

Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan 2016 - 2032 Additional Evidence Representation

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I am writing in support of the new evidence in the draft Neighbourhood Plan and specifically with reference to the gaps between Crookham Village, Church Crookham, Dogmersfield and Fleet (Policy NE01).

The gaps are already decreasing and those that are left and vitally important to prevent coalescence. I am particularly concerned about the gap between Fleet and Crookham Village as this is where encroachment is already threatening to subsume our village, with the risk that it will simply become an extension of Fleet with no separate identity or character of its own.

The wildlife, walks, views and footpaths that are available in the gap between Crookham and Fleet are a precious part of living in the village and I have enjoyed them for many years. I believe we have a responsibility to protect these gaps for future generations too.

I understand the need for development but with housing estates springing up all around us, such as Elvetham Heath, Netherhouse Moor, Edenbrook and the new development off Hitches Lane, we have already lost a lot of green space and as a result are increasingly at risk of losing the clear distinction between Fleet and Crookham Village.

Please act now to stop further encroachment by securing the gaps before they disappear forever.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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