

## CV Neighbourhood Plan

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

Dear Sirs,

I write with regard to the CV Neighbourhood Plan gap policy.

My wife and I moved to Crookham Village 33 years ago. The first thing we did with our new neighbours was to attend a meeting in the Village Hall to express our view on what is now Edenbrook. Yes, it took most of those years for it to happen but nevertheless it did. Now we have had to concede to the developers again on the new Grove Farm estate in Hitches Lane. The gap is very important to the community and prevents Crookham Village merging with Fleet and Church Crookham but it is receding all the time.

It's very easy for people to tell us we object simply because we don't want development in 'our back yard' but it really isn't that. As a villager for 33 years I have seen the tragic impact on local services, roads, my doctors surgery and schools made by Elvetham, Edenbrook and soon to be Grove Farm.

We, in the village, have one last oasis of village & country life and that is the tiny remaining gaps of farmland and countryside between us and Fleet. They are so precious and we really daren't lose them. My house looks East over the farmland and I have lost count of the beautiful sunrises I have witnessed. All these would disappear in time with more housing estates obscuring the view. The gaps are where I and my family walk, run, exercise our dog, Hendrix, as do many other people. The remaining footpaths are constantly used not just by village people but folks from Fleet who love the open spaces and country views which are so different from the hustle and bustle of Fleet and Church Crookham.

Crookham Village is a very important and ancient settlement that needs to be protected from further infilling.

I urge you to do everything to preserve this rural and attractive countryside that forms the setting of the separate settlement of Crookham Village.

Yours faithfully  
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