

Neighbourhood Plan – public consultation responses

Before a Neighbourhood Plan can be submitted to the District Council for assessment and the final inspection, a public consultation is required. The consultation on the Aston Rowant Neighbourhood Plan took place from 10 February 2019 to 30 June 2019. The deadline for responding to the consultation was extended due to the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic.

During the extended consultation period, an independent consultation took place locally on behalf of the Aston Rowant Cricket Club (ARCC). Having secured planning permission for a replacement pavilion/clubhouse at its site between Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount, ARCC sought local views on a possible housing development, based on the premise that such a development might fund the construction of the pavilion. The potential of the identified housing site had not previously been proposed or considered for that purpose as part of the NP process, but the informal consultation by ARCC, put forward outside the planning process, duly coincided with the Pre-Submission Consultation and prompted single-issue responses from residents of the parish and from non-residents having an interest in the cricket club. All responses were collated and are published below, regardless of their source, on the understanding that, in due course, non-residents would not be eligible to vote on the Plan in the event of a Local Referendum.

COMMENT

We are strongly of the view and agree with the and support the draft plan as published, in particular support the policies protecting the Green Spaces and Local Gap.

I worry about the impact on the community, traffic and the beautiful landscape should permission be given for house building to take place. Many villages have been ruined by building programs and would not support and developments at this time. We have recently moved from Aylesbury and we quickly observed small villages joining up with large areas decimating wildlife and creating no end of problems for local communities and community resources. What we have previously observed is application for small projects which then paves the way for larger projects and before you know it there will be no green space between Chinnor and Aston Rowant village.

I am a keen supporter of the cricket club but find myself unable to support this proposal as it is currently drafted.

In the first instance there is significant uncertainty as to whether this will facilitate the delivery of a new pavilion. The proposal, which claims to be "costed and deliverable" only offers to make a "significant contribution towards the build out delivery of the new pavilion". These words hide a properly significant element of uncertainty. What is the total cost of the pavilion? What is the significant contribution? How will the balance be financed?

The proposal also offers that "all of the paddocks adjacent etc.... would be promoted as Green Space as part of this proposal". I am very unclear what level of protection this affords and I will oppose anything that doesn't guarantee (rather than promote) the protection of these paddocks as Green Space. Who will protect them and in what enforceable form? South Oxfordshire's lamentable track record in this regard gives no comfort, nor does the conduct of local property owners.

So in summary, as currently presented, the proposal offers us the risk of ribbon development along the B4009 without the guarantee of a new pavilion. It is not attractive. If both these issues can be addressed, then some modest development to support the cricket club might be worth it. But there is a lot of work to do.

As a resident within the parish, I would like to express my support for the neighbourhood plan. It highlights the fact that no houses are required to be built, and will help to preserve the beautiful villages we have, their green spaces and character. Which I hope you will agree is becoming rarer and rarer as small villages get dwarfed but big developments which suck the life from the village. Furthermore being on the edge of an amazing nature reserve, there is a lot of wildlife which lives in and around the green spaces of the parish. Developing on this land would destroy their habitat. Neither village could every be suited for further development, the infrastructure in place simply could never cope and as we've seen from the properties developed across from the Cherry Tree pub, they are not selling at all fast so there is not a demand. For the neighbourhood plan to go ahead would be to destroy the lifeblood of the parish and would pave the way for developments to destroy the village atmosphere, just look at Haddenham as an example. We do not want that housing sprawl happening to your parish.

Upon reading the neighbourhood plan, I would like to voice my support for it and all the hard work that's gone in to putting it together.

It is very important to me to protect the gap between Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant, as well as the green spaces in the parish. Essentially, I want to stop the villages becoming 'merged' so that they retain their individuality.

I have read the Neighbourhood Plan document and it is evident that a lot of hard work and research has gone into the plan and I would fully support this plan. I feel it is important to protect the gap between the villages in the Parish and to protect green spaces in the Parish as identified in the document. I would support protecting the character of the individual villages and the parish as a whole and only favour infill developments.

I would like to send my support for the [Aston Rowant Cricket Club Pavilion and housing proposal](#).

I fear this might be the last chance for Aston Rowant Cricket Club to get a new pavilion. The previous plan to have the pavilion near the moors path (Coffin path) wasn't supported by all members of the parish. This new proposal situates the new pavilion closer to the current pavilion, which I believe will be supported by the parish.

I also feel that if this proposal is unsuccessful then the club will really struggle to function and may soon cease to exist. The current pavilion has served the club really well but it very tired and not a pleasant venue. In the last 5 years the club has struggled financially. The club is a charity and like all charities they rely on donations and grants to help them operate. My fear is that due to the current economic climate the cricket club will really struggle to secure grants, donations, subscriptions and bar revenue as we enter a recession.

I understand that the previous proposal was only possible with a significant fundraising effort. This proposal will still need funding but won't require millions of pounds of investment from Aston Rowant Cricket Club. I appreciate that new housing developments are always sensitive subjects, but this proposal creates many positives and ultimately saves a cricket club from potentially going out of business. The cricket club provides a safe environment for hundreds of children to enjoy sport from the local villages. I was once a young player at the club and I am extremely thankful that I found cricket. Sport and cricket in particular helped me shape my future and I am very thankful for that. It hurts me to hear that the club will potentially go out of business if they can't find a solution to their pavilion requirements and for the need to increase its revenue.

I would like to confirm, that both my wife and I agree with the principles outlined in the plan, namely retaining our green spaces with no new housing estates. This is important to the preservation of the feel of our parish.

We are in receipt of the leaflet on the neighbourhood plan and several of us are unsure about the B4009/Butts Way land used by cattle and sheep. As per below it comes under an incidental open space number 1 and goes on to say it is highlighted on the Protected Places plan shown below the point, but it is not highlighted on the Protected Places plan although the others are. Later on under Point 6.1 it is highlighted as a potential development site under the first consultation and goes on to talk about social and affordable housing. Can you please confirm what the situation is on this site as it is impossible to read the plan on the computer and make sense of it due to its size (I do not have a printer).

We are confused that it is listed as protected but does not appear on the 'protected sites' map and later on appears as a possible development site. Many thanks,

Incidental Open Spaces, of historic significance and/or contributing to the setting and character of the villages

1. Butts Way B4009 site (Aston Rowant) 2. Horse Paddock (NE side of Aston Rowant Road) 3. All land between Lower Icknield Way and the built-up area of Aston Rowant

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4. Land on either side of Church lane, Aston Rowant beyond the existing dwellings 5. Stud Farm land between B4009 (Chinnor Road) and dwellings in Aston Rowant 6. Land to either side of the Aston Rowant – Kingston Blount footpath not already protected 7. Land on Stert Road to north and south of Town Farm 8. Paddocks / Strip-Farming Fields adjacent to, in front of and behind the former Shoulder of Mutton PH, Kingston Blount 9. Curtilage of Kingston House.

5.8 These areas are shown on the Protected Spaces Map (below). Their significance in the context of NPPF is considered in Appendix F (Green Space Assessment).

We would like to congratulate EVERYONE who has donated their time and effort in producing the Aston Rowant Development Plan - it has been a very lengthy and detailed project but throughout we, as local residents, have been consulted and kept up to date. We have attended several meetings and responded to recent development plans submitted to the planning department.

The Plan conveys the importance of maintaining the character of the villages involved - in particular Aston Rowant and the importance of maintaining The Green and paddocks as you enter the village. A key point for any development is the density of any building undertaken as it will be vital to ensure any new build is in keeping with existing housing/density.

Saw a copy of the neighbourhood plan after the flyer came, was not aware of some of the details but would like to put in an IN FAVOUR for development vote for site 23 which corresponds to part of our land I believe at Aston Cottage - 18 Church Lane., and request that this is updated in the plan and our interest for development of this site is registered. Also reviewing the rest of the plan but generally find it well researched and developed with a balanced and sensible approach.

