## North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

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There has been no engagement at all on this plan since the initial discussions and meeting on March 2018. It appears it has taken a different route since this interactions. There was a mention in the October 2018 SCAN Magazine, but why was no action followed up on?

I have been on the <u>neighbourhoodplaning.org</u> website which gives guidelines and I can't see how these have been met with specific reference to regulation 14. If you read the below and clearly consult I, as I have, with all the local residents impacted by the H4 site then not one was aware of such a change and submission. The actual local scan magazine has a misprint starting 18th March as the deadline for comments? Hence I write this after the date March 8th.

Pre-submission consultation requirements include publicising the draft plan to people who live, work or run businesses in the area. The publicity must include details of the proposed neighbourhood plan, where and when it may be viewed, and how to make comments on the plan and by what date. In addition, the plan must be sent to the local planning authority. Certain statutory bodies must be consulted, including the county council (if applicable), the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England. The local planning authority should be asked to provide a list of contact details for the statutory consul-tees.

I have several points to make but my real issue is with the process in which this plan has been done. There seems too much influence by the landowner who would be the clear beneficiary rather than the community. My parents and I have been around the village and there is very limited understanding of what is going on? Why is this, if you look at the North Crawley neighbourhood website the communication stops after March 18? Any you can clearly see the site assessment is dramatically different then what has been submitted. You need to ask why was this the case and why no further community consultation after the change?

How have the committee been consulting the community which is crucial. I suspect on my straw poll this will not pass referendum by why go so far without proper consultation?

There are far better places to add housing if needed which it is. But crucially it needs to benefit the whole community and not significantly impact one area more than another. In my mind the plan does not satisfy the basic **human rights** the people of Orchard Way have. As in the are impacted too much for the benefit of the community.

The plan highlights it will not impact the amenity of the area which would be impossible if you are building house in front of their properties. It also highlights it will have no impact on privacy. The proper 27 Orchard Way has a boundary of about 50 meters to H4 with 3 bedroom windows at ground level? Why were these people not consulted? Maybe the committee should have asked to view this property and others to help draw a conclusion and qualify their view.

It states also in the roadmap to neighbourhood planing, **Anyone on the neighbourhood plan database that has previously been involved should also be consulted.** As far as I am aware this did not happen? Why was a simple leaflet not distributed? Why did this not happen?

The demographic of North Crawley is older than the mean and not fully engaged in social media and the modern forms of communication. Why were these people not considered?

The Neighbourhood plan should be inclusive and the whole community should be part of the submission. I believe the committee may have started out with the best intentions but ultimately failed in engaging with the community as the plan entered the crucial submission stage.

Good communication helps create a sense of ownership and acceptance of the plan.

On many levels I see this plan has failed to deliver what the community as a whole wants or followed the guidelines set out by I am afraid has become divisive rather than cohesive to the community.

I also find it difficult to ascertain how North Crawley Parish Council before submission has satisfactorily met sections (a) of regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 a shown below.

I hope you take time to consider the submission and allow proper consultation with the wider community to take place.

Many people would like to comment further but are able to and I am afraid that is a result of not following regulation 14.