

Crowhurst PC Responses to the Reg16 comments on Crowhurst Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1) Happy that the main statutory bodies (bar RDC on a couple of points) now support the plan. Particularly that Nat England and HW AONB Unit now support the plan, after the alterations we made based on their comments to the draft plan.
- 2) RDC comment CRO/R16/2019/4 : Policy CE1(2) and CF2(3) - Crowhurst PC feel that the Open and Natural Spaces policies should be kept. The areas are felt to be important to the character of the village and there is potential for development pressures (despite being outside the current development boundary). There is a background document (Open and Natural Spaces Description and Evidence) listing each piece of land.
- 3) CRO/R16/2019/5: Policies CE1(2) and CF2 are not meant to restrict current usage. ONS7 was down as an Local Green Space in the draft plan but many of these spaces were changed to Open and Natural Spaces after comments by RDC. There is not meant to be any implication that these spaces are to be used as recreational space (other than existing Public Rights of Way)
- 4) CRO/R16/2019/9: The Crowhurst NP is based on the 2012 NPPF, so paragraph numbers refer to that version, not the revised version of 2018.
- 5) CRO/R16/2019/10: Policy CE3 Biodiversity: Policy 2(i) does say that ecological appraisals should be in line with RDC Policy so we do not think this goes beyond what is allowed. The wording around completion of the CNDP Environmental Checklist was rewritten after comments on the draft plan. It is meant to mean that completion is not compulsory but we would encourage completion as that would show that environmental considerations and policies have been considered. Crowhurst PC is happy to consider rewording to ensure this is clearer.
- 6) CRO/R16/2019/11: Policy CE4 - Crowhurst PC feel that this policy is important and should stay as is.
- 7) CRO/R16/2019/13 and 14: Crowhurst PC would be happy to have the policies strengthened in the ways suggested by the Environment Agency.
- 8) CRO/R16/2019/15: CF3: Crowhurst PC think that current (strategic) policies should cover Southern Water's objections that provision of wastewater infrastructure may be necessary on land designated as Local Green Space so should not be necessary in the NP. However, happy to be guided by the Examiner.
- 9) CRO/R16/2019/20, 21, 22, 23 and 24: Policy CH1 was informed by the landscape architects in terms of suggestions of landscaping needed around the new development and, in particular, that development higher up Station Road would be more visible in the landscape and therefore not suitable. The policy does state that a safe means of access to the site should be created.
- 10) CRO/R16/2019/26, 27 and 28: Policy CC2(5): 79% of respondents in the survey felt that a car park in this location was needed. The landscaping of the car park would need to be appropriate and this is noted in the policy. The land mentioned by objectors has not been put forward by its owners. Also, use of the Village Hall entrance to a public car park, in any case, may not be suitable and having a second entrance on an already sharp bend may cause more problems. The land may be suitable as extra parking for the Village Hall only should that possibility come forward in the future.

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