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to congratulate the group of residents that have put together this comprehensive plan and the attention to every detail. We totally oppose any developments and the traffic created with all the new housing in the surrounding villages is at maximum levels. Our village is already large enough and with lack of amenities does not warrant additional development.

I am in broad agreement with the proposals set out in the Draft ARPC Neighbourhood Plan.

Please see below my comments on the Neighbourhood plan.

LOS2 – If the land between AR and the lower Icknield way is to be protected, the same should apply to the land between KB and the lower Icknield way.

HDC2 – No reference has been made to SODC Design guides. These may well provide a more comprehensive route to determining 'good' design rather than the slightly random list in the Policy.

Will a new housing target density be quoted in the document / policy? Will the need for smaller houses be specifically mentioned?

6.17 – I agree with the 3rd point. We allocate sites now. This way, as and when SODC Policy changes we are prepared. (and hopefully protected from developers).

6.11 – Where are the preferred sites referred to? These should be listed in the document, rather than buried in the appendices.

At a meeting I attended on 18th February about the Neighbourhood Plan we were asked by Mark Thackeray to pass any comments to you. He said that a lot of people who objected would write but he wanted to encourage supporters of the Plan to write also. Although I haven't read the plan cover to cover I would just like to say that I agree with the Plan and the reasons for having it as expressed in the meeting. I think it is especially important to have areas of land which should be protected because they contribute to the character of the villages.(no matter who owns them) It is similar, I think, to having listed buildings .

Thanks to all members of the group which have devised the Plan despite the goalposts having changed more than once.

I have reviewed the ARDP and commend the preparers on a generally thorough piece of analysis, particularly regarding the location and style of any new housing development.

In one area, however, I feel that the ARDP lacks the same high level of rigor - in relation to Tourism, Sport and Leisure. The draft policy for this area states:

Policy LFS2 – Tourism, Sport & Leisure Facilities

Proposals for tourist, sport and leisure facilities, including the possible extension of the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway to a rebuilt Aston Rowant Station, will be supported, provided:

- i. they are located and designed to suit the character of the local landscape; and
- ii. they do not harm the special scenic beauty of the AONB or the special character and appearance of the Conservation Areas.

however there is little discussion or analysis given to support this Policy. Of particular concern to me is:

- the explicit support given with limited conditionality; and
- the explicit reference to the possible extension of the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway to a rebuilt Aston Rowant Station.

Explicit support

In principle I have no problems with giving explicit support, if you feel that this needs to be given. If you chose to go that far I would however provide more conditions. I would want the support to be subject to a proper planning review and approval process, considering impact not only on 'local landscape', AONB or Conservation Areas but also on wider environmental, infrastructure, economic and social issues. I would encourage you to consider, by way of a hypothetical example, how you might react to a proposal from Disney to build a sympathetically designed theme park south of B4009 and whether, in these circumstances, it is wise to provide tacit support to these sorts of schemes.

I would suggest that you amend the ARDP to strengthen the conditions, or remove the explicit support for as-yet-unknown schemes.

Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway

Unless I have missed it I have seen no proposals for an extension of this line or rebuild of the Aston Rowant station. Please let me know if there have been any. I certainly don't see any benefit to the parish from an extension of the line or the rebuild of the station; if anything it will adversely affect the local environment, the Ridgeway (that now follows the old railway bed for part of the way) and potentially the volume of traffic and car parking on B4009 or Aston Hill.

I would suggest that you amend the ARDP to remove the explicit reference to the possible extension of the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway to a rebuilt Aston Rowant Station.

As a private individual I am writing to say that I support the Neighbourhood Plan as written. I want to protect our green spaces.

Today i received the proposal for the Cricket Pavilion Enabling scheme.

At last i believe this is a very workable solution and (for the record) i would like to show my support for the proposal and ask that the neighborhood Plan team think about this Proposal VERY carefully.

Following the last neighborhood planning meeting it was being proposed that the land directly behind the current Pavilion be designated Green space.

I have an issue with the 'green space' allocation anyway (as i voiced at the last neighborhood plan meeting).

I will (as suggested) post my comments on this in due course.

As you may know my wife and her parents grew up in this parish. I moved here 15 years ago and my son plays for the Cricket club.

However

The current awful state of the club has made me think about moving him to Thame to play instead. Frankly is the most awful pavilion i have been in and (i have no doubt) will be condemned in due course.

The cricket club have not endeared themselves to the local parish over the last few years and the previous team behind the club wasted time and serious money on a planning application that was resoundingly unpopular.

This new plan looks much more promising and if we have to have 5 houses behind it to facilitate the build i think that would be a price i would be willing to consider. It may also have the 'double impact' of plicating SODC housing allocation and give the community less risk of future developments in the short/mid term.

So in summery. AT last we have a descent plan and a sensible suggested pavilion .

what we need to have now is the parish council and the neighborhood plan team to think hard.

There may be an easy win here for everyone in the parish

This is just a note to support the proposals for the ARCC enabling scheme which I heard about yesterday via the ARCC newsletter. In my view the scheme provides community benefits on a number of levels:

Housing outside of the village centres (so avoiding a whole host of nimbie issues)

Housing to contribute to our supply when required.

A replacement pavilion - one of very few community assets remaining.

Contributions for traffic calming.

Housing in walking distance of the school.

Minimal impact on our surroundings and traffic.

A range of housing sizes.

I would support this scheme IF satisfactory protection is made on either side of the B4009 between AR and KB to prevent opportunist ribbon development.

I have read in detail, and write in support of, the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Document. It is evident that the NP Committee have devoted a great deal of time, thought and energy into preparing the document as comprehensively and fairly as would be possible to do and I would like to thank the committee for all their efforts. In particular, I write in support of the protection of the green spaces as determined by the report.

I have received through my letterbox an anonymous document requesting me to support an 'enabling plan' for Aston Rowant Cricket club development. I would like to make it very clear that I do not support this. Whilst I accept that the Cricket Club is in need of a new pavilion and have argued consistently for a pavilion on the existing site, I am not willing to pay for it by conceding to houses being built on what has already been proposed as a 'green space' by the Neighbourhood Plan.

The document claims the land is 'required' for the building of a new pavilion, but I would suggest that there is sufficient land already available to ARCC on their existing land, for the building of a larger pavilion. The added shipping container storage, together with the space between them and the existing pavilion covers an area which must surely be large enough for a new pavilion building. I see no reason why the boundary line could not be moved to allow more land if required, in this area. If that means moving the wicket, so be it.

The promise to 'propose' the other three fields between the two villages as 'green spaces' is largely meaningless, since the NP already protects these fields as 'green Spaces'.

For these reasons I give my full support to the Neighbourhood Plan document, as prepared by the hardworking and thorough NP Committee.

Furthermore, I hope that comments generated by this anonymous document will only be considered if they come from those on the electoral roll for our Parish. It would be most unfair if the Neighbourhood Plan consultation document were to be changed because of a barrage of support from members of ARCC living outside of the villages.

I strongly support the draft of the neighborhood plan to protect the local heritage.

Also I strongly oppose the proposition by St John homes and the cricket club to build in the Local Gap.

I support the idea of the cricket pavilion

Yes I approve of the new plan but am aware it isn't in the current neighbourhood plan that we are being asked to vote on.

Further to the recent issue of the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Aston Rowant I would like to confirm my support for the draft as published.

In consequence of that support I would therefore object to the building in the Local Gap as proposed by St Johns Homes and the Cricket Club.

I fully support this new idea the pavilion would be in a far better location than the plan for the pavilion by the moors path.

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) team have put in an enormous amount of time and effort in coming up with the plan which essentially requires zero housing allocation and protects the green spaces in our parish, the very thing we fought so hard to achieve in the previous few years, and are to be congratulated for their services to the community.

The draft NP is compliant with the draft new Local Plan 2034 so it would seem sensible to wholeheartedly support it.

- I agree with protecting the gap between the villages in the parish – Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant
- I fully support protecting the green spaces in the parish as identified in the NP
- I fully support no housing allocation as in agreement with the draft new Local Plan, no requirement to build in small villages
- I fully support protecting the character of our individual villages and the Parish as a whole
- I agree with the NP policies contained within the draft NP.

