

**NEW (RESTARTED) CONSULTATION:
DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES 4PM FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2016**
All previous responses must be re-submitted or will not count!

HOOK IS STILL UNDER THREAT FROM DEVELOPERS!



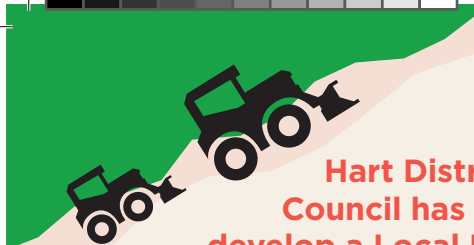
PLEASE HELP TO MAKE SURE HOOK'S VOICE IS HEARD

Just a few minutes of your time could make a huge difference to the future of the village for you and your family.

It is already planned for Hook to grow by 25% over the next few years. We must make it clear that further growth must wait until this is absorbed.

See the back page of this leaflet for a fast guide to how to respond and make sure Hook's voice is heard loud and clear.

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Hart District Council has to develop a Local Plan to deliver a large number of houses in the district and indicate where they will be built

Every local authority must have a Local Plan covering housing provision (amongst other things) for the next 15 years. Central Government can intervene if Hart does not deliver a Local Plan by 2017.

The Council does not arbitrarily decide on the numbers of houses needed in Hart: The Government requires Hart to conduct an assessment of housing need over the next 15 years using methodology set out by central government.

There is currently a consultation on 'Options for Delivering New Homes'

Hart District Council's original *Refined Options for Delivering New Homes* consultation was stopped because not all the settlements that were anticipated to be included within one of the questions had been correctly captured within either the consultation text or the question. Corrections have now been made (a version of the consultation document that shows the changes in highlighted text is available on the Council's website).

The Council's priority will be to deliver new homes on **brownfield** (previously developed) land. However, given the numbers of houses needed, there simply are not enough brownfield sites to satisfy this need. Beware the motives of any group suggesting that this is a choice **between brownfield or greenfield** development – it is not. The Council will prioritise use of brownfield land as and when it becomes available. This consultation seeks opinions on a choice or combination of three **greenfield** approaches to make up the shortfall:

1. **Disperse throughout towns and villages** – development on green fields around existing towns and villages
2. **Strategic Urban Extensions at main settlements** – building further large extensions on green fields at the edges of existing main settlements – Hook, Fleet & Church Crookham
3. **New Settlement** – a new major development with associated infrastructure centred around Winchfield

A more detailed discussion of each option is available at hookdevaction.org.uk.

The back page of this leaflet details how a few minutes of your time now can influence development in Hook for many years to come.



Hook is under threat!

Hook has expanded greatly over several decades, with a huge demand on our roads, schools, leisure facilities, GP surgeries, utilities, rail station car parking, etc.

The Landata House site has at last been demolished to make way for flats near to the station. A long-empty office building on the business park is being converted to residential use. Over the last 18 months 750 houses have been approved for construction around Hook. Yet before any of these 1,000+ homes have been built we are being asked to take more, but with no extra infrastructure provided.

The **"disperse throughout towns and villages" approach would scatter housing around the district with little or no ability to place the housing near to essential services** such as schools, medical centres or main transport links. This piecemeal development continues the downward spiral of overburdened roads and facilities that we have experienced in recent years.

The **"Strategic Urban Extensions at main settlements" 'onion ring' approach compounds the 'brownfield first' strategy - which provides no developer funding - by focusing development** on the outskirts of Hart's main settlements, including an enlarged Hook. This risks developers being able to avoid providing essential

infrastructure by 'piggy-backing' onto existing strained facilities.

Our recommendation

Hook Parish Council, Hook Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Hook Action Against Overdevelopment believe that the New Settlement approach is the only viable solution to provide both housing numbers for the long term together with the essential supporting infrastructure. This solution will deliver the schools, medical and recreational needs, etc, and will provide improved road and railway links for commuters to minimise traffic impact.

This aligns with the views of many organisations in Hart including the parish councils of Fleet, Crookham Village and Church Crookham (amongst others) and community groups across Hart such as FACE-IT and Fleet & Church Crookham Society.

It is vital that Hook residents' views are strongly represented in this consultation. Your views will make a difference. See the rear cover for what to do next.



If you responded to the previous consultation and wish your response to remain the same go to www.hart.gov.uk/confirmation-local-plan-response to resubmit your response. Your previous response will not be counted unless you do this.

If you did *not* respond to the previous consultation we urge you to complete the online response form via www.hart.gov.uk/local-plan-consultation-2016

The consultation documentation is extensive, but other than your name and postcode you only need to rank your preferences in questions 4 and 5. Our recommendation for question 4 is:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| Approach 1 - Disperse development | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Approach 2 - Strategic Urban Extensions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Approach 3 - A new settlement | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

And for question 5 we recommend this choice as best for Hook:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Approach 4 - Combine approaches 1 and 2 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Approach 5 - Combine approaches 2 and 3 | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Approach 6 - Combine approaches 3 and 1 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Approach 7 - Combine all 3 approaches | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

For much more information about the consultation than this leaflet can provide, please visit the [Hook Parish Council website](http://www.hookparishcouncil.gov.uk) or the [Hook Action Against Overdevelopment website](http://www.hookdevaction.org.uk). The full Hart consultation documentation is at www.hart.gov.uk/consultations.



Hook Parish Council is required by law to be consulted on all planning matters and has a significant voice with Hart on the development of the Local Plan.



The Hook Neighbourhood Plan is being produced to provide a clear vision for Hook to guide future developments.



Hook Action Against Overdevelopment was formed by residents concerned at uncontrolled development. To find out more visit hookdevaction.org.uk where you can sign up to receive timely emails on development matters concerning Hook.

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