

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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I am writing to the planning department to express my and other residents' deep concerns over the shocking disregard at the existing residents cries in the Hart District, over the proposed plans to close the Gaps Between Settlements. It seems that once again the property **developers** are having too much say in areas where they do not live or have to witness the demise of our beautiful countryside and way of life! There is absolutely no reason at all why there should be more planning proposed and buildings erected thereafter. This community has been hit and subsequently targeted by the **developers** simply because they are allowed to do it. In this day and age of the need to protect our environment there is a shocking disregard for the area we live in. It is so very evident from all of the previous objections and consultations that our green spaces are sacrosanct. The local people are fed up with more and more building and the constant erosion of our fields and green spaces.

Why must the **developers** voices be heard louder than the local residents, could it be that it is purely money related reasons!? There is a reason that the green gaps have been created in the first place to maintain the balance between a healthy environment and one that is not. The footpaths and bridle ways are there to maintain a healthy lifestyle not only for the local residents but also for people outside of the district who want to visit this area. It cannot be overstressed enough that the excessive, over **development** needs to come to a halt. With the additional Watery Lane, and Grove Farm **developments**, plus all of the additional infrastructure that has to go with those **developments**, the healthy living aspect has been turned into a stressful alternative. I beg the planning authorities to be merciful towards the residents and not to side with the **developers** as once the land has been finally consumed it will be all too late to reverse those decisions. I am sure environmentalists champions such as Richard Attenborough would also be in sentiment with those core concerns.!

Yours sincerely

Tim and Ann Stephens