

Crookham Village - Neighbourhood Plan

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I write in relation to the above expressing my support of retaining local gaps, as articulated in Appendix 3 as provided by the Parish Council.

Before I expand on why I support retaining gaps between settlements I'd like to share some general concerns. For far too long now, we as residents of the village have had to fight to preserve the very way of life which attracted us to the village in the first place. Given that the village views are rarely implemented, I'd like to express my deepest concern with regards to the apparent ease by which Hart council is ruining the very identity of the village, impacting our village life and eroding the very social fabric upon which communities are best served. There are far too many developments within a stones throw of the village already, and others in the pipeline which serve no purpose other than to satisfy the developers interests.

In light of this, further development around the village is not welcome as it doesn't serve the communities interests, as reflect in previous consultations. A further erosion of the green spaces and increased population will increase pollution, congestion and remove the very landscape that provides social well being benefits, in that access to the countryside is so precious in our region in particular to the young and elderly who cant jump in a car and drive several miles to find open spaces. The village infrastructure cannot be expanded to such an extent as to cope with the inevitable increase in traffic, which brings with it so many other issues, a couple of which I refer to above.

The gap(s) provide not only a retention of open countryside but in doing so preserves the villages identity from the surrounding area. Crookham Village isnt Fleet. It isnt Church Crookham. It has its own space in an ever decreasing landscape and further erosion of this space will undoubtedly see the end of village life. There doesn't need to be a morphing of the village into a larger conurbation.

Regards

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