



# CROOKHAM VILLAGE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Consultation Statement

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## Introduction

Crookham Village Parish Council submits its Neighbourhood Plan for Crookham Village Parish (CVNP) to Hart District Council on 5 July 2019 for independent examination.

This Consultation Statement complies with requirements of Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations and provides the response to Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations (pre-submission statutory consultation). It has been prepared by the Crookham Village Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (CVPNPSG) to fulfil the legal obligations of Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

The legal basis for this Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations which sets out the elements of what a Consultation Statement should contain:

- details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- an explanation of how they were consulted;
- a summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- a description of how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

This Consultation Statement summarises all statutory and non-statutory consultation undertaken with the community and other relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders in developing the CVNP. In particular, it describes how concerns have been addressed and what changes have been made to the final CVNP as a result of statutory pre-submission consultation.

A File of Consultation Evidence providing a record of all consultation exercises, comments and feedback accompanies this Consultation Statement as Appendices A to H to this statement.

## Launching the Neighbourhood Plan

At the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) held on 12 May 2014, Crookham Village Parish Council (CVPC) and a number of residents received a presentation from Hart District Council. This presentation covered all aspects of Neighbourhood Planning including the benefits to the Parish and advice on the mechanism for achieving a cohesive and comprehensive plan for the Parish. Following the presentation, there was a discussion with the residents present and it was agreed that Crookham Village Parish would benefit from having a plan.

At the Annual General Meeting which was held immediately after the APM, it was resolved that a Neighbourhood Plan (CVNP) would be created for the area of the parish boundary of Crookham Village Civil Parish. It was also agreed that the responsibility for the creation of the Plan would lie with a Steering Group comprising of parish councillors and residents and that suitable Terms of Reference would be drawn up for agreement by the Parish Council. In the interim, three parish councillors would form a working group to launch the plan and achieve community involvement. The Terms of Reference were subsequently presented for agreement to the Parish Council at the meeting on 29 July 2014 (Appendix A).



On 13 July 2014, the CVNP was formally launched at a drop-in session at the Zebon Community Centre. This session was announced in an article in the local paper (Appendix B) and supported by the delivery to all households and businesses in the Parish of a leaflet containing the same information. To accompany the launch session, the Working Group also held a children's drawing competition for Parish children from which the CVNP logo would be

derived.

The drop-in session was well attended throughout the afternoon by over 100 residents. Everyone was provided with a Resident's Survey, Post-it notes and asked to indicate on topic sheets the areas they would like to see the Neighbourhood Plan cover. The aims of the session were to provide an opportunity to gather feedback from parish residents, both adults and children; involve younger residents through the logo competition and provide a chance for people to get involved if they wanted to be part of shaping the future of the Parish. Feedback from the session clearly showed that residents' concerns included traffic and transport through the area, poor provision of both primary, secondary and sixth form schools to satisfy the needs of an expanding population and the threat to wildlife and wilderness areas. Other concerns focussed on the need for more non-car travel options in future developments, better healthcare, leisure and recreation provision for both the young and the older residents. While residents acknowledged that development was necessary, there was a preference for smaller developments of no more than 20 houses, including affordable housing for young people and small industrial units at affordable rents. The update provided to residents



following the meeting in the Parish Newsletter, the entries to the children's art competition and the survey to participants can be found in Appendix B.

At the start of the CVNP process, the CVNPSG had several other sources of useful material relating to earlier consultations with residents. In 2005, CVPC conducted a parish wide survey as a basis for the development of a Parish Plan. A questionnaire was sent to every household in the parish and replies invited. The questions covered a wide range of topics from housing requirements to parish recreational facilities, environment and transport. CVPC received replies from 500 households amounting to 968 residents. This represented 32% of electors. A second survey was conducted in 2013 to refresh the plan. This covered a similar range of topics and was completed by 357 households amounting to 22% of the parish. These questionnaires have been used to provide additional evidence to support the CVNP. A copy of the Parish Plan together with the base data for both it and the update to it completed in 2013 can be found in Appendix A1 to the CVNP.

Following the drop-in session, the Crookham Village Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (CVNPSG) was formalised, comprising 6 volunteers initially from across the parish with various backgrounds, ages and interests, including 3 parish councillors. During the course of the development of the CVNP, there were inevitably some changes to the membership of CVNPSG with volunteers and councillors leaving and others joining the SG team such that by the time the plan reached submission, 20 residents had participated in the preparation of the CVNP.

