

Crookham Village Parish Council

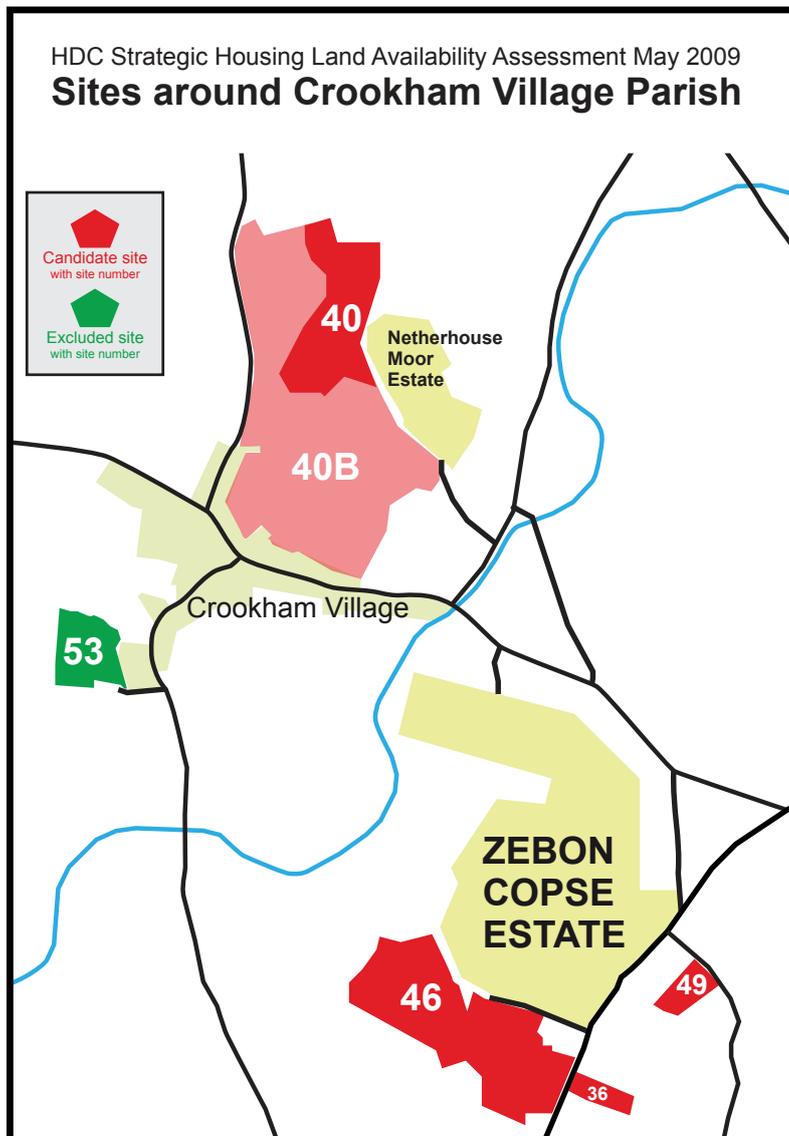
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THREAT OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SITES

Hart District Council has invited comments on a draft of their Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2006-2026, which includes several sites that will impact on parishioners. **CVPC will hold a special meeting at 8:30pm on Monday 22 June 2009 in the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village** at which details will be explained and members of the public will be invited to put their views before CVPC decides on its response.



Proposed sites are illustrated on the adjacent map, where site numbers refer to those in the SHLAA report by HDC, which can be viewed on the web (see link on CVPC web site) or at Hart Council offices in Fleet.

36: Dachs Copse

48 dwellings at 40/hectare

40: Grove Farm

300 dwellings plus open space

43: Hitches Lane (off map to North)

A further 75 dwellings added to the existing Hitches Lane development on an area towards the railway line previously zoned for leisure space.

46: Watery Lane

400 dwellings at 40/hectare plus some open space.

49: Redfields Garden Centre

40 dwellings behind redeveloped garden centre.

53: Land at Stroud Lane

Not suitable for development.

Some of these sites cross public rights of way.

All are liable to be developed by 2016 if they are included in the final LDF document.

Contacting the Parish Council

Correspondence should be addressed to the clerk at:

Daegmarsfield Farm . Church Lane . Dogmersfield . Hook RG27 8SZ 01252 810568 clerk@crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk

Contacting individual Councillors and Officers

All email addresses have the format: firstname.surname@crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk

Visit the Parish Council web site at www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk for latest news, contacts, minutes etc.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor - URGENT

CVPC is still looking for a local volunteer to fill the vacant seat for a Parish Councillor for Netherhouse Moor ward. Ideally a resident of Netherhouse Moor will come forward. Otherwise a resident of anywhere else in the parish or, failing that, someone living within about 3 miles of the parish will be considered. Please contact the clerk for more details. Time is now very short before we will have an imposed candidate, so **PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW**.

Velmead Community Centre Progress

Exterior work on the Velmead Community Centre building is almost complete. Interior fitting out and decoration has started. See the pictorial diary on the CVPC web site for more detail. Work should be complete by the end of August.

The new play area for younger children will be installed shortly before the centre re-opens.

CVPC is currently considering details of a grand opening event in September. Details will be publicised when available.

The Parish Council is still keen to hear from volunteers willing to assist in running the community centre and organise events and activities in the longer term.



Remedial work on Velmead Playing Field

Following installation of the climbing boulder, HDC has refurbished the fence between the pitches and the car park in preparation for the handover to CVPC scheduled for 31 March 2011.

Already responsible for grounds maintenance, CVPC has initiated repairs to worn areas of the football pitches at Velmead Community Centre as part of its obligations under the phased handover from Hart district Council. Newly-seeded areas have been marked by stakes and warning tape.

Unfortunately, some people have decided that the tapes interfere with their enjoyment, especially the patch near the car park, and have repeatedly destroyed the tapes and dispersed the stakes. This anti-social behaviour will detract from the quality of pitches next season.

Play Boulder on Zebon Copse

A play boulder, funded by the Big Lottery Fund through Hart District Council, was installed on the older-children's play area on Zebon Copse on 6 May and has proved very popular with youngsters.

A follow-up survey will be conducted in due course to fulfil obligations to the BLF.



Cron dall Road Traffic

Following public consultation and a review of the financial options, CVPC decided to go ahead with a slightly-modified version of the scheme developed for Cron dall Road in consultation with HCC/HDC traffic engineers. HCC Highways are currently consulting with the police about changes to speed limits between Two Ponds and Chequers Bridge. Timing of implementation has yet to be finalised.

Speed Indicator Device

CVPC has acquired a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and are in process of deciding operating procedures and priorities for sites to get best value from the device. Data collected by the SID on traffic speeds and timings will assist in making cases for changes to highways and speed limits where justified.

Red Telephone Box

The red telephone box outside the Post office is now owned by CVPC, but requires considerable refurbishment. Mrs Waldren has agreed to co-ordinate volunteers to maintain the box and Cllr Brian Whyatt is leading on the initial refurbishment. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact one of the organisers or the Parish Clerk.

Vandalised Notice Board

The Parish noticeboard at the Redfields end of Brandon Road on Zebon Copse was destroyed recently by vandals. Council tax payers will foot the bill for a replacement, which is currently being ordered.

Meetings of the Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of each month (except August), alternating between Velmead Community Centre, Zebon Copse and the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Meetings start at 7:45 pm and there is an opportunity for members of the public to make 3 minute representations near the beginning of meetings.

Note that meetings scheduled for Velmead will be moved to the WI Hall if building works dictate. See notice boards and www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk for details.