While I am fully supportive of the work on the Neighbourhood Plan, I am also aware that it must evolve with changing circumstances. I am writing in support of the recent proposal from David Jacobs, St Johns Homes and Spencer Chapman, Aston House Stud, relating to Aston Rowant Cricket Club and adjacent land.

The current, granted, planning permission for a new cricket pavilion is still contentious within the parish and a visual blot on the area. This new proposal resolves most of the concerns with this planning permission. If as proposed the surround paddocks are allocated as green space and expansion of the proposed plans is limited.

Please consider making this change to the Neighbourhood Plan.

We are in full support of the Neighbourhood Plan as proposed.

Just a note to confirm my agreement that we should protect the gap between Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount and all our green spaces. I agree that there should be no housing allocation as there is no need for such in small villages. We should protect the character of ancient settlements such as ours, and I agree with all the policies laid down in the Neighbourhood Plan.

In response to your consultation request, I would like to express my full support for the proposed Aston Rowant Neighbourhood Plan, without any alteration. The proposed plan encapsulates everything that I, as a member of this parish for 14 years, consider to be important. The main elements are that it:

- Maintains the gap between the villages of Aston Rowant and Kinston Blount. It would be wrong to allow any development of this space, when this just wouldn't be the case. In particular I am completely against the circulated proposal for an enabling scheme that proposes to fund a new ARCC pavilion by developing some of this green space gap with 6 houses. This goes against the very clear principles of the proposed ARNP and I believe should be rejected as a bad idea.
- Protects our green spaces. The very nature of our parish is a rural one combining arable farming and many horse paddocks. It is essential we retain this look and feel to avoid the parish losing it's very clear identity.
- Supports no housing allocation. A parish such as ours is not required to allocate housing sites under the new draft SODC local plan. It is therefore entirely sensible that the ARNP does not make any allocation of housing sites and I would support the ARNP and ARPC resisting any proposal to include any allocations.
- Protect the character of the parish. The opening description of the parish in the proposed ARNP, describes very well the nature and history of our lovely community. This is something we should all cherish and seek to protect. I believe the draft ARNP does just this.
- Contains sensible and relevant NP policies. The policies are clearly well thought through and deliver the sort of protections that are appropriate to our parish.

I would like to thank the Neighbourhood plan committee for all the excellent work and time that has gone into producing such a thorough and comprehensive document.

I would like to support the document in it's entirety.

As a member of the parish I fully support protecting everything that is special about the environment we live in, the character of our individual villages and the Parish as a whole.

The plan clearly identifies the green spaces which are important to the setting of our parish and the retention of the gap between the village, I wholeheartedly support these.

The draft Neighbourhood plan is compliant with current local plan policy, which I agree with and the zero housing allocation is entirely sensible and also policy compliant as we are regarded as a small village.

I would also like to make it very clear I **do not** support the 'enabling scheme' that is being proposed for the cricket club pavilion and 6 houses. Whilst I understand the need for a new pavilion I strongly disagree with this being built at the expense of 'green spaces' that have clearly been identified in the draft NP, with the resulting detriment to the parish of 6 new houses in a random field.

This strikes me as yet another attempt to undermine the excellent neighbourhood planning process for the financial gain of others and is not policy compliant.

I totally support the draft Neighbourhood plan.

here are my comments for the NP SG.

- I agree with LOS1.
- LOS2 should be expanded in KB to include the farm land between Town Farm House and Stert Cottages, the land north of the Allotments and the land to north of the playing fields as footpaths and open views of this land are significant and very important and the land south of Icknield close on the other side of the B4009. Similar fields and paddocks in AR are classified in Los2.
- I agree with LOS3.
- LOS5. Seems to be rather vague. What constitutes suitable development? Is this farm buildings only?
- Housing assessment: I do not consider AECOM assessment as fully independent and should not be promoted as such. Members of the SG did discuss the conclusions with the assessor, and did they ask for the conclusions to be amended. I do not agree with the AECOM conclusions as they have treated very similar sites (4 in AR and 3 in KB) very differently and with almost opposite conclusions. I assume the assessment is out of date and If so it should be removed from the final NP so as to avoid confusion.
- Little has been made of how we voted for sites which does remain relevant.
- In 6.1.3 CIL contribution would make a difference to facilities in both villages. The PC only receives a precept and it takes years to raise money to do any additional projects. CIL from even 1 house is welcome and is used to improve the villages.
- HSG2: If we are accepting infill I would like to see the NP identify possible infill sites or at least reject sites that are not infill. (sites 3 and 4 for example). I would like the NP to define the exact village boundary line so we know what is in the village boundary and what is outside.
- HSG3: I agree we need smaller houses and ideally cheaper houses that not only young families can afford but also older residents who want to downsize and stay in the village. I don't agree that our contribution to affordable housing should be just a financial contribution to other large development sites.
- HDC2: We should be seeking low carbon, ecologically sound and low energy use as a design criteria. Ideally self-sufficient in power and not using gas. New homes should have power points for electric cars, battery storage, bike stores, etc.

General comments:

- As the chair of the planning committee and having to navigate the tricky issue of managing responses to SODC this NP does help us by defining where the residents don't want new housing. (large development outside the village boundary principally). This NP will give us additional support in rejecting schemes like the recent ones we have seen. But it is lacking in helping us determine what sites could or should be allowed and what infill we should be approving. I would like to see more detail on what could or should be acceptable. I would like to see more detail on promoting good design, innovation and low carbon, low impact housing and I think we could be making much

better use of the limited land defined as infill through good design and not just assuming new housing would be detached houses with their own garden.

- I agree that green spaces must be protected, and the NP does this very well, I think it should be applied consistently and expanded to ensure all green spaces are protected. I would like to see the green spaces next to the boundary of both villages more protected. Any small areas that are not included should be included so as to not blur the line of the village boundary and ensure that only infill inside the boundary is allowed. Farms and farm houses are not considered to be inside the village boundary as confirmed by recent SODC decisions.
- The village boundary should not be extended beyond the conservation boundary if it at the edge of the village. I.e. combine the conservation boundary, with the green spaces boundary to inform where the village boundary is, so we have a clear demarcation of 'inside' and 'outside' the village.
- No new housing sites should be considered in isolation. If 1 new site is allowed, then there should be a new call for sites and the process of site consultation start again.
- In light of a climate emergency the NP should be actively seeking sites for renewable energy generation and identifying sites where solar or other renewable projects may be installed for consultation.
- In light of environmental loss and climate mitigation the NP should be identifying sites where new woodland can be planted and ecological improvements made.
- Now that SDOC seem to be behind the 2034 Local Plan all reference to the 2011 Plans should be removed and the sole focus on the new policies. The Policy section should just discuss the 2034 policies. The AECOM assessment should be removed as it only confuses people and dilutes the message.
- The risk of no allocations should be more clearly stated and examples given of what might happen. (if infill sites were allocated it would reduce the risk)

This note is to register support for the planning idea for the new pavilion and homes in Aston Rowant.

It seems to me a very pragmatic response on the cricket club's part to the desire to build an affordable new building which the community values and accepts, and also on the developer's part to the necessary new homes in our area without in any way impacting the current homes in the 2 beautiful villages of Rowant and Kingston Blount.

On that basis, I am totally supportive.

I would like to congratulate the neighbourhood plan team on a well presented and structured draft neighbourhood plan. Well done to all the team of volunteers who have given hours of their time to this important plan for our parish they should be congratulated and heartily thanked for their endeavours.

In regard to the NP I agree with proposals presented in the draft comments

- Agree with supporting the gaps between the village, do not wish to have ribbon development that would link the villages
- Agree with protecting the all Incidental Open spaces Policy LOS2
- Agree with protecting the all green spaces in the parish Policy HSG1
- Agree that as there is no requirement to identify house, development should only be infill as policy HSG2

While I understand that the AECOM Site Assessment document was only a tool used during the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan, I would like to request an alteration to the Neighbourhood Plan LOS 2 map (below) based on information within the AECOM document.



