

Attention of the Planning Inspector - re Local Gaps Policy proposed for Crookham Village

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To: Neighbourhood Planning <neighbourhoodplanning@hart.gov.uk>

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the Local Gaps Policy proposed for Crookham Village, Hampshire and it's surrounding area.

Having lived in this area for over 14 years I feel really strongly that we need to maintain the proposed Gaps around Crookham Village so that it can maintain its own identity. And even more importantly so that it doesn't merge completely into Fleet, Church Crookham and Dogmersfield and just become one big housing development. Surely there has been enough housing development in the area in the last ten years (eg Edenbrook which is vast and has used up acres and acres of Green Land) that we have to preserve some countryside for current and future generations to enjoy and to help reduce the detrimental environmental impact of even more development? With even more development underway in the area (eg along Hitches Lane) this surely seems even more important now? Why the obsession to build upon and develop every inch of green, open land that we have in this area?! Please help us to preserve some of the natural landscape in this lovely part of the world.

I recognise and support the areas described in the landscape evidence and value this unique and diverse landscape. We have already obliterated acres of open space and the landscape in this area with such high density development, can our local environment seriously take any more? The gap between Crookham Village, Fleet and Church Crookham has already been so eroded surely we want to preserve something of the natural environment and the beautiful countryside that we have? This is why so many people chose to live in this area - to have open spaces and countryside around them!! And, what about all the animals and natural habitat that has already been destroyed? It would be lovely to preserve some of what is left and the designated Gaps would help to do that.

As a family, we use the proposed designated Gaps regularly for dog walking, running, cycling and general enjoyment. The gap provides a sense of space and openness which differentiates it from the more built up areas of Fleet and Church Crookham.

I hope you will consider my points above and agree to designate these new proposed Gaps around Crookham Village.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Louise Plummer