Initially the CVNPSG met regularly on a monthly basis with alternate meetings designated as working group meetings and so not held in public. Later this moved to monthly meetings in public. Appendix H contains the Steering Group Terms of Reference and minutes of meetings.

On 7 August 2014, Hart District Council formally designated the entire area of Crookham Village Parish as a Neighbourhood Area and provided a small amount of initial funding. The CVNPSG applied for and was granted funding from DCLG through Locality, which was mainly used to pay for support from an external consultant and marketing costs. Further funding was supplied by CVPC. Over the period of development of the CVNP, the CVNPSG made use of the services of three external consultants/consultancy firms, one of which went into liquidation during the initial phase of plan development.

Arising out of the initial launch, the name 'plan4crookham' was agreed to indicate a degree of separation and independence from CVPC for use across all future publicity together with a separate website, [www.plan4crookham.org](http://www.plan4crookham.org). This was felt to be important to show that the CVNP was distinct from the Local Plan consultations which were running in parallel to the CVNP consultations.

Although community engagement was the responsibility of each member of the CVNPSG, the team also included a marketing expert who designed the branding and image for the CVNP consultations and a website design engineer who set up the plan4crookham website. In addition to the formal consultations, the CVNPSG have attempted to maximise the opportunities to engage in consultation, both formal and informal, including many one-to-one conversations with residents and stakeholders.

## Information sharing and consultation methods

Many methods were employed to engage and consult the community on land use matters during the evolution of the CVNP:

- Regular updates at meetings of Crookham Village Parish Council meetings. See [www.crookhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.crookhamvillage.org.uk) ;
- Minutes of SG meetings via [www.plan4crookham.org/library/steering-group-meeting-minutes](http://www.plan4crookham.org/library/steering-group-meeting-minutes) ;
- Stands at local events such as the annual Zebon Copse Residents Association Fete and the annual Horticultural Society Show;
- Attendance at developer pre-application consultation exhibitions;
- Regular drop-in sessions at local venues both in the Zebon Community Centre on Zebon Copse and in the Old Village making use of both the WI Hall and the Crookham Street Social Club;
- Posters on the Parish noticeboards as well sandwich boards and countdown boards outside venues;
- A1 display boards and pull up banner inside venues;
- Leaflets through letterboxes;
- Leaflets, questionnaires delivered to all households and businesses for both the non-statutory consultations and the Pre-Submission Plan Regulation 14 consultations;
- Children’s Art Competition;
- Local press;
- Articles in Crookham Village Parish News;
- Presentations and Q&A sessions at the CVPC APM and the AGM of the Zebon Copse Resident’s Association;
- Social Media: Facebook;
- Website [www.plan4crookham.org](http://www.plan4crookham.org).

## Using Professional guidance

Throughout this process, the CVNPSG has placed great reliance on the comprehensive guidance available from bodies such as the Department for Communities and Local Government, Locality and Planning Aid England.

In addition to Government guidance, the CVNPSG commissioned Towns Alive in July 2014 to provide professional guidance during the early stages of the development process. Unfortunately, Towns Alive ceased operating in autumn 2014 and was replaced by Liz Bourne at PLAN-Et. She worked with the CVNPSG to develop and test the Vision and Objectives for the CVNP before resigning in March 2016. In December 2016, John Slater of John Slater Planning Ltd became CVNPSG's principal adviser.

By means of regular guidance by email and telephone, PLAN-Et was instrumental in helping the CVNPSG to analyse the evidence from the early surveys conducted by the parish. PLAN-Et also used their analysis of the feedback from the Vision and Objectives consultation in late 2014 to make recommendations as to appropriate objectives for the plan. As a result of this advice, the CVNPSG was able to prepare a draft vision and outline objectives for the community to consider by February 2015.

John Slater was retained to assist with the development of a range of policies designed to enable the vision and objectives set in the earlier consultations to be achieved. He also advised on the evidence base required to support the new draft policies. Based on this review, the CVNPSG was able to refine their draft policies and evidence base such that they were appropriate for the needs of the parish.

## Aims of Engagement and Consultation

The aims of the consultation process for CVNP have been:

- To involve as many of the community as possible throughout all stages of Plan development so that it was shaped by the views of local people and other stakeholders from the outset;
- To engage with as wide a range of residents and people working within the parish as possible, using a range of differing approaches and consultation methods;
- To ensure that consultation was undertaken at the critical points in the process **to inform the important decisions as they needed to be taken**;
- To improve engagement by ensuring that all events and communications were clear and focussed;
- To keep the community informed of progress and the results of consultation throughout the process.