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The AECOM assessment graded it a 'Red' site and excluded it from potential development sites during the 'sifting' process.

Once the NP document is adopted, I fear that AECOM's observations about the unsuitability of development of site 22 will not be officially registered and the paddock will come back to the attention of developers.

I ask that site 22 is given protection and included with the neighbouring LOS 2 land. This is not in conflict with the NP. It will simply recognise ACOM's observations within future documents.

Having attended a number of steering group meetings and been prompted to correspond on a couple of occasions, I would like to thank the committee for all their work and commitment.

As a resident of Kingston Blount I have attended the recent meetings relating to the Neighbourhood Plan and Cricket Club and have listened carefully to the proposals and arguments.

I wish to register my support for the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount as published.

However, I do not support the proposal by St John Homes to develop the "Gap" on the main road. Much as I sympathise with the cricket club's plight, this proposal:- 1. contravenes the present planning policy. 2. means permanently losing another piece of open space.

Further to the circulation of the draft KBAR Neighbourhood Plan, I write to log our formal support of the detailed proposals therein.

Having been threatened recently with draft plans for opportunistic land development in Kingston Blount, we have made our views very clear to both the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee about the need for a robust defence of the existing boundaries, infrastructure and village character. Equally it is clear from the mass of developments in Chinnor and Thame that not only does one small relaxation in our defence result in the flood gates opening, but also that there is plenty of new housing stock within the local area, trumping any plan for 6 or 9 houses in KBAR.

We remain resolute about the need to protect our green spaces and the gaps between the villages in the Parish. As such we believe that it would be foolish for any Neighbourhood Plan to support any allocation of space for potential development, as this would clearly lead to plans being developed for those sites and thereafter precedence set for further development on similar sites.

I hope that our support for the Neighbourhood Plan can be registered alongside what we believe to be similar support from the vast majority of residents of our Parish.

In view of the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan concluded that the village does not need more housing, applications such as this should no longer be considered. This is a somewhat cunning move by St Johns Homes who failed in their previous attempt to obtain planning permission along the road.

The traffic along the B4009 has dramatically increased following the construction of 1000 houses in Chinnor and the sketch does not make clear whether the existing entrance to the Cricket Club would be closed off in the event of planning being obtained. It is very unlikely that Highways would allow two entrances within yards of each other. This section of the B4009 has become a race course and rat run to/from the M40.

To claim that "the location of housing here would not generate any additional vehicle movements through Kingston Blount" is clearly nonsense. Six new houses would no doubt result in 10/12 additional cars.

I have been reading and studying photos of Aston Rowants plans and as a former chairman of the club in the 1960's and 1970's it really upsets me to see the deterioration of the clubhouse.

The current committee I know are determined to create a club that will bring back the family spirit that existed many years ago and offer facilities for all the locals young and old.

In these difficult times I am sure that a new clubhouse would be a boost to the local community and I give it my total support

Prior to the submission of the ARNDP to SODC I can confirm that I have reviewed the plan in detail.

I have been monitoring the development of the plan over the course of the last four years or so. I would like to thank those local residents and Parish Councillors who have invested considerable time and effort in developing the current plan ensuring it is in line with the planning requirements and has made every effort to ensure any development would be in keeping with the existing ambience and nature of the village.

I can confirm that my Husband and I are fully supportive of the plan as it is currently drafted and would like this support to be recorded as part of the submission. We have very much enjoyed living in the Parish for the last twenty two years and have valued its uniqueness in terms of its history and position.

I hope that the plan is received positively by local residents at the meetings on the 7th April and the 12th May.

I would just like to put on record my support for the new enabling scheme to provide a new pavilion by the proposed development of 6 houses in the adjacent field to the cricket club.

As everyone knows the current pavilion is in a pretty poor state and is not fit for purpose now that the club has gone from strength to strength over my 27 years at the club from player, to groundsman to now Chairman.

Both local villages would benefit from a nicer community pavilion to either watch cricket hopefully, bring their kids or grandkids for an evening or hopefully be able to host small gatherings in a lovely setting. Fingers crossed.

As residents of Kingston Blount we would like to state our support for the Neighbourhood Plan and to register our opposition to the proposed building of several houses by St John Homes and the Aston Rowant Cricket Club.

Yet again the residents of the parish find themselves embattled with private developers in changing the character and structure of the parish for the worse. Often against the wishes of the Parish Council and the majority of the residents. We would like to make the following points in support of the Neighbourhood Plan team and its opposition to the private development.

We agree in principle to protect the gap between the two villages in the parish. Any proposals for the re-use of rural buildings, playing fields, and open spaces should only be supported where they would preserve the separation and identity of the two villages.

We fully support protecting the green spaces as identified in the NP. The areas identified as local open spaces are important to the character, history and leisure of the parish. These areas must not be lost to the whims of developers or the narrow concerns of the Cricket Club. Built development would only be supported if it provides facilities for the function and use of such spaces for agriculture including grazing.

In order to protect the countryside, we would only support development outside the built-up area of Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant, if it is deemed necessary and appropriate after due consultation, and it is consistent with local development plan policies. The proposal by St. John homes IS NOT.

The draft NP identifies a Green Heart formed by a central open space in Aston Rowant and by a historically significant sequence of connected open spaces within Kingston Blount. There have been several attempts already to destroy the latter. Any development proposals on land deemed to be within this space would only be considered by us if it could be justified that very special circumstances exist. These proposals from the private developer to not come any way near special circumstances. The proposals do not sustain or enhance the visual characteristics or function or biodiversity of the land for the benefit of all residents.

Reference was made in the previous paragraph to previous attempts to Infill development. This would only be supported on sites no larger than 0.2 hectares within an established traditional frontage in order to retain and enhance the visual character of Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant.

In conclusion, the NP committee has suggested that it would be consistent with both local and national policy to **not allocate any sites for development at this time.**

We wholeheartedly support the draft Neighbourhood plan

We would like to take the opportunity to comment upon and support the content of the draft neighbourhood plan

It is important to protect and safeguard both the environs and the green spaces both within and around the villages in the parish. It is equally important to protect the existing gaps between the villages any erosion of which would be detrimental to the character of the villages their entity and the parish as a whole.

We understand and are fully supportive of not allocating sites for development. We believe that any additional housing should be restricted to infill within the environs of the existing villages, this protects the character of the villages, their approaches and the movement of the people and animals within them.

We are concerned over yet another proposal from St Johns Homes and Mr Chapman to try and infringe the gap between the villages with a suggestion of six Houses eating into that under the guise of enabling a new pavilion and extension of the Cricket club. We are most strongly against this proposal which would be detrimental to both villages, destruct in part the natural gap existing between the two villages and add to the growing traffic problems on the B4009 and dangers to the safety of that highway.

We would both like to thank all members of the hardworking team who have worked so tirelessly, with such dedication and despite some difficulties to put together this plan which we totally support

I would like to put forward my full support of the proposed new pavilion plans at Aston Rowant Cricket Club. It is a fantastic, family cricket club that is fully deserving of this new structure to help continue to push the club in the right direction. It looks to be a brilliant new design that will not only improve general cricket life at the club, but can be used to bring the community together, one example being people who just want to pop down for a coffee and catch up with friends. It would be great to see such a well run club being able to reach its full potential.

Please accept this e-mail as our approval of the Neighbourhood Plan. In particular, as members of the Parish, we support keeping the gap between Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant as it has always been.

We support and are pleased that the green spaces will be preserved.

We support no new housing in the villages as there is no requirement for this by South Oxfordshire DC.

I write in full support of the proposed St John Homes development. I will be honest & disclose that I am a ARCC playing member but I just strongly disagree with all the objections I've heard & the neighbourhood plan. SJ Homes haven't proposed 60 houses, they've proposed to my knowledge just 6 in no man's land between the two villages. In no way whatsoever does it bring the two villages together, which is another objection I've heard, quite ridiculous. It isn't a third run way at London Heathrow that has been proposed so any objections to light & noise pollution is also ridiculous.

