

Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2032 Additional Evidence Representation

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To the Neighbourhood Plan Inspector

I am writing to support the new evidence in the draft Neighbourhood Plan on the gaps between Crookham Village, Church Crookham, Fleet and Dogmersfield (Policy NE01).

I am commenting on the evidence in general. My reasons for supporting the evidence are to do with preventing the visual merging together of the different settlements into one massive conurbation:

- It is so important to myself and my family that the separate character and identity of each of the above areas is maintained
- To allow my family and I quick access to nature (via footpaths) within the gaps and to keep our uninterrupted views across open land within the gaps
- To preserve the setting of the different settlements and clear views of that setting
- To protect and maintain the character of the landscape within the gaps

As someone who has lived in London for many years and made the conscious decision to move to the countryside, I am wholly in support of keeping our separate village identities. The Hitches Lane development that was recently allowed at appeal is already reducing the vital gap between Fleet and Crookham Village, and we need to stop similar developments from doing the same. Each village mentioned above has its own character, identity and traditions which makes the overall area charming and a wonderful place to live. Reducing the gaps will surely erode this character and identity.

Yours sincerely

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