

Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan - Gaps Consultation

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Re: Appendix 3 supporting evidence for the whole Policy NE01 Preserving the Gap Between Settlements.

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FAO The Planning Inspector

We fully and wholeheartedly support the proposed Gap policy (Appendix 3 as referenced above). We support the policy for the following reasons:

1. We have commented on a number of local planning applications and emphasised the importance of maintaining the gap to preserve the heritage of Crookham Village and the natural landscape for enjoyment of all local residents in Hart (not just those living in Crookham Village)
2. Without the gap, Fleet, Church Crookham, Crookham Village and Dogmersfield would become one big urban mass without distinctive boundaries or recognised communities
3. We regularly use the footpaths to walk across open fields, enjoying natural wildlife. So do our children and many others locally. Destroying this natural open space for developments and SANG would take away this opportunity for generations to come.
4. The Street and Crondall Road have developed in a linear nature. Historic properties adjacent to open countryside give the village its character and are part of our English Heritage. This should be preserved.
5. The gap is already being eroded by developments on Grove Farm and at Watery Lane.

We encourage you to persevere the unique character of our local villages by approving this policy and preserving the gap between settlements for the benefit of our community now and in the future.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,

Duncan & Melanie McIndoe (& daughters 7 and 11)