It is considered that the level of consultation undertaken has exceeded that required by the regulations as it has included several voluntary consultations in addition to the statutory consultations. Evidence is provided in the Appendices A to H to this statement. This material is also available to view at <http://plan4crookham.org>.

The dedicated website for the CVNP, [plan4crookham.org](http://plan4crookham.org), launched in 2015, has over time become an important source of information for residents and stakeholders and has been used to advertise the various consultations and updates related to the emerging CVNP. Around the same time, a presence on Facebook (FB) was launched to stimulate interest and involvement particularly among younger members of the community. Due to the age profile in the Parish, this proved to be less helpful than had been anticipated and it ceased to be used actively in 2015.

The most valuable tool for communication with residents and stakeholders has proved to be email. At each of the drop-in sessions, emails for those residents who wished to be kept informed were collected and these were then used to keep residents informed, answer specific queries and later as a notification mechanism for the statutory consultations. Email correspondence was not limited to the younger members of the parish as many of the email respondents were over sixty, with some over eighty. Over the whole development period for the plan, emails were received at either [@plan4crookham.org](mailto:@plan4crookham.org) or direct to CVPC from residents and stakeholders with enquiries or comments. These have been noted and a suitable reply generated. Many of these comments were then taken into consideration in the CVNP's development.

### **Summary log of consultation activity**

There have been four key stages in the engagement and consultation:

- Raising awareness and understanding the issues (Non-statutory consultation Dec 2014 – January 2015)
- Vision and Objectives consultation (Non-statutory consultation October 2015 – December 2015)
- Landscape and sense of place consultation: (Non-statutory consultation July 2016 – December 2016)
- Formal Pre-submission consultation (Statutory consultation 14 January 2019 - 15 March 2019)
- Second Pre-submission consultation (Statutory consultation 18 April 2019 - 30 May 2019)

Throughout the process, feedback has been provided through both the minutes of the regular Steering Group meetings and via the monthly CVPC minutes.

## Developing the Vision and Objectives

The consultation process for the development of the vision and objectives for Crookham Village Parish (CVP) began with an article in the November 2014 edition of Parish Newsletter (Appendix B) which was designed to raise awareness across all residents of CVP's intention to prepare a CVNP and the purpose of that document.

Crookham Village Parish encompasses three distinctive settlements, one of which is a historic village and the other two are more modern large estates built in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The CVNPSG recognised that residents in the three areas would have very different views on the needs for the parish and the challenges facing it and so it would be very important to design consultations that would appeal to all the sectors of the parish to ensure inclusivity. As a result of this, it was decided to define each settlement as a separate character area with its own set of needs and issues. It was also decided to refer to Crookham Village as the "Old Village" to prevent the perception that the CVNP had been designed to accommodate the needs of the historic village of Crookham Village only to the detriment of the more urban settlements of Zebon Copse and Netherhouse Moor. It was also felt important to ensure that each area was represented on the CVNPSG to develop an insight into the specific needs and issues of that character area.

In November 2015, the CVNPSG prepared a survey which was delivered to each household in the parish to gather further information on which the vision and objectives for the CVNP could be based. This survey covered the following topics:

- Housing provision;
- Jobs and the local economy;
- Protecting our environment;
- Improving community services; and
- Creating a sustainable community.

Although paper copies of the survey were provided to all households, there was also provision for the survey to be completed online. The survey was promoted on the plan4crookham website as well as on the CVPC and Zebon Copse Resident's Association websites. This survey started on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and finished on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015, although late replies were accepted through to February 2015 when the analysis of the responses was completed. Copies of both the survey and the analysis can be found in Appendix C.

A total of 235 responses were received to this survey, corresponding to 15% of all households in the parish. The responses showed a good balance of different ages and sexes to provide a representative view. Although there were many findings, the many ones were:

- A keenness to protect the rural setting of the parish which was seen as being integral to the identity of the parish;
- A stated preference for small scale development of 20 houses or less;

- A requirement for smaller housing for young families;
- A concern that the local infrastructure would not support additional development without improvement;
- Flooding;
- New development should be high quality and environmentally friendly;
- The protection of important views, historic buildings and the conservation areas;
- The danger caused by excessive volumes of traffic and speeding;
- The need for more walking and cycling routes; and
- Access problems caused by car parking overspill onto narrow roads.

