Shapley Heath – the Developer's Plan

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Shapley Heath – the Reality An identical copy of Policy SS3 rejected by the Inspector Hartley Wintney Garden Village of up to 5,000 houses are the yellow fragments Garden Village of up to 10,000 houses will fill the Area of Search in red ********************************** 3 / Railwa urrell Gree Fragmen Fragment Fleet Hook Winchfield Fragment 1.6000 The result will be a Town that is 5 x Hartley Wintney, 3 x Hook, and more than half the size of Fleet

Why is the Shapley Heath Garden Village project a bad idea?

- Severely criticised by the Planning Inspector
- Not required to meet Plan housing targets
- No evidence it's viable or deliverable
 - SSSI, Ancient Woodland & TPOs
 - M3 and Railway line
 - Flood Risk
 - Gas Main
 - High voltage pylons
 - Land ownership gap
- Drives up Hart's housing target for the future
- HDC Project costs = £650k = £500k of our Council Tax
- Results in no assessment of viable alternatives by HDC for the future

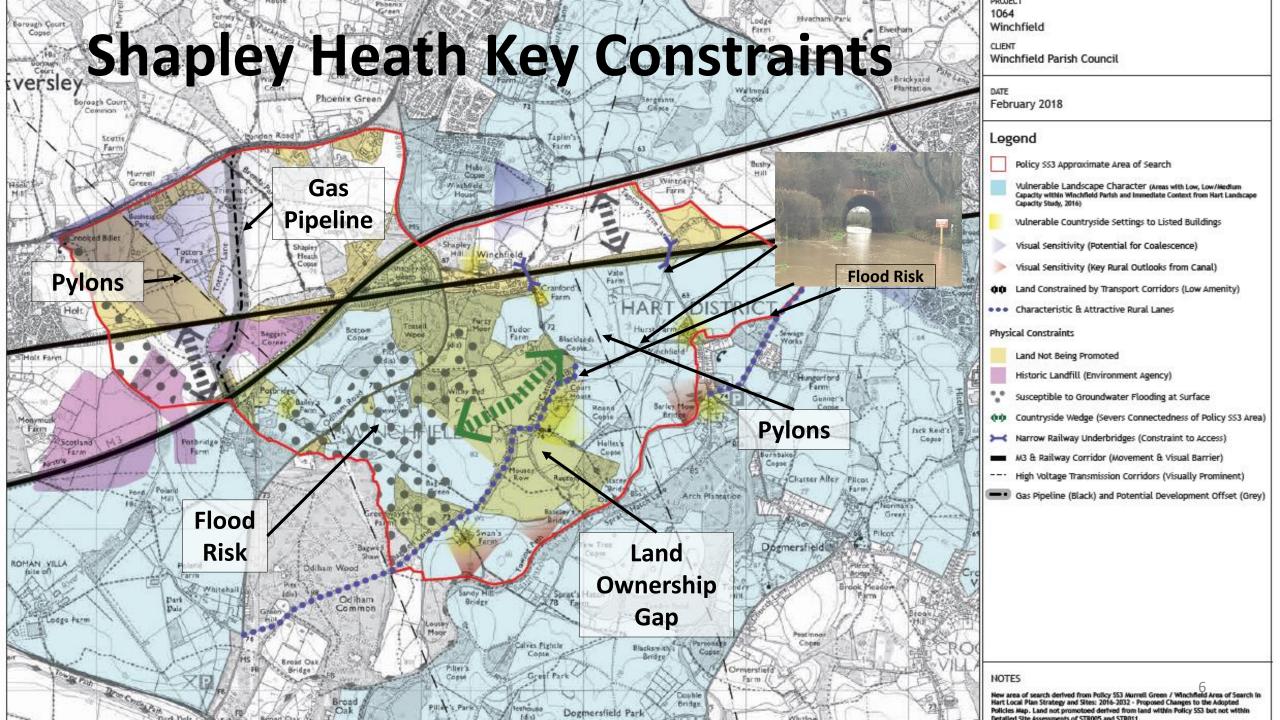
Local impact across Hart Parishes

- Our rural road system can't cope with today's volume of traffic
 - HCC estimate 7 trips per day per additional dwelling
 - 5,000 houses would lead to 35,000 extra trips per day, or 70,000 trips for 10,000 houses
- There will be significant impact across the District to schools, doctor's surgeries and Policing
- The accolade of Hart being considered the best place to live in the UK will be a very distant memory

