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To whom it may concern

Crondall Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Consultation

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Crondall Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission version. Historic England are the government's advisors on planning for the historic environment, including the conservation of heritage assets and the championing of good design in historic areas. As such, we have limited our comments to those areas of the plan that relate to our interests.

Overall we are impressed with the clarity of the plan and the careful consideration that appears to have gone into allocation of sites for development and redevelopment. We can see that attention has been paid to conserving the significance of the conservation area in particular whilst use of development guidance with allocation policies and local green space designation to protect areas of open space that contribute to the historic interest and character and appearance of the conservation area. As such, we have the following comments to submit on the plan:

Policy 1 Spatial Plan. Reference to the Conservation Area in this policy is helpful and supported by the further detail provided in Policy 7. Given the helpful detail added by the latter Policy we feel it would help to have direction to it in relation to applications that would affect the area in the supporting text (Justification), as, in isolation, Policy 1 requires further detail to guide decision-making.

Policy 2c CRON 21 The Bungalow. We are happy to support a positive policy approach to manage development of this site on the edge of a conservation area in order to ensure that proposals coming forward give suitable consideration to the need to conserve its significance and preserve or enhance its character or appearance.

Policy 2d CRON 08 Phantom Motors. We support the design parameters set out within this policy as means to avoid harm to the conservation area's character appearance and the positive direction to deliver redevelopment of a site that has a negative impact on the area's appearance. It might be helpful if the policy identified further elements that would help the development integrate within the street scene such as retaining a set back from the street frontage that leaves the attractive late medieval timber-framed side elevation of Amberley House exposed as a focal feature in views along the street.

Policy 5. Local Green Space. We are pleased to support the designation of Parsonage Meadow as a Local Green Space to conserve its historic significance, including its contribution to the conservation area's special interest and the setting of the Grade I listed Church. For similar reasons we are pleased to support the Local Green Space designation of the churchyard and school field.

We hope these comments are of assistance to the Parish Council but would be pleased to answer queries relating to them in necessary.

Yours faithfully

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