Based on the results of this survey, the CVNPSG prepared the draft vision for the parish together with a set of draft objectives designed to achieve that vision. These were put out to consultation on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015. To promote this consultation, the CVNPSG issued a special edition of the Parish Newsletter which was delivered to all houses in the parish in late July 2016, along with a paper copy of the survey. The newsletter contained a four page spread showing the draft vision and objectives and the four ways in which residents and stakeholders could respond to the survey:

- via the paper copy of the survey which was hand delivered to all households with the newsletter;
- via email to [choices@plan4crookham.org](mailto:choices@plan4crookham.org);
- online via an electronic consultation; and
- at one of two drop-in sessions on Saturday 10 October 2015 at the Zebon Community Centre or on Sunday 11 October 2015 at the WI Hall in Crookham Village.

The consultation closed in February 2016 and an analysis of the results was prepared by PLAN-Et. This showed that a total of 212 residents and stakeholders responded, amounting to 5.25% of residents. While most replies were generally supportive of the draft vision and objectives, 42 residents provided comments that required detailed consideration for change. There was some support for having different objectives for each of the character areas to recognise the different aspirations of each community and the diversity of the communities in the parish. Other respondents felt that some of the vision statement was too generic which could lead to misinterpretation.

The analysis also covered each of the draft objectives and again, while the majority of respondents felt that the objectives as stated were fine, a small but significant number of respondents identified changes that needed to be considered in detail before the vision and objectives could be finalised.

In general, the consultation revealed that approximately 20% of respondents made comments that indicated that the vision and objectives needed some further refinement to make them specific to Crookham Village Parish and changes were made to both the vision

and objectives on the basis of these comments. Copies of the vision and objectives newsletter and leaflet together with the analysis by PLAN-Et can be found in Appendix D.

## **Assessing the Importance of the Built Environment**

Following the update of the vision and objectives for the CVNP, work started on developing the policies that would ensure that the vision statement could be achieved. In March 2016, there was a significant change in direction following the resignation of the three parish councillor members of the CVNPSG together with the PLAN-Et consultant who had been supporting the plan up to that date. Three new parish councillors took over and started work with the remaining members of the CVNPSG on further consultations to tease out the views of residents about some of the other important areas within the Parish.

By early 2016, the parish had been subject to two outline planning applications for large scale developments within the parish boundary. These developments were for 300 dwellings at the Land off Watery Lane in the open fields adjacent to the Zebon Copse settlement and for 423 dwellings at Land north of Netherhouse Copse adjacent to the Netherhouse Moor settlement. While both of these developments were initially refused permission by Hart District Council, they were subsequently granted on appeal and when built out, will increase the number of dwellings in the parish by just over 40%. It should be noted that these two developments represents just over 10% of the total housing numbers for Hart District over the whole plan period. Based on these new developments, it was decided that the CVNP should not allocate further sites but should accept small windfall sites as long as they comply with the CVNP policies.

The CVNPSG attended all the discussions and exhibitions put on for local residents by the developers for these proposed developments and as a result gained a good understanding of the views of the residents as to the type of development that would be appropriate for the parish. The CVNPSG also reviewed the comments made by residents in response to the planning applications submitted which were in excess of 300 responses for each application.

These views echoed the views of residents at the first drop-in session in that they wanted:

- A strong preference for small developments of fewer than 20 dwellings;
- Dwellings that were sympathetic to the character of adjacent settlements;
- Developments that didn't have a detrimental impact on the setting of any of the conservation areas in the parish;
- Developments that provided additional infrastructure, particularly in relation to traffic, to enable the quality of life in the parish to be preserved; and
- Developments with a more rural design to reflect the semi-rural nature of the parish.

These views, consistently expressed throughout the plan process, were considered to be sufficient by the CVNPSG to enable policies to be prepared for each settlement area to ensure that new developments are sympathetically integrated with the appropriate settlement area while maintaining and enhancing the character of the parish as a whole.

## **Assessing the Importance of the Landscape and Sense of Place**

While the views expressed in the various drop-in sessions demonstrated strong support for the natural environment, it was felt that a clearer view of the importance to residents of each of the main characteristics of the natural environment and sense of place was required. To that end, it was decided to hold a further consultation to provide evidence of the view of residents on the following areas:

- Local gaps;
- Conservation areas; and
- Local Green spaces.

Unlike the previous consultations, it was decided to conduct this consultation as a series of drop-in sessions at parish events throughout the summer and autumn. These drop-in sessions were accompanied by the development of an electronic consultation on the [plan4crookham](#) website.

