

Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan - Gaps Consultation

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Re: Appendix 3 supporting evidence for the whole Policy NE01 Preserving the Gap Between Settlements.

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I understand that the Planning Inspector is seeking additional evidence to support the proposed gap between Crookham Village and surrounding areas. May I offer the following;-

- The gap maintains the separate identity of Crookham Village
- This gap has an outstanding uniqueness & diversity which also reflects the identity of CV which would disappear for ever if closed
- The gap provides a sense of space, openness & landscape around CV, Fleet & Dogmersfield
- CV is a rural area whereas Fleet is very much a town. Closing the gap will alter the character of CV but not Fleet
- Filling the gap would merge Fleet, Dogmersfield & CV into one large area
- It has been shown that the local gap is very important to the folk of CV
- I walk my dog everyday around the gap and meet many others from CV, Fleet & Dogmersfield also enjoying the space
- The gap enables CV to remain a village something that is already being eroded by developments such as Grove Farm & Watery Lane in particular
- CV & Dogmersfield have distinct separate characteristics & identities which are important to maintain
- It is vital we protect the conservation areas of CV & Dogmersfield, closing the gap threatens their existence

Regards

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