

Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2032 Additional Evidence Representation Form

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

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Dear Sir / Madam

I have attached my comments in support of the Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan Policy NE01 in the requested format. I have however reproduced them below incase there is a problem with the attached form:

I strongly support the Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan (CVNP) Policy NE01 on Preserving the Gap between Settlements.

Crookham Village is a distinct and clearly separate settlement from both Fleet, Church Crookham and Dogmersfield with the Gaps identified in the CVNP being crucial to preventing coalescence and maintaining the villages identity.

The village is at risk of coalescence from creeping development to the North (Grove Farm) with the identified Gap being the last remaining barrier to this.

The proposed Gap to the South of 'The Street' in the Village is crucial to maintaining its historically recognised linear nature and countryside setting. The fields of Cross Farm provide an open aspect and sense of place with open countryside and skyline visible between houses along the length of The Street. The Cross Farm fields also include a number of important local footpaths which are regularly used by my family (wife/children) to access the Canal, Local Pub and to walk to Zebon Copse. The ability to step behind the linear housing on 'The Street' and immediately enter tranquil countryside provides an important sense of escape enhancing our wellbeing. The footpaths facilitate cherished views both into and out of the village being formally recognised in the Village Conservation Area document. It has been said by others more eloquent than myself that as a village we do not have a church or a village green but that the Cross Farm fields and their footpaths are our church and village green - they are the place where I meet my neighbours and other villagers and stop to talk. Any such development in these fields (as proposed by Crookham Care Village Ltd) would irrevocably damage this cherished asset and is entirely out of keeping.

I strongly oppose Crookham Care Village Ltds submission that the parish and village have failed to account for reasonable development and that this should therefore lead to the inclusion of their 160 unit care village and 64 bed nursing home proposal on the Cross Farm site. Sustainable development has occurred within the village with the building of 27 new homes in the last 3-4 years with 11 of those being affordable homes. Crookham Care Village Ltds proposal would see a doubling in the size of the existing village and create an overnight disproportionate age demographic. I could go on with my objection to the proposed Care Village however this has been rigorously covered in my previous objections. I therefore fully support the objectives of the Gaps proposed in Policy NE01 of the CVNP as crucial to maintaining the Villages identity and protecting the village against overbearing, disproportionate and unnecessary development.

Best regards

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