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Come and have your say about the future growth of Kennington

Residents will have an opportunity to work with council planning policy officers at a community workshop on 5 April. This will be a further chance to discuss aspects of ABC's Local Plan to 2030, which will be completed by the end of 2014 and will determine how the most sustainable and deliverable pattern of growth can be achieved within the borough. Developers and landowners have put forward a number of sites for inclusion in the plan, including two potentially large develop-

Seven sites put up for housing

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ments at Ashford Golf Club and east of Canterbury Road, and land at Ulley Farm and Ashford Rugby Club. Submitted sites will be assessed by ABC and balanced against projected housing and employment needs. KCF's Chair, Chris Morley, said: "It is really important that residents take this opportunity for

their views to be heard by our council. The plan covers new employment sites and homes to 2030, as well as leisure, retail, visitor and tourism facilities. "Our previous community workshop in September highlighted some recent developments that participants thought had worked well, as well as proposals that met strong opposition." The workshop is at St Mary's Community Centre, Rylands Road from 10am-12, starting with a short presentation from ABC. Refreshments will be available.

'Let's not sleepwalk into another Chilmington Green'

Under the present Local Plan some 12,000 homes with planning permission remain unbuilt. So why does Ashford need more homes, asks Councillor Winston Michael (Boughton Aluph). He said: "With the current build rate of 500 per annum this represents a supply far beyond 2030. But perhaps the biggest question is whether Ashford has enough

roads, hospitals, doctors' surgeries, school and water and sewerage systems to support substantial development. I urge all residents to make their voices heard at every level. "Parties with a vested interest continue to advocate phenomenal growth rates for Ashford. Let us not sleepwalk into another Chilmington Green."

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Hotel home for the mini-beasts

A woodland willow pathway, a sensory garden, a log shelter and a mini-beast hotel are among the attractions in Downs View Infant School's Woodland learning area. It has been created by parents and teachers in the school field partly shared by Kennington Juniors. Tracy Kent, interim head teacher, said: "We are also lucky enough to have a fantastic teepee which is used on a regular basis during our learning. The children have thrived from exploring new experiences in the outdoors and have been involved in a range of exciting activities."



Triumphant: Charisma and Mrs Davis


The first Born to Shine show at Phoenix Primary School "was a roller-coaster for everyone," said Sofia who sang *Je ne Regrette Rien* in French with fellow pupil Melissa and Mrs Nation, the head teacher. Ten staff members had been chosen to work alongside a child for two weeks to learn a new skill. Mrs Nation said: "The judging panel of three teachers were harsh and critical and this meant that Mrs Davis who worked on a superb tap dance with Charisma (Year 6) was a very worthy winner." Other acts included Georgia and Miss Ogden on the clarinet; Miss Jones playing the flute with Tamsin; Miss Hills dancing with Lily to *Troublemaker*; Mr Miles (complete with tattoos) rapping alongside Ellie, and Miss Poynton playing the ocarina with Erin. By far the most popular act was Mr Cotter and Chantal who danced in their onesies. Mrs Nation said: "Mr Cotter really does need to improve his cartwheel at the end of his act." Thirty teachers and children from Poland, Slovenia, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic will be visiting the school from 1-4 July. If anyone is able to offer accommodation please contact Mr Garvey on 01233 622510.

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