

## Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan - Gaps Consultation

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To: Neighbourhood Planning <neighbourhoodplanning@hart.gov.uk>

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

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Please note I am a councillor on Hart District Council but my understanding is that I can make my objection clear because this application has already been refused by Hart District Council.

I have been a resident of Fleet for 20 years and use the fields around Crookham extensively with my family, walking club and when I was a Scout leader. I feel strongly that the strategic gap should be maintained for the following reasons:

- previous consultations have shown clearly that the preservation of the local gap is so important to this community of Crookham village. It is vital in maintaining the village's identity and separate status from Fleet
- without this gap Crookham will further be absorbed into Fleet and Dogmersfield. This sense of identity has already been eroded due to the Grove Farm development and the village can't afford any further erosion of its gap
- residents have made clear that they fields around Crookham village are precious and valuable to them and are frequently used for recreation and also to create a sense of rural space
- the gap is absolutely fundamental to preserving the character and setting of a Crookham village and making it a separate community from Fleet and Dogmersfield
- I use the footpaths regularly with my walking club and my family. They're very valued and it would be a huge shame to lose these

I hope my comments are taken into consideration when evaluating evidence in support of the local gap

Regards  
Katie Davies