The launch of the consultation was at the annual Zebon Copse Fete on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. The CVNPSG commissioned a number of A1 boards together with a large pull up banner of the parish to create an exhibition stand for the fete. Residents were invited to submit their views either online using an electronic consultation or on a specially designed free form response form. While this created a great deal of interest and discussion with many residents offering their views verbally, only a relatively small number of formal responses were received.

A second stand at the Dogmersfield, Winchfield and Crookham Village Horticultural Show on 23<sup>rd</sup> July again produced a great deal of interest but little in the way of formal responses and so it was decided to offer further opportunities for residents to express their views. A third drop-in session was held at the Social Club in Crookham Village which proved to be the best attended of all the sessions. Over 100 residents came to discuss their views and 87 formal responses were received. Some residents took the response forms with them for completion at home and then dropped them off at the Village Post Office after completion. Finally a fourth session was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Zebon Community Centre Copse which again was well attended by local residents. Copies of all the posters, boards and survey documentation can be found in Appendix E. In total, this consultation resulted in 208 formal responses across all the drop-in sessions.

The results of the consultation showed an overwhelming support for the natural environment with residents in the more urban areas of the parish, Zebon Copse and Netherhouse Moor showing the strongest support for the green space within their respective developments at 100% of respondents. This was much prized for dog walking and general recreation. Along with the support for the green space in the parish, was a tremendous pride in the wildlife that not only exists in the rural areas surrounding the three settlements but also within the settlements themselves. Younger residents were very keen to report badger sightings near to their homes on Zebon Copse, while residents of Crookham Village were able to provide detailed reports of the over wintering and nesting habits of several rare species of bird which are relatively common in the open spaces of Cross Farm.

Over 90% of residents also greatly valued the conservation areas with the parish. Residents were very knowledgeable about the long history of Crookham Village, the oldest settlement in the Parish and were very keen to preserve the number of historic properties dotted throughout the parish together with their mainly rural settings. When in 2016, a developer submitted a planning application for the development of a care village in the area immediately behind the historic properties on the south side of the Street in the Old Village, the residents again were quick to express their views. Those views supported the results of the consultation and showed an almost universal support for the preservation of the setting of the historic properties in all three conservation areas in the Parish.

While the Crookham Village conservation area is much valued by residents, the Basingstoke conservation area emerged as being the most popular recreational area in the parish with the multiplicity of footpaths and bridleways that traverse the Parish being a close second. There were a great many requests to not only retain these footpaths but also to extend the network wherever possible.

There was almost universal support for the preservation of the local gap to prevent coalescence with the urban areas of Fleet and Church Crookham. This area is seen as being essential to the preservation of the character and setting of the Crookham Village conservation area. That development should not have a detrimental impact on conservation areas, listed buildings and views valued by the community was seen as an imperative. The views across the parish were also seen as integral to the character and setting of the parish with views across Cross Farm, from Hillyburrow and from the Tump being seen as the most important. All three areas lie within the existing local gap and residents were very concerned that any potential development would inevitably threaten or compromise these views.

On 6 June 2018, CVPC requested a screening opinion from Hart District Council in respect of the need to prepare a SEA under EU directive 42/2001 and the 2004 Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations. The screening opinion dated 19th June 2018 concluded that the provisions of the CVNP are not likely to have any significant environmental effects and therefore a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

## **Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14)**

The statutory pre-submission consultation was undertaken by CVNPSG in the period from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019. While the consultation was initially due to finish on 15<sup>th</sup> March, the end date was extended at the request of residents who wished to make multiple responses from different family members from the same computer. The consultation process was initiated by the Chairman of CVPC as supported by the Clerk to the Council and the CVNPSG. For the statutory consultees, a letter from the Chairman of CVPC was sent by email to a list of consultees identified by HDC together with the parish councils of all adjacent parishes. Appendix G contains the letter and the list of consultees notified of the Reg. 14 consultation process.

The publication of the Pre-Submission CVNP, together with details of how to make representations, was also publicised among individuals and bodies with an interest in the parish by the production of leaflets which were hand delivered to all households and businesses in the parish. To support the consultation process, the CVNPSG also produced a series of posters for the parish council noticeboards as well as for display in the local shops, businesses and community venues.

Residents and stakeholders were also invited to information events where the plan was explained together with the consultation process by means of a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session. The first session was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Zebon Community Centre for all residents and businesses on Zebon Copse and a second session held at the Crookham Street Social Club on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 for residents and stakeholders in Crookham Village and Netherhouse Moor. This evening proved to be the first heavy snowfall of the year and so two further sessions were organised. The second session was held in the same venue on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at an earlier time to enable older residents to attend, with a final evening consultation session in the WI Hall in Crookham Village on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which was attended by residents from all areas of the parish.