Extracts from the Report by the Planning Inspector Feb 2020

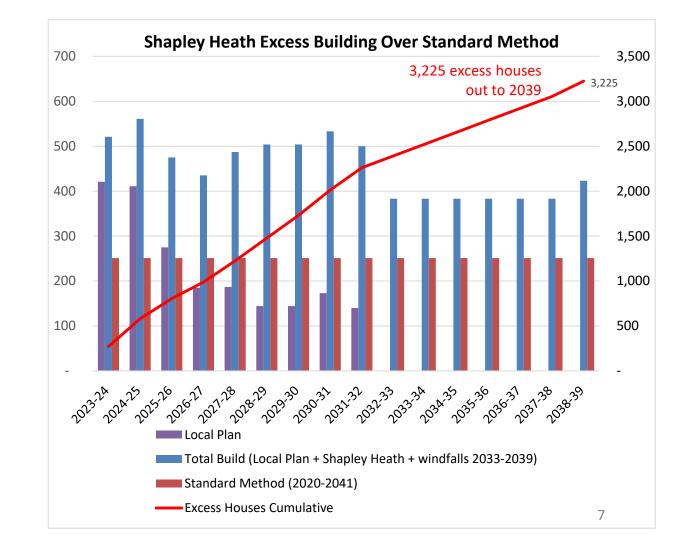
- **Para 43** I consider that to uplift the housing requirement further could result in open market dwellings being provided when there is no evidence of need, which could lead to an imbalance between homes and jobs and unsustainable commuting patterns.
- **Para 61** I consider that Policy SS3 and its supporting text are not justified, as, on the currently available evidence, it cannot be determined that it represents the most appropriate long-term growth strategy.
- **Para 63** -There is little evidence to demonstrate that a site can actually be delivered in terms of infrastructure, viability and landownership within the identified Area of Search (AoS).
- **Para 66** I am of the view that there needs to be sufficient evidence to support the proposed new settlement AoS, to allow a robust comparison to be undertaken with reasonable alternative long-term growth strategies
- **Para 91** I calculate that a housing requirement of 423 dpa over the Plan period (7,614 dwellings in total) results in a shortfall of supply of 230 dwellings. I also calculate that this shortfall would occur in the last year of the Plan period (2031/32). The Council agrees with this assessment.
- **Para 181** The Council will need to ensure that all options for meeting future housing needs are considered fully in future reviews of the Plan, including the potential for regeneration
- **Para 233** The words 'and evidenced' should be included to ensure that any long-term growth options are fully considered and supported by sufficient evidence

Shapley Heath Garden Village will not address any of the Inspector's rulings



Shapley Heath drives up the Housing Target

- If Shapley Heath goes ahead, our total build will be 500+ houses per year for years
- This leads to 3,225 excess houses over the Shapley Heath build out period, if only 5,000 houses
- This excess will act as a magnet for Surrey Heath and Rushmoor to pass on their housing numbers to Hart
- There is **no** housing need of the scale being advocated by the developers and HDC ...and the Council agrees with this assessment!



What can we do?

- Ask your Hart District Councillor to vote to end the Shapley Heath project
- Ask HDC to invest in studying all viable alternatives for the longer term
 - Based on actual housing needs for the future
 - Adopting a **brownfield first** regeneration strategy
 - Focusing on revitalising our urban centres
 - Committing to protecting our open green spaces
 - Facilitating proportionate development in line with adopted Neighbourhood Plans
- Sign up to our local MP's petition at: <u>https://www.ranil.uk/charter</u>

"Planning for the right homes in the right places"