

From the Chairman of Caterham on the Hill Parish Council

Dear Resident

Please find attached the response of the Parish Council to the Tandridge District Council consultation on the Local Plan.

These documents take the opportunity to do three things:

1. To object in the strongest possible terms to the possibility that our local green spaces, car parks, open land and gardens might be turned over to further housing by the District Council's planners when we in Caterham on the Hill have taken much more than our fair share of housing development over the last twenty years
2. To correct the inaccurate information and inappropriate commentary by the District Planners in the consultation papers, who have refused the advice of local experts and continued, from their offices in Oxted, to repeat errors of fact and understanding
3. To further strengthen the efforts of the CR3 Forum to provide, in the emerging **Neighbourhood Plan**, which is produced by local people and will be voted on by local residents, a realistic, structured approach to the future of our communities, taking account of local business, transport, infrastructure etc in a way which will provide a sustainable vision for the future.

We have provided the governance of the CR3 project from the beginning, and I as its Chair and my colleagues from the Parish and Village Councils in CR3 have the fullest confidence in the Neighbourhood Plan as the proper vehicle for planning our future. It is important that residents are not confused by the terms Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan. The Local Plan will be produced in Oxted by the District Council, the Neighbourhood Plan, which will be voted on by CR3 residents in a democratic referendum, hopefully later this year, is produced by local residents working hard in their own time to produce something lasting, accurate and sustainable, which takes full account of local concerns and sensitivities.

We will continue to press for our voices in Caterham on the Hill to be heard and to campaign for a sensible approach to planning and development which respects us as residents and our views.

I commend these documents to you.



Chris Botten, Chairman of the Parish Council