I also can't quite believe there aren't more deaths on the road between KB & AR and would be fully behind the speed limit on the B4009 being reduced to 30 / 40mph. Having played cricket at ARCC for 10 years the speeding on that section is rife with cars & motorbikes often travelling at obscene speed. It is only a matter of time before someone is killed on that section of road so again would be fully behind traffic calming measure / speed bumps being put in to prevent motorbikes especially travelling at 70/80/90mph.

This development to include a new cricket pavilion for ARCC has the potential to be a real focal point for the two villages & the surrounding communities, which is currently clearly lacking. The two villages should be proud to have a community cricket club that play cricket at the highest possible level in the Home Counties Premier League, which would also give non playing members a place to socialise, have a morning coffee or an evening beer.

The idea that the development would ruin both villages is utterly preposterous. I think on the complete contrary in that it would make both villages much more desirable having a focal point & a soul. It could breathe life into both villages if it were to go ahead & I'm fully behind it.

I am writing to support the proposed development of six houses and new cricket pavilion/clubhouse to replace the existing, time expired, cricket pavilion at Aston Rowant Cricket Club. This proposal is in keeping with the rural location, much more than the already approved plans for a new pavilion/clubhouse near the Moors path. This facility will allow the Club to continue to provide cricket facilities for so many children as well as adults. I consider it essential for clubs to provide sports facilities for youngsters, not only does it provide much needed exercise, but it also keeps them off the streets and out of anti-social activities.

Although I am not a resident of Aston Rowant/Kingston Blount, I am a vice president of Aston Rowant Cricket Club having served as secretary for a number of years. I also scored for the club for over 20 years, both for the junior teams and for the 1st XI.

I wish to support this small development being included in the Emerging Aston Rowant Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

We have an 18 year old son who plays for ARCC and has been a member there since the age of 7.

Over these 11 years the club has grown and attracted more juniors into the club which has been great to see these players grow in ability and start to filter in the adult teams.

With girls also now involved more in cricket than ever the need to have separate proper changing areas is a must rather than 2 old wooden sheds.

The one thing that is letting the club down badly is its clubhouse, you only need to walk through the door to see this!

To be offered a chance of having a new clubhouse being built would great so I would urge you to accept this planning proposal to include the clubhouse.

I am just writing to express my support for the proposal for a new pavilion at the cricket ground. The current one is in dire need of replacing and I fear that it has gone beyond the stage of throwing any more money at it for renovations. It has become an absolute eye sore and a health hazard for the community in general. The area and the beautiful location deserves something that is fit for purpose.

The cricket club has planning already up near the Moors path which is not to everyone's liking. Replacing the pavilion where it currently is represents a much better solution for all concerned. The villages desperately need a community hub now the pub has gone, and a new cricket facility will allow various local groups to utilise the pavilion as well as enabling the villagers to meet socially for a coffee, or a gin & tonic.

The fact that the proposal also includes the construction of 6 houses is also a huge benefit. The village is desperate for additional housing, especially for the younger members of our community. It will only become a question of time for housing developments being forced upon us by central government and it is far better to have proposals such as this included in the neighbourhood plan for consideration, rather than it being imposed on the villages, just like it is happening in Chinnor.

The location is ideal as well as this keeps the villages very much separated by plenty of green space which is most desirable amongst the villagers. The fact that the surrounding land will be made green spaces guarantees that no further housing will be tied onto the development. In addition this is a great opportunity to finally reduce the speed limit on the B4009, and put into place long overdue traffic calming measures.

I think it important to share my thoughts with you and do hope these are taken on board by the Parish Council.

I am full of admiration for the tremendous job that the NP Committee have done to date. In an attempt to keep my comments brief, suffice to say I am supportive in general of the draft plan. My intuition tells me however that it is imperative that we crack on asap to have the NP submitted for approval. It is evident from the Enabling Scheme recently presented by St John Homes and Aston House Stud that developers are still active in our area and that landowners are keen to monetise fields that the NP would consider either Green Spaces and/or the Gap between AR and KB.

With regard to the Enabling Scheme I do not believe that it should be incorporated into the NP. Like many residents I am sympathetic to the plight of the Cricket Club and would like to see them secure a new Pavilion. But utilising land that we would regard as part of the Gap and as Green Space does set a dangerous precedent. I note that St John Homes state that all of the paddocks ADJACENT to the proposed new site would be promoted as Green Space: this implies to me that all the remaining paddocks owned by Aston House Stud are considered by them as potential Development Sites.

I am writing to thoroughly approve the proposed plans moving forward into a new era of Aston Rowant Cricket Club.

My son and daughter have both played in all age groups for this great Club and I have managed Under 9 to U15 level. I also umpire regularly and it is clear compared to other Cricket Clubs the current pavilion is in a very bad state of repair.

The way the Club is managed both on and off the field is a credit to the Village of Aston Rowant. The proposed and much needed new pavilion facility will propel Aston Rowant to a new level which its Chairman, Captains, Managers, Coaches, Volunteers, Members and Villagers of Aston Rowant should thoroughly support.

I have to say the plans look amazing, what a credit to all involved and what a way to promote socialising and healthy living in these uncertain times with a new state of the art pavilion for members to play the game we all love.

This is a new compromise proposal for a much needed new pavilion for Aston Rowant cricket Club. It would address funding for a new building which is substantial for a village club. The club itself is the second biggest youth activity locally and the playing surface is regarded as one of the best in the county. However its pavilion is one of the worst in the county and is a bar to promotion of senior teams as the facilities have been consistently poorly scored by the leagues. It is also a problem for international fixtures and county games. The ideal position for a new pavilion would be equidistant from the two pitches thus providing toilet facilities etc for the more distant pitch.

I therefore support this proposal which reduces the funding element - whilst noting that it is a compromise.

I moved to Aston Rowant in September 1968 and joined the cricket club the following year

The growth and the success of the cricket being played over these 52 years is nothing short of phenomenal

From one side to four sides playing on a Saturday, and youth teams from ages eight to eighteen, and girls cricket (with one girl representing England ladies)

Unfortunately, the club has completely outgrown its facilities and consequently desperately needs to update and extend its pavilion in order to accommodate its expansion

The scheme could provide this much needed facility, and the housing development will not cause upset as there are no existing properties in the surrounding area

I therefore hope this project will succeed to the benefit of all concerned

I am writing to convey my support for the draft neighbourhood plan as published. I think it is imperative we protect our green open spaces as outlined in the NP as they give our villages their individual characters which is why it is essential to maintain the green spaces between AR and KB particularly, therefore I do not support St John Homes/cricket club's most recent proposal.

We need to protect our green spaces from any further desecration and destruction of our surviving green spaces and the Local Gap - unless we want to turn these villages into a characterless urban sprawl. That would be a disaster.

Small infill developments might be acceptable, so long as the siting, materials used, and architectural style of such were in harmony with the older housing in this area.

I would strongly oppose any further developments at this time and in the foreseeable future.

I would like to register my support for the Aston Rowant/Kingston Blount draft neighbourhood plan as published. I support the policies limiting development of small infills. I also support protecting Green Spaces and keeping the local gap between villages.

I do not support the infill of six dwellings in the local gap between Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount.

I support the NP option to designate no sites for development at present.

I refer to the proposals for a Housing Scheme to enable a new Cricket Pavilion to built on the Chinnor Road which is using a badly needed sports amenity to allow new Ribbon Development along the Chinnor Road - the thin end of a wedge to extend this right up to the Aston Rowant turn.

The profit from this Development is supposed to allow a new Cricket Pavilion in exchange for 6 Houses to be built which will lead to acceptance of later development in the same direction by using this Trojan Horse to allow such an extension in future.

It seeks to introduce a new Entrance for the Housing site and this will present not one but 2 hazards on the fast traffic using the B4009.

