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For the attention of
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Dear Guy and Claire

Future Mole Valley - Comments from Ockley Parish Council

Following our meeting to discuss the draft site and village boundary proposals, we have requested and received representations from the Parish and have discussed at a Parish Council meeting. Our inputs are as follows:

1. We continue to fully support the following sites:
18-OK-006 land at Friday Street; 18-OK-008 land at Cricketers Close; 18-OK-009 land at the Village Hall; 18-OK-021 Figgs' Fields.
2. We do not support 18-OK-015 Sanatorium Field and ask that this site is withdrawn from plans.

Our reasons for (2) are consistent with the 'policies' outlined in our draft NDP namely that sites should not extend the village. Sanatorium Field fails this test. In addition, we understand that potential sites should have an established boundary. However, until about 10 years ago, Sanatorium Field was part of the adjoining field with no hedge between them.

We would also request that 2 other sites are included in the plan. Both are effectively brownfield sites for which we believed there is and should be a general preference over green field options. The first is the old goods yard at Ockley Station - a definite brownfield site.

The second is the market garden adjoining and on the same side of Coles Lane as Village Greens shop. Several substantial greenhouses currently stand there and we believe the site should be counted as brownfield. We agree that these sites are not in the centre of the village but the nature of Ockley is a spread community. In addition, each site has its own sustainable characteristics – the proximity to public transport, other housing and a shop. They also lie within around 1 mile of both Ockley and Capel village facilities.

Finally we would like to emphasize three other conditions under which we would like any new development to be framed:

- * At least 40% affordable
- * Affordable housing to be rental only to encourage continued movement and flexibility
- * A mix of 1-3 bedroom units

Please could you confirm that these changes will be incorporated into the next draft plan?

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Fletcher

for Ockley Parish Council