



[Redacted]

e-mail: [Redacted]



20 November 2019

(By email)

To Hart District Council

Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2032 Additional Evidence Representation

This letter is in support of the new evidence in the draft Neighbourhood Plan relating to the gaps between Crookham Village, Church Crookham, Fleet and Dogmersfield (Policy NE01).

I and my wife have lived in [Redacted] for nearly 30 years.

Persistent over-development has degraded our environment

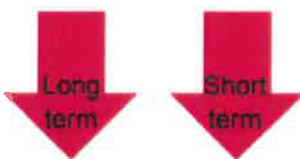
To us, the impact on local biodiversity is evident and significant and in common with national trends

See

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/829244/England_biodiversity_indicators_2019_rev.pdf

QUOTE

The following 10 measures have deteriorated in all time periods over which assessments can be made:



- Percentage of habitats of European importance in favourable or improving conservation status;
- Change in relative abundance of priority species in the UK;
- Breeding farmland birds;
- Breeding woodland birds;
- Distribution of pollinating insects in the UK;
- Effective population size of UK native horse breeds at risk;
- Extent of invasive species in Great Britain: Terrestrial;
- Extent of invasive species in Great Britain: Freshwater;
- Extent of invasive species in Great Britain: Marine; and
- Proportion of surface water bodies classified as 'high' or 'good' ecological status.

UNQUOTE

The few remaining gaps form biodiversity 'corridors'. They must be protected.

Further gap erosion (to make way for rapacious overdevelopment) is unacceptable and against the democratic wishes of local people.

Yours sincerely
Paul & Jane Rutherford