Aston \Rowant Cricket Club can hardly resist such an offer but it comes at a price of further future Development and increased dangers on the Road from ingress and egress from this new Housing Development entrance.

The Cricket Club is struggling and cannot raise funds to improve its own status and amenities and perhaps does not deserve to be associated with this clandestine Scheme which does not fully observe the Neighbourhood Plan requirements.

If it goes ahead at all; it should be only the one entrance for both interests. The Cricket Club is only active at weekends and presents a limited hazard. A Housing scheme means emerging and entering traffic and will increase the weekday hazards on this Highway. The separate entrance can be used to extend the Housing Development in the future - which appears to be in mind as a spur road could easily be added within the plot by removing convenient tree planting.

The Developer has attempted a similar scheme in the past and this was rejected outright - don't allow them to re-introduce this ambition again by stealth. There is no such thing as a free Cricket Pavilion.

We are writing in support of, the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Document. It is clear to us and am sure others that the NP Committee have put a lot of work and thought into preparing this important document. Two of the most important aspects of this document are the proposed protection of the green spaces as detailed in the plan from the B4009 to the houses and the preservation of the gap between the villages.

While we are pleased to see the consultation document will support its progress in its current form, we are very concerned to receive an anonymous document requesting us to support an 'enabling plan' for Aston Rowant Cricket Club development which seeks to alter this current NP plan. We would like to state that we do not support their proposed changes to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Clearly the Cricket Club is in need of a new pavilion and we have argued consistently for a pavilion to be built on the existing site which is in keeping with the area, perhaps like the one in Thame. However, we are not willing to pay for it by conceding to housing being built on what has already been proposed as a 'green space' by the Neighbourhood Plan. The Enabling document claims that extra land is required to build a new pavilion. We would argue that ARCC has enough land on which to build. ARCC state that they do not wish to move the wicket - we would argue why not? When they obtained their additional field, siting a new wicket on it did not seem to prove difficult at the time. We therefore fail to see the issue.

We would also like assurance that any support, written or otherwise, received by yourselves and the Parish Council for inclusion of the 'enabling plan' into the Neighbourhood Plan is only from those parishioners on the electoral roll of our Parish and not from outsiders. Can an assurance that this will not happen be posted on the Parish Council website please?

Taking the above into account, we are able to give our support to the Neighbourhood Plan document. However, should the 'enabling plan' be included, with regret we would withdraw our support of the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

I write in full support of the draft NP as published January 2020. In particular, policies LOS1,2 and 3, protecting the Local Open Spaces, Incidental Open Spaces and Local Gaps are of great importance as are policies LOS4-6, protecting the Landscape Character, the Countryside and the Green Hearts of the village.

The continuation of the policies addressed in HSG1 and 2 is also very welcome as development should indeed be limited to small infill within the existing built-up areas of the villages.

I also support the option the plan has taken to allocate no sites for development at this time.

If any of these policies or green sites be removed from the plan, I would be unable to vote for it. In particular I am strongly opposed to the building of dwellings in the Local Gaps (in violation of policies including LOS3, HSG1 and HSG2) as suggested by a recent leaflet. The loss of every green site would be a travesty This view is also held by every resident I have spoken to recently.

I believe the draft NP to be fully consistent with both local and national policy. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to it for their hard work and congratulate them for a job well done!

I am a resident of this parish and am writing to confirm that I am in full agreement with the neighbourhood plan which encompasses

- protecting the gap between the villages in the parish – Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant, which is essential
- I fully support protecting the green spaces in the parish as identified in the neighbourhood plan
- I support the no housing allocation as in agreement with the draft new Local Plan, as there is no requirement to build in small villages
- I wholeheartedly support protecting the character of our individual villages and the Parish as a whole
- I agree with the NP policies contained within the draft Neighbourhood plan.

I am just wanting to offer my support to the recent scheme which may finally enable Aston Rowant CC to have the facilities it deserves.

Please can I register my support for the neighbourhood plan, in particular for the policies protecting the Green Spaces and Local Gap, the policy limiting development to small infills and the NP option to designate no sites for development at this time.

I would like to add my support the draft neighbourhood plan as published, and that in particular I would like to give my support the policies protecting the Green Spaces and Local Gap. The policy limiting development to small infills and the plan option to designate no large sites for development at this time are notable strengths in my opinion.

I am concerned that preserving the gap between the villages is important and with that in mind, I am opposed to the plan, contained in a recent leaflet, to build six dwellings in the Local Gap, alongside the Aston Rowant cricket pitch.

However, I would like to lend my support to developments at Aston Rowant Cricket Club for improvements to their facilities. I believe this club to be a useful resource for many across the area and that its plans make a small impact on the environment and are to be supported warmly.

I write in full support of the draft NP as published January 2020. I find all the policies fair, sensible, workable and essential to manage development in the Parish.

In particular, policies LOS1,2 and 3, protecting the Local Open Spaces, Incidental Open Spaces and Local Gaps are of great importance as are policies LOS4-6, protecting the Landscape Character, the Countryside and the Green Hearts of the village. The continuation of the policies addressed in HSG1 and 2 is also very welcome as development should indeed be limited to small infill within the existing built-up areas of the villages.

I also support the option the plan has taken to allocate no sites for development at this time.

I should add that, should any of these policies be removed from the plan, I should regrettably be unable to vote for it. In particular I am strongly opposed to the building of dwellings in the Local Gaps (in violation of policies including LOS3, HSG1 and HSG2) as suggested by a recent leaflet. This view is also held by every resident I have spoken to recently.

I believe the draft NP to be fully consistent with both local and national policy. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to it for their hard work and congratulate them for a job well done.

This is to strongly put forward my opposition to the proposed development of six houses in the "gap" between Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount. This would only encourage further ribbon development between the two villages and totally destroy their individual characters. These are ancient, historic settlements and must be allowed to remain that way. Beyond that, there is no need for further development in small villages such as ours.

As a member of Aston Rowant Cricket Club, I fully support the proposed Pavilion plan as proposed.

The Aston Rowant Neighbourhood Plan is an excellent document which has my full support. The Steering Group has spent a huge amount of time preparing this Plan and they have my thanks and congratulations.

The Plan protects the open spaces within the villages of Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount which are so important for the character of the villages. It also protects the gap between the villages to prevent any ribbon development. This is particularly pertinent as St John Homes is considering applying for permission to build some 6 houses in the field next to the cricket pitch which is between the two villages and well outside the villages' Built Up Area. I strongly object to this ill-thought out proposal. St John Homes had a similar proposal dismissed on Appeal in the last two years.

The Plan also confirms the long held view that no houses should be built outside the village boundaries. This was confirmed in two applications in Aston Rowant for planning permission for several houses outside the village boundaries which were dismissed on Appeal.

The Steering Group also suggested that no sites for development should be proposed as this was consistent with Local and National policy. I fully support this suggestion.

In conclusion, this Neighbourhood Plan is an excellent and thorough document which clearly lays out the future for our two villages whilst preserving the character of them both. I strongly support the Plan and all the conclusions and recommendations.

I just wanted to say that the Enabling Scheme to provide a new Cricket Pavilion for Aston Rowant Cricket Club has MY FULL SUPPORT.

I cannot think of a better way to combine the much needed new pavillion for the club whilst provide some community benefits. The houses will also act as a deterrent to crime and therefore increase the security of the site which has been prone to a number of burglaries.

Since moving to the area, ARCC has been a huge part of our settling in and meeting new friends. It is of huge benefit to the local community and a new pavillion would also give much needed facilities for community and private functions such as birthday parties, toddler groups, health and fitness classes etc.

I hope that this great plan can be included in the neighbourhood plan.

I am writing to you in order to offer my full support for the proposed development by St John Homes. I have lived in the area all my life, as have my parents, and we are all members of Aston Rowant Cricket Club and strongly believe that the proposed housing and cricket pavilion will be of immense benefit not just to the cricket club members but the community as a whole.

