36 people selected to take part, making sure that the group reflects the variety of people who live in, work in and use Romsey. You do not need any specialist knowledge and although a commitment to attend all sessions is required, participation is relaxed/informal.

The citizens' assembly will take place on the evening of Thursday 18 July 2024 and during the day on Saturday 20 July, as well as sessions on Thursday 26 September and Saturday 28 September. You need to be able to attend all sessions. If selected to take part we will provide food, cover transport costs and we understand that we're asking you to give up your time to do this, so you will receive £350 as a thank you for attending all sessions.

You can find out more at www.romseyfuture.org.uk

Sign up today for the chance to make a massive difference and influence the future of your town: www.plus4.co.uk/romseyfuture

With very best wishes

Andy Ferrier

Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough Council and on behalf of Romsey Future