

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Policy
Mole Valley District Council
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23rd April 2024

Dear Sir or Madam

Response to Future Mole Valley Proposals

Betchworth Parish Council met on 8th April 2024 and as requested we discussed your offer to submit any additional comments that we have on the Main Modifications to the Draft Mole Valley Local Plan and associated documents. We would like to note that we are disappointed that the plan remains the same and there were no modifications made to the village envelope of Betchworth based on any of our original comments.

To this point we would like to refer you to our original letter of 13th March 2020 and note that our comments remain the same with the following amendments:

SA07: 18-BT-012 The Firs/Land behind Bumblebee Cottage

Betchworth Parish Council raised several considerations regarding this proposal back in 2020 and I would like to refer to our original letter which I have attached.

Since this time The Firs have now been fully developed and Betchworth Parish Council would like to note their disappointment on the fact that most of our considerations were not taken into account for this development and as such were allowed to create 3 large executive homes with access from The Street.

There is still some available green belt land which we have noticed that since the local plan was adopted by MVDC has since been cleared, we are concerned of any further planned development in this area. The inappropriate height, scale and unit size of The Firs development has given rise to considerable negative comment from parishioners and the post-sanctioning of extensive tree removal. It is felt that the village environment has been significantly eroded. Any further development of the remaining portion of the proposed site must be small dwellings to serve the local need with all the trees along the western boundary safeguarded. If these points are not enshrined in the Local Plan then Betchworth Parish Council would like to issue an objection to the removal of the land from the Green Belt.

Our comments for SA08: 18-BT-005 Evergreens and SA14: 18-BR-008 Land at The Bungalow Kiln Lane, Brockham still remain the same.

Kind regards

Cheryl Sexton
Clerk, Betchworth Parish Council