I understand there were plenty of reservations from local residents over the initially proposed pavilion location over by the Moors Path and although i can certainly see it from the point of view of someone not directly involved with the cricket club that it may have affected the view, it probably would have been the best location in terms of access to both grounds. This new development would set the pavilion back into it's original location where it is now and quite honestly the current building is a total eyesore which is now extremely dilapidated. I regularly spend my Easter weekends each year re-painting and helping to plaster up the mouldy interior of the existing monstrosity. It's not fit for purpose and is quite frankly dangerous to all those who go in it! It's pretty embarrassing to have such a poor facility considering the club hosts county matches, Home Counties cricket (highest possible club standard) and also the occasional international game! The pitch itself, although not appreciated by non-cricketers, is actually one of the best in the country so to have a facility to change in and have a drink and meals in afterwards would be really incredible, especially if it is set-back and barely visible from the Moors Path.

I have taken a good look at the plans and i feel that this pavilion could become a real hub for the community. The upstairs section could be used for any number of community events, gatherings and sports clubs. I for one know that there are plenty of sports and social clubs, yoga groups, badminton, bridge clubs, coffee mornings, book clubs, the list is endless that would benefit hugely from having a space like this, within walking distance of both Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant. Since the local pub at the Cherry Tree closed there really isn't anywhere for local residents to congregate and have a drink and some food, this could be a real opportunity to provide something for the community and re-connect the villages to one another and the cricket club itself. I feel that in recent years the community spirit between the residents and cricket club has continued to improve and i know that the direction of the current club's committee is to engage with the community even more in the future, this facility could provide the perfect bridge and improve the feeling of togetherness we could all benefit from.

I understand that the development will also include 6 houses from what i can make out. I can understand that this will certainly change the way that the B4009 is used and traffic calming measures may and will need to be employed. In my opinion cars drive far too quickly down that road, it's extremely dangerous when pulling out of the cricket club at times and so would welcome anything to slow down the traffic in terms of chicanes, speed bumps, traffic islands. The houses themselves are well shielded from sight by high conker trees and perimeter bushes so in terms of how they affect people's views i don't see them having any impact at all.

The cricket club has been broken into countless times, it was broken into over 5 times in 2019 alone and due to the isolated nature of the club the police don't even bother to respond and by the time one of us arrives to reset the alarm the burglars have gone, usually without even bothering to take anything! The costs to repair the damage mounts into the many £1000's of pounds each year. I actually think that having these houses built in close proximity actually may curb the crime problem and discourage crime from the area by reducing the isolated nature of the club solving the crime problem.

Just to reiterate i am fully behind the development, this is a unique opportunity for the club to finally get the facility it deserves. The cricket club and community will never again have an opportunity like this in its history to update its facilities. The enormous costs these days of building these pavilions means that this is really the only choice sports clubs have to get things built. I do feel strongly that this facility could also bring the community together as a whole and provide an incredible place to meet and host social groups between the two bustling villages with little impact on the visual scenery of the incredibly beautiful area we are lucky to live in.

I assume that all discussions regarding the project are on hold due to the CoronaVirus but I thought I would take the opportunity now of stating my reasons for backing the project. Firstly I should state that I do have a personal interest in that I am a Life Member of Aston Rowant Cricket Club and have been Club treasurer on two separate occasions.

Having seen a copy of the proposed development the layout would appear to be unobtrusive and would cause very little extra traffic on to Aston Rowant / Kingston Blount road although some traffic calming may be required. That would not be a bad thing as a lot existing traffic does tend to exceed the designated speed limit when passing the current cricket club entrance.

As many villagers are now aware the current pavilion is well past its sell by date and is beyond economic repair. The proposal gives the Cricket Club a one off chance to have a new facility which would be a benefit to the local community. Should the Shepherds Crook in Crowell close, that will leave the village hall as the only facility available to local residents besides that of the cricket club. A newly designed and built club house would help to provide opportunities for use besides that of sport. The current difficult times have highlighted the need for communities to stand together but for that to happen it helps to have facilities such as a pavilion for the use of all.

I will leave it to others to quantify the success as well as the prowess of the Cricket Club in providing sport for all ages, gender and creeds.

I fully understand that this may be a divisive issue but any plan to build new houses anywhere in the community will cause friction. The plan on offer would provide a much needed facility without too much visual disruption.

Thank you and well done for completing a very detailed and comprehensive plan.

We are pleased to see that the plan seeks to protect our green spaces and keep any development to small infills.

I would like to support the proposal for houses and new cricket clubhouse as both are desperately needed for the village. As a supporter of the club for many years I have noticed that our clubhouse does not match up to the standard at other clubs and desperately needs to be updated to be able to deliver a first class clubhouse to match the cricket on the pitch

Having been members of the Cricket Club for the past 18 years since our son was 6, we would both like to support the plans. A new pavilion is urgently needed as the existing one will not survive many more years.

Not only is the location more suitable for both villages, the new houses to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan and the adjoining paddock land will be Green Space.

We hope that at last these plans flourish and ARCC will get the new pavilion they deserve.

Both my sons Lewis Quainton who is 22 & James Coles is 15 play at ARCC & have done since they could walk. My partner Jon Coles has only recently hung his boots up.... My late father Gordon Eggleton joined ARCC in 1976 having played at Bledlow Cricket Club for years because he wanted to help build the existing Clubhouse which in those days was one of the most elaborate clubhouses around because of the balcony they built.... I remember as a child not being allowed up there it was only invited members.... Since my boys have played the balcony has never been really used to my dad's sadness while he watched them play, but since he passed away Simon Tremlin & a few amazing players have now got it up & running in my dad's memory even calling in "Eggy's Balcony"

Which leads me to why I'm writing to you.. The clubhouse is now in need of a new pavilion or as much changes as possible....

My son James plays at a very high standard of cricket (Sussex Academy) & as you can imagine we travel all over England we see A LOT of clubhouses and I hate to say this but I'm so embarrassed of our club now even though everyone is trying their best to maintain it... The toilets, kitchen (I help with teas when I can) showers, changing rooms etc etc are unacceptable especially when we try to host other county oppositions & teams & even MCC

Please please can you try your hardest to make any changes possible. It's been a very long time since work has taken place at our amazing club.

I was 9 when my father joined the club I'm now 52. I hope to have many many more happy days there.

My husband I object to six houses being built next to the cricket pitch.

I reside in the Parish and am writing to confirm that I am in full agreement with the neighbourhood plan which encompasses

- protecting the gap between the villages in the parish – Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant, which is essential
- I fully support protecting the green spaces in the parish as identified in the neighbourhood plan
- I support the no housing allocation as in agreement with the draft new Local Plan, as there is no requirement to build in small villages
- I wholeheartedly support protecting the character of our individual villages and the Parish as a whole
- I agree with the NP policies contained within the draft Neighbourhood plan.

Having looked carefully at the proposed scheme I feel that it has much to commend it. The proposed housing development is both discreet and self-contained, with footpath access to the Moors path and hence the village school. The close proximity of the cricket pavilion should do much to protect that building from potential vandalism and burglary. I would not be in favour of the housing without the pavilion, or the pavilion without the housing, or of a larger housing development in this location.
I would support the whole scheme as published.

I am writing to offer my support of the proposed development by St John Homes between Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount.

I have been a social member of Aston Rowant Cricket Club for over 12 years and I regularly spend my summer evenings at the club helping out either helping out with the juniors or having a drink in the bar in the clubhouse. It seems clear to me that the building desperately needs to be either drastically repaired or knocked down to make way for a suitable replacement facility - something that has long been needed now for some years. Although not a cricketer myself, I can fully appreciate why the cricket club need a new facility and how this is an ideal opportunity for them to finally be able to achieve this. Of course, the club is run entirely by volunteers, there isn't much money kicking about and I know that cricket is an expensive sport in itself just to maintain. Although it is understandable that us local residents might resist change, we live in an idyllic part of the world and want it to be kept that way, but if something isn't done about the cricket club pavilion then change is exactly what the place will see...as the cricket club will fold and be no more!

