



Crawley 2035

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Crawley Submission draft Local Plan Representation

Please return your completed representation form to Crawley Borough Council by 5pm on 2 March 2020.

Representations can be made via this form and emailed to forward.planning@crawley.gov.uk or sent via post to: Local Plan Consultation, Strategic Planning, Crawley Borough Council, Town Hall, The Boulevard, Crawley, RH10 1UZ. Alternatively, representations can be made online using the [eform](#) which allows attachments of documents.

This form has two parts:

PART A – Personal details

By law, representations cannot be made anonymously. All representations will be published alongside your name, company name (if applicable), and your client's name/company (if applicable). The Council will use the information you submit to assist with formulating planning policy.

Further information about Data Protection Rights in line with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018, for example, how to contact the Data Protection Officer, how long information is held or how we process your personal information can be found at www.crawley.gov.uk/privacy. Specific reference to the Local Plan and planning policy related public consultation can be found on: www.crawley.gov.uk/pw/web/PUB351893

PART B – Your representation

Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make. You may submit multiple "PART B" sections with a single "PART A" completed.

PART A – Personal details

Please ensure that you complete all fields in 1. If a planning agent is appointed, please enter the Title, Name and Organisation in 1, and complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

1. Personal details

2. Agent's details

Title:

First name:

Surname:

Organisation:

Address line 1:

Address line 2: [REDACTED]

Town/city: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email:

PART B – Your representation

3. Please tick the document that you would like to make a representation on:

- Crawley submission Local Plan
- Crawley submission Local Plan Map
- Crawley submission Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Report

4. Which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate to?

Paragraph:

Policy:

Other:

5. Do you consider the Local Plan to be: (Please tick)

- | | | |
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| 5.1. Legally compliant? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.2. Sound? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.3. Compliant with the duty to co-operate? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

6. Please give details explaining your response to 5.1, 5.2, or 5.3 below. Please be as clear as possible.

We have submitted a letter to you detailing our concerns dated 27th January.

If required, please continue your response on an additional piece of paper and securely attach it to this response

7. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to resolve the issues you have identified above. You need to state why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It would be helpful if you are able to suggest how the wording of any policy or text should be revised. Please be as clear as possible. Any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination.

If required, please continue your response on an additional piece of paper and securely attach it to this response

Your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations. **After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues s/he identifies for examination.**

8. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate in the public examination hearings? (Please tick)

No, I do not wish to participate in the examination hearings

Yes, I wish to participate in the examination hearings

9. If you wish to participate in the public examination hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

to be fully informed and have the opportunity to express our views.

The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the public examination.

If you would like to make a representation on another policy or part of the Local Plan then please complete a separate PART B section of the form or securely attach an additional piece of paper. Copies of the representation form can also be downloaded from the council's website at: www.crawley.gov.uk/crawley2035

Signature



Date

6th February 2020

Local Plan Consultation,
Strategic Planning,
Crawley Borough Council,
Town Hall,
The Boulevard
Crawley RH10 1UZ



24th January 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development plans Gatwick Airport and for Crawley

We are writing to you to express our concern and dismay about news of the above new plans, and to list in detail our objections to them at this point. We have highlighted just some of the many serious issues that are implied by such plans. Issues which you have a public, moral, ethical and ecological duty to consider. We urgently request that you send us more information about the plans and a response explaining how they will address the concerns listed below.

Development of Gatwick Airport

The planned additional use of Gatwick Airport should not be allowed to happen at all. This is because of the very serious environmental issues which we are facing. It is now common knowledge that we are on the edge of a global catastrophe, both in terms of global warming and the destruction of the environment and species. To pollute our air with more emissions from aircraft would be, as far as we are concerned, a criminal act, and negligent in the face of the moral imperative we all face to protect our world. There urgently needs to be a reduction in all air travel globally and it is an unprecedented priority to reduce, rather than increase pollution, and the use of fossil fuels especially air travel.

Development of between 5355-10,000 new homes

The proposed development of new homes in Crawley should not happen because:

1. Green field removal. Building on green field sites is destroying good agricultural ground that is important for producing food for an increasing population. Brexit will also make this of greater importance.
2. Carbon emissions and air quality. Even if the existing green fields are not going to be used for food production, they are a natural resource which could also be used to plant trees, lock up carbon, improve air quality, soil health and biodiversity, and help reduce flooding.
3. Biodiversity. You talk about using *'developers' contributions towards tree planting which can also count towards types of soft landscaping to improved visual amenity and add additional biodiversity value'*. How building 10,000 new homes on green field sites will do this quite mystifying. The building of new homes will be wiping out habitat from existing local wildlife forever, wildlife which is already under enormous pressure.

