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I would like to be notified of Hart District Council's decision whether to 'make' the Plan (to bring it into legal force): Yes, please notify me

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To which part of the Neighbourhood Plan does your representation relate?

**Part document**

Paragraph Number:

Policy Reference:

Do you support, oppose or wish to comment on this paragraph? **Oppose**

If your reasons for support/opposition, or make other comments in the box below, including any specific changes you wish to see to the Plan. Please be as precise as possible:

**Land off Croft Lane, Crondall (Old Parsonage Meadow)**

**I have been a Crondall Councillor for many years at different times, I have also been a Hart District Councillor for 8 years, elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee 4 years running.**

**These comments are made with specific reference to the land known as "Old Parsonage Meadow" off Croft Lane in Crondall and are made in context of the suggested "Green Space" designation of for the site. This is an unkempt scruffy site behind a considerable high hedge, and totally in private ownership. I raise concerns that Crondall Parish Council Reg. 15 response raises questions into the selection process and the motives of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Group in their consideration of the Old Parsonage Meadow. Most of my conversations with residents suggest that the suggested Green Space designation is being used as a tool to prevent development rather than being based on any sound planning basis.**

**My finding among residents also suggest that whilst there is some local objection to the development on "Old Parsonage Meadow" there was considerable support for some development on the site on the basis that the rest of the meadow would be landscaped and brought into public use. There is a vocal minority of people who are pushing the Green Space allocation as a measure to prevent development and keep the site undeveloped in perpetuity. This is worth the Hart District Council and the Inspector considering before endorsing the Green Space allocation.**

**That by preventing development on this site in favour of others outside the settlement boundaries will harm the viability of the Village Stores which is already to survive. There are very few small 2-bedroom housing in the village, thanks to Hart District Council now giving almost all of them planning approval to be converted into 4 or 5 bed roomed housing.**

To answer questions raised, how and why have the Neighbourhood Plan Group have concluded that this scruffy field which has no benefit to the village, when so many residents believe it has, again you have to ask why, perhaps it's the fact that key individuals back onto the Old Parsonage Meadow.

For example:

Councillor O'Connor: Chairman of the NP group only member elected by the Parish Council. (all others selected by the NP)

Mrs O'Connor:

Mr Peter Hall: founder of the Crondall Conservation Area Action Group (CCAAG)

Mrs. Annabel Hall - - NP Working Group

Member and Member of the CCAAG.

Mrs Emma Groslin (CCAAG) - - Former Parish

Councillor and member of the NP Working Group

Cllr David Argent - Vice Chairman of Crondall Parish Council

Therefore, maybe it isn't the view of the villagers that the Crondall NP Working Group is representing. The NP Working Group is a representative body but, regarding Old Personage Meadow, it is only representing a few.