The consultation provided several ways in which responses could be completed. The main consultation method was by means of an electronic survey accessed through the [plan4crookham.org](http://plan4crookham.org) website. While most respondents used this method, replies were also received by email to [choices@plan4crookham](mailto:choices@plan4crookham) and in paper format. The various consultation formats and posters, together with the presentation can be found in Appendix F. All respondents were requested to provide their name and postcode to demonstrate their connection to the parish as well as an optional email address for further information.

The consultation was subdivided into a number of separate sections as follows:

- Vision and Objectives;
- Settlement boundary policy;
- Built environment policies;
- Sense of place policies;
- Landscape and natural environment policies;
- Traffic and movement policies;

- Any major issues that have been omitted from the plan; and
- Any further comments.

The responses for each of these sections was analysed separately and similar comments grouped together by issue or topic for analysis purposes.

A total of 212 responses were received from local residents or businesses, the vast majority of which were from individual residents. Many of the comments received were positive showing the appreciation of residents for the work done to generate the plan. Each of the sections was analysed separately and members of the CVNPSG carefully reviewed and assessing the comments from residents. While most comments were supportive of the CVNP overall; several made specific comments for or against individual elements of each policy. Residents' comments generally showed they cared a great deal about their parish, were well informed and engaged with the process and demonstrated that they had been able to make a contribution to the development of the plan. A series of minor amendments were made to the plan in response to the analysis of the comments received. The documentation and analysis for each of the different areas in the first Regulation 14 consultation can be found in Appendix I.

As might be expected, feedback from residents was not without a degree of criticism and occasional misunderstanding of the purpose of the plan. As such, each relevant comment amounting to a concern has been noted and considered carefully against NPPF guidelines as indicated in the analyses in Appendix I. This shows how relevant concerns have been addressed appropriately resulting in a number of detailed modifications in the plan.

8 responses were received from statutory consultees, including Historic England, Natural England, HDC and Thames Water. Responses were also received from adjacent parishes and a developer. These responses were reviewed in detail by the CVNPSG. The statutory consultees raised issues that required work to re-evaluate the evidence base used and to generate further evidence to support the policies in the plan. In addition, some suggested minor wording changes to the draft policies were considered and made where appropriate. The responses from the statutory consultees together with the actions taken and changes made can be found in Appendix H.

One major omission was pointed out by HDC in their comments in that despite concerns raised by residents, a flooding policy has not been included in the CVNP. This omission was rectified very quickly and a second consultation started on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and completed on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019. A revised letter was prepared and sent by email to the same list of statutory consultees. Additionally, an email was sent to all respondents who had supplied an email address to notify them of the second consultation. A total of 92 responses were received to this second consultation which were analysed and addressed in the same way as for the first consultation. The documentation and analysis for the second flooding policy consultation can be found in Appendix G.

All representations were considered against the relevant NPPF criteria for their potential impact on the draft plan and potential need for changes to be incorporated into the submission draft. A record of the input to an updated submission CVNP in line with

Regulation 14 consultation process has been recorded in each of the appendices H. Where appropriate, changes were then made to the plan which has been updated from its pre-submission status.

The CVNP was then finalised for submission, together with completion of its Basic Conditions Statement and this Consultation Statement.

Crookham Village Parish Council subsequently reviewed and endorsed the neighbourhood development plan at a meeting on 1 July 2019 for submission to Hart District Council.

## **Conclusion**

In accordance with Section 15(2) Part 5 of Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, this Consultation Statement details who was consulted and how. It summarises the main issues and concerns raised, as evidenced in the accompanying appendices and describes how they have been considered and, where appropriate, addressed in the Submission version of the plan.

The CVNPSG and CVPC are of the opinion that the parish of Crookham Village has defined a plan that has been shaped by the views of the community, which have been crystallised as a result of extensive public engagement and consultation since summer 2014.

Throughout this process, the residents and other stakeholders in the parish have demonstrated a consistent interest in and engagement with in the plan which is demonstrated by the evidence that has been gathered and made available in the Appendices to this document. The website [www.plan4crookham.org](http://www.plan4crookham.org) provide further details of the evidence obtained through the many consultations.

Crookham Village Parish Council believes that it has met both the letter and the spirit of the Regulations to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which is fully compliant.