In this area, there are a great many species of plants, birds, animals, insects and amphibians just managing to hang on - many of which are nationally or internationally at risk, and which add to the biodiversity of the area. To name but a few these species they include: Plants -

Ragged Robin, Early Purple and Greater Spotted Orchids, (a large colony already destroyed recently at Pease Pottage by road development), Twayblade Orchid, Pea Grass; **Birds** - Little Owls, Tawny owls, Barn Owls, Kestrels, Yellow Hammers, Nightingales, Cuckoos, Tree Sparrows, Tree creepers, Little Egrets, Herons, Kingfishers, (also a wintering feeding ground for Redwings and Field Fares; **Insects** - Beautiful Demoiselle Damselflies, moths - Brimstone moths, Buff Ermine moth, Spring Usher moth, Poplar Hawkmoth, Butterflies - Holly Blue, Small Blue, Speckled Wood, Comma, Silver Washed fritillary, Yellow Brimstone, Orange Tip, Large and Small Whites, Red Admirals, Peacock, Tortoiseshell, Meadow Brown, Small Skipper, Gatekeeper, **Mammals** - various Bat species, Badgers, Roe and Fallow deer, weasels and stoats, Water voles, Bank and Field voles, Wood mice, Shrews, **Amphibians** - Frogs, Toads, Great Crested and Smooth newts (breeding territory), **Other** - Grass snakes, Slow worms etc.

How can the contribution of a few trees and a bit of soft landscaping possibly compensate for the destruction and massive loss of this biodiversity?

4. Flood Management. The proposed housing and road development would be building on a natural flood plain, putting a lot of surface water into the rivers which would naturally be absorbed by the land. The fields and woods slow down the progress of water going into the river and reduce the risk of it bursting its banks. When Apple Tree Farm Housing Estate and Hindu Temple were built, all of the surface water was put into a huge pipe (we are happy to show you the pipe), that empties into the River Mole. So, there was no effective flood management measures put in place.

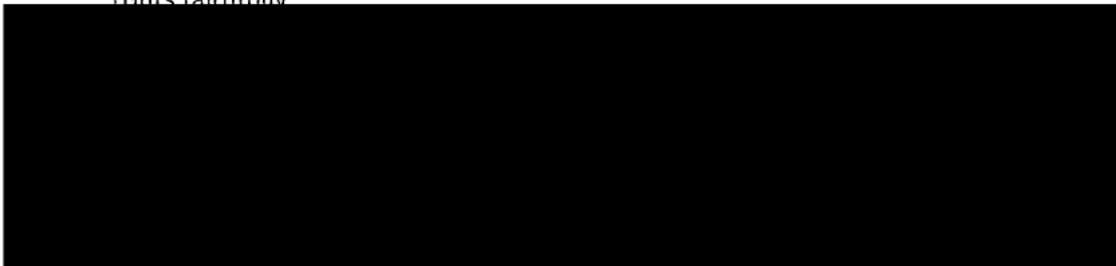
One of us has lived in Burlands for over 62 years and on many occasions the River Mole has come right up to the back fence of our garden.

So, the additional surface water that would be put into the river from a housing development of this scale could potentially flood all the houses in Burlands and other houses along the river Mole

5. Infrastructure. In the last 10 years, trying to get in and out of Crawley town centre has involved sitting in a traffic jam almost all times of the day. How can the town cope with potentially another 30000 people and their cars?

We eagerly await your response to this letter

Yours faithfully



Economy and Planning

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Thank you for your letter regarding the Local Plan and development proposals for Gatwick Airport and for Crawley.

Do you wish for us to formally acknowledge your representation as a part of our formal consultation and submit them to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the examination into the Plan? We will need your formal consent to do this, I have included in this reply the guidance note and paper representation form.

All document relating to the Crawley 2035 Local Plan can be found online: www.crawley.gov.uk/crawley2035; the representation form can also be completed by way of the eform found on this webpage.

Furthermore, Paper copies of the documents can also be viewed at the following places and times;

Town Hall: The Boulevard, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1UZ. Phone: 01293 438000
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

Crawley Library: Southgate Avenue, Southgate, Crawley, RH10 6HG. Phone: 01293 651744
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am-7.00pm Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm

If you wish to speak to someone about this please do not hesitate to call or email me on the above contact details. Should you wish to speak to someone in person at the Town Hall, please phone in order to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Kind Regards

Richard Mosinghi
Planning Officer