

Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan (Submission) Hampshire County Council Response – September 2019	
Subject / Theme	Object / Support / Comments/ Reasons
<p>Highways and Access</p> <p>Policy BE07 – Development of Footpath and Cycleway Networks</p>	<p>Policy BE07 – Development of Footpath and Cycleway Networks</p> <p><i>Development will be supported where effective measures are made to join up bridleways, footpaths and cycleways into comprehensive networks, and to maintain and improve allweather surfaces whilst minimising urbanising their look and feel, with priority being given to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>creating or improving routes to allow connections within and between all areas of the parish and from there to essential facilities in Fleet, Church Crookham and Crondall, such as health facilities, schools, transport links and retail outlets;</i> <p>The County Council as the local Highway Authority supports this aspiration and would encourage the Crookham Parish Council NHP Group, in relation to routes to school access, to contact the HCC Travel Planning Team travelplans@hants.gov.uk and in relation to routes to all other facilities contact the HCC Strategic Transport Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>developing traffic-segregated pedestrian and cycle routes between schools and residential areas, and</i> <p>Whilst the County Council understands the desire to provide traffic-segregated pedestrian & cycle routes, this will be constrained in actuality by the availability of adequate highway space or third-party land to facilitate this. Assessment of feasibility and appropriateness will need to be made by the highway authority on a case-by-case basis and as such, the County Council is unable to support this policy generally. The County Council would encourage the Crookham Parish Council NHP Group to engage with the HCC Travel Planning & Countryside Access teams, to discuss future proposals in detail and develop deliverable solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>improving and extending the public rights of way network and circular routes around Crookham Village.</i> <p>The County Council as the local Highway Authority supports this aspiration and would encourage the Crookham Parish Council NHP Group to engage with the HCC Countryside Services Team</p>

<p>Aspiration TM02 – Reducing Congestion and Creating Sustainable Transport Networks</p>	<p>Aspiration TM02 – Reducing Congestion and Creating Sustainable Transport Networks</p> <p><i>Development proposals will be supported where it can be demonstrated that: -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>enhanced community transport (or contribution towards) is provided where regular bus services cannot provide an acceptable service for new developments of significant size;</i> <p>The County Council as the local Highway Authority supports this aspiration. For example, taxishare services are considered community transport services which are particularly well placed for low cost, low volume transport services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>safe cycle and pedestrian facilities (or contributions towards) is provided to encourage the use of alternative methods of transport;</i> <p>The County Council as the local Highway Authority supports this aspiration. Any development proposals should look to enhance and or make connections to the existing footways and rights of way network in / around the village and make provision for the use of sustainable modes of transport for local journeys within the village itself.</p>
<p>Countryside Service</p> <p>Policy PA02</p> <p>Policy NE05</p>	<p>Hampshire County Council Countryside Service provides this response in respect of Public Rights of Way and as the Commons Registration Authority. The Countryside Service also manage Country Parks and Countryside Sites throughout Hampshire including the Basingstoke Canal SSSI.</p> <p>The County Council support much of the policy and detail of the Neighbourhood Development Plan but note that Policy PA02 doesn't make reference to Basingstoke Canal SSSI. The Basingstoke Canal is nationally important for aquatic plants and invertebrates. It is botanically the most species-rich aquatic system in England. HCC request that the importance of the site is referenced within Policy PA02 and Policy NE05. The Basingstoke Canal Conservation Management Plan calls for the systematic removal and reduction of trees which cause shade causing a build-up of organic matter on the canal bed. Trees and Woodland adjacent to the canal should be appropriately managed.</p> <p>HCC support the element of Policy BE04 that calls for the need to protect and enhance public footpaths and open spaces. To mitigate the impact on Basingstoke Canal SSSI, tow paths, rights of way and the local nature reserve, contributions towards the management of and improvements to these assets managed by Hampshire County Council should be secured through S106 legal agreements related to development.</p>

	<p>Negative impacts of increased visitor numbers who are attracted to the area on the Basingstoke Canal carpark must be avoided and compensated where necessary.</p> <p>Crookham Village has a good public access network including Basingstoke Canal tow path, Rights of Way and Zebon Copse Local Nature Reserve. HCC support Policy BE07 but the neighbourhood plan doesn't identify specific opportunities to improve the network or create new circular routes. The County Council encourage Crookham Parish Council NHP Group and/or developers to discuss these opportunities in future development proposals. Contributions towards public access improvements including surface upgrades should be secured through S106 legal agreements associated with developments.</p> <p>Figure 28 showing – Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) & Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) fails to show that Zebon Copse is a designated SINC and so HCC recommend that this figure is amended.</p>
<p>Flood and Water Management</p>	<p>Hampshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) are pleased to note that the Neighbourhood planning group clearly have a comprehensive understanding of flood risk in the area, with detailed information on flood history and areas at risk. The emphasis on SuDS in developments is positive, as is the acknowledgement of the risk of climate change.</p> <p>There are a number of documents referenced in the 'Evidence' section of the flooding section (p.48). Many of these are not clearly linked to online documents or confirm where offline copies can be found. It would be advantageous to rectify this.</p>