The houses from my point of view are in keeping with the traditional builds in the area, being designed as 'farmsteads', this isn't a large housing estate that might be unsightly and bring hundreds more residents to the area. The houses are tucked away in the field behind the cricket club so wouldn't be an aesthetic issue as far as I can understand. I don't see how there could be objections to them on these grounds, but would be interested to remain involved and find out what other people's opinions are.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message, I know that you will no doubt have a busy few months ahead dealing with the issues surrounding the development and I wish you the very best with it.

I would like to express my support for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. I feel it is vital to protect all the Open Spaces identified in the plan. Preserving the Local Gap is essential. I do not support building of the dwellings next to the cricket pitch as proposed in a recent leaflet.
Development should be limited to small infill and I agree that it is sensible to propose no development sites in the plan.

I am writing to give my support to the neighbourhood plan.

1) I support the policies to protect the Green Spaces and the local gaps.

2) I support that filling small fields with yet more housing would be crazy.

WHY? We have had more than our fair share of housing and it has to STOP. This is a CONSERVATION area which people have conveniently forgotten what the word means.

The country side is disappearing. In a minute we won't have villages any more as we will all be JOINED UP. What will be left for future generations?

3) Aston Rowant cricket club has fought to get planning to upgrade their cricket pavilion. I note that their recent planning application was excepted. This afforded the club with everything they have been after.

For what ever reason, they have now chosen to disregard the approved application with this new application.

More houses, more traffic, more cars and more congestion.

The answer is NO to more houses we have had more than our fair share.

I write to support the proposals for a new cricket pavilion at Aston Rowant CC. This club is one of the major clubs in Oxfordshire with a track record of strong junior cricket, wide community participation and competitive sides in a range of local leagues and cups.

In short the club really puts the village and parish on the map. So much so that players are attracted from across the county. I myself and 2 sons who play for the club live in Benson. The nearest club of equivalent stature is Didcot - and let us say diplomatically we much prefer Aston Rowant!

That said the current facilities are well overdue renovations and improvements. The club struggles to comply with basic league requirements, e.g. for changing rooms, showers and separate rooms for officials. With the growth of female participation (mixed sides are increasingly common) the need for improved facilities is raised further.

I hope the Neighbourhood Plan process can look favourably on accommodating the new pavilion proposals.

I wish to record my support of this plan. In particular I support the excellent continued provision of the green spaces within the village and the retention of the "gap" between Aston Rowant and the neighbouring villages. These green spaces and the green gaps are what characterises our lovely village.

I wish to see the neighbourhood plan be approved without alterations.

There are moves to try to get changes made by developers at the last minute and these should be rejected, there is no need for changes to the plan or to relax the protection of the green spaces within the village or its surrounding land. Any extra provision for development within the green gaps would encourage others to break through this green boundary.

This is a very positive proposal, placing the paddock adjacent to ARPC's ground in the NP, to provide funding for a new pavilion.

This has to be a proposal the PC and NP grasp with both hands.

With a significant contribution of funding by the landowner, this will open the doors for grants, you cannot apply for grants without money in the bank.

I am involved in the build of Thame Sports Club new pavilion, £500k cost, so I speak from experience.

ARPC are in dire need of a new pavilion, my grandson along with many other local people use the clubs facilities, so it will benefit a lot of people.

It is no brainer, as they say. I am in full support of amending the first draft of the NP to enable this.

Hi, sorry for the delay but with the COVID situation adding my comments for the Neighbourhood plan has slipped my mind.

We are strongly of the view and agree with the and support the draft plan as published, in particular support the policies protecting the Green Spaces and Local Gap.

I worry about the impact on the community, traffic and the beautiful landscape should permission be given for house building to take place. Many villages have been ruined by building programs and would not support and developments at this time. We have recently moved from Aylesbury and we quickly observed small villages joining up with large areas decimating wildlife and creating no end of problems for local communities and community resources. What we have previously observed is application for small projects which then paves the way for larger projects and before you know it there will be no green space between Chinnor and Aston Rowant village.

As a resident within the parish, I would like to express my support for the neighbourhood plan. It highlights the fact that no houses are required to be built, and will help to preserve the beautiful villages we have, their green spaces and character. Which I hope you will agree is becoming rarer and rarer as small villages get dwarfed by big developments which suck the life from the village. Furthermore being on the edge of an amazing nature reserve, there is a lot of wildlife which lives in and around the green spaces of the parish. Developing on this land would destroy their habitat. Neither village could every be suited for further development, the infrastructure in place simply could never cope and as we've seen from the properties developed across from the Cherry Tree pub, they are not selling at all fast so there is not a demand. For the neighbourhood plan to go ahead would be to destroy the lifeblood of the parish and would pave the way for developments to destroy the village atmosphere, just look at Haddenham as an example. We do not want that housing sprawl happening to your parish.

Upon reading the neighbourhood plan, I would like to voice my support for it and all the hard work that's gone in to putting it together.

It is very important to me to protect the gap between Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant, as well as the green spaces in the parish. Essentially, I want to stop the villages becoming 'merged' so that they retain their individuality.

I understand that the deadline for submissions with respect to this proposal have been extended given the current challenging circumstances.

I am a keen supporter of the cricket club but find myself unable to support this proposal as it is currently drafted.

In the first instance there is significant uncertainty as to whether this will facilitate the delivery of a new pavilion. The proposal, which claims to be "costed and deliverable" only offers to make a "significant contribution towards the build out delivery of the new pavilion". These words hide a properly significant element of uncertainty. What is the total cost of the pavilion? What is the significant contribution? How will the balance be financed?

The proposal also offers that "all of the paddocks adjacent etc.... would be promoted as Green Space as part of this proposal". I am very unclear what level of protection this affords and I will oppose anything that doesn't guarantee (rather than promote) the protection of these paddocks as Green Space. Who will protect them and in what enforceable form? South Oxfordshire's lamentable track record in this regard gives no comfort, nor does the conduct of local property owners.

So in summary, as currently presented, the proposal offers us the risk of ribbon development along the B4009 without the guarantee of a new pavilion. It is not attractive. If both these issues can be addressed, then some modest development to support the cricket club might be worth it. But there is a lot of work to do.

I have read the Neighbourhood Plan document and it is evident that a lot of hard work and research has gone into the plan and I would fully support this plan. I feel it is important to protect the gap between the villages in the Parish and to protect green spaces in the Parish as identified in the document. I would support protecting the character of the individual villages and the parish as a whole and only favour infill developments.

I would like to confirm, that both my wife and I agree with the principles outlined in the plan, namely retaining our green spaces with no new housing estates. This is important to the preservation of the feel of our parish.

I would like to send my support for the [Aston Rowant Cricket Club Pavilion and housing proposal](#).

I fear this might be the last chance for Aston Rowant Cricket Club to get a new pavilion. The previous plan to have the pavilion near the moors path (Coffin path) wasn't supported by all members of the parish. This new proposal situates the new pavilion closer to the current pavilion, which I believe will be supported by the parish.

I also feel that if this proposal is unsuccessful then the club will really struggle to function and may soon cease to exist. The current pavilion has served the club really well but it very tired and not a pleasant venue. In the last 5 years the club has struggled financially. The club is a charity and like all charities they rely on donations and grants to help them operate. My fear is that due to the current economic climate the cricket club will really struggle to secure grants, donations, subscriptions and bar revenue as we enter a recession.

I understand that the previous proposal was only possible with a significant fundraising effort. This proposal will still need funding but won't require millions of pounds of investment from Aston Rowant Cricket Club. I appreciate that new housing developments are always sensitive subjects, but this proposal creates many positives and ultimately saves a cricket club from potentially going out of business. The cricket club provides a safe environment for hundreds of children to enjoy sport from the local villages. I was once a young player at the club and I am extremely thankful that I found cricket. Sport and cricket in particular helped me shape my future and I am very thankful for that. It hurts me to hear that the club will potentially go out of business if they can't find a solution to their pavilion requirements and for the need to increase its revenue.