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## General comments report

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Burpham Neighbourhood Forum	BURPH23/1	Support both new area and new forum (re) application	
	BURPH23/2	This application seems to be a totally logical application. Indeed it could even include Gosden Hill area.	
	BURPH23/3	I support the change to the Burpham Neighbourhood Area.  I support the revised Burpham Neighbourhood Forum.	
	BURPH23/4	I support the designation of the new forum area (on the new boundaries) and the Forum itself.	
Transport for London	BURPH23/5	Thank you for consulting Transport for London (TfL)  I can confirm that we have no comments to make on the proposals to modify Burpham Neighbourhood Area and designate a new forum	
	BURPH23/6	I totally support the Burpham Neighbourhood Forum. I live in Burpham and the Forum is great for us, supportive and ever helpful and available.	

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Orchard Rd residents group	BURPH23/7	This redrawing of boundaries is to be welcomed to mirror the changes to Burpham ward boundaries. It will enhance cohesion in the community and ensure consistent development in this area of Guildford. It is also good that the signatories are drawn from all over Burpham.	
Historic England	BURPH23/8	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Area Designation of the Burpham Neighbourhood Plan. Historic England is the government's advisor on planning for the historic environment, including the conservation of heritage assets and championing good design in historic places. As such we limit our review to those areas that fall within our remit and silence on other matters should not be treated as approval or consent.</p> <p>We are happy to confirm that we have no comments to submit on this occasion.</p>	
	BURPH23/9	<p>As approval of this application would pose a very real threat, or at least a major impediment, to the powers of the democratically elected members of Guildford Borough Council (GBC) as a (whole), particularly their ability to implement the/any Local Plan, I oppose it in the strongest possible terms.</p> <p>GBC's carefully considered plans, already approved for the greater good of the (entire) borough (including the surrounding countryside), and all its residents, would be placed in jeopardy by an unelected group residing in one small corner of it.</p>	
Sport England	BURPH23/10	<p>Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Government planning policy, within the <b>National Planning Policy Framework</b> (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right</p>	

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		<p>quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 98 and 99. It is also important to be aware of Sport England’s statutory consultee role in <b>protecting playing fields</b> and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England’s playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy">https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy</a></p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on <b>developing planning policy</b> for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications">https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications</a></p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 99 of the NPPF, this takes the form of <b>assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities</b>. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.</p> <p>Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with</p>	

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		<p>the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England’s guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance">http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</a></p> <p>If <b>new or improved sports facilities</b> are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/">http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</a></p> <p>Any <b>new housing</b> developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.</p> <p>In line with the Government’s NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how <b>any new development</b>, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England’s Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.</p> <p>Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active</p>	

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		<p>lifestyles and what could be improved.</p> <p>NPPF Section 8: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</a></p> <p>PPG Health and wellbeing section: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</a></p> <p>Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <a href="https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign">https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</a></p>	
	BURPH23/11	I fully support the re-constitution of the Burpham Neighbourhood Forum, with the expanded area of remit. It is important that the BNF can continue its work to support residents across the newly expanded Burpham ward.	
	BURPH23/12	I am very happy with the proposed revised boundary which matches the new Burpham Ward boundary and am happy with the proposed Neighbourhood Forum	
	BURPH23/13	I fully support the new forum proposals for the Burpham Neighbourhood area	
	BURPH23/14	The BNF was created with overwhelming support. It is self-evident that it should, recognising the boundary changes, continue to represent Burpham's interests in planning matters. No-one else is on a position to do so.	
	BURPH23/15	I support the designation of the Forum on its new boundaries.	

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	BURPH23/16	<p>We wish to strongly support the application for a Neighbourhood Area and Forum as currently submitted to GBC. The Burpham Neighbourhood Forum has represented the interests of the community since it was established in 2016. It has undertaken invaluable work in helping to promote discussion, dialogue and action with various agencies to represent and improve the quality of life for all who live in the Ward. To extend the Ward boundaries to include new areas of Boxgrove, Ganghill and Abbotswood can only strengthen and enhance the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the proposed neighbourhood area. It's officers have worked diligently with the community thus far and they deserve the fullest possible support.</p>	
National Highways	BURPH23/17	<p>Thank you for your e-mail dated 30 August 2023, inviting National Highways to comment on the consultation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• modify the neighbourhood area boundary, and</li> <li>• designate a new neighbourhood forum.</li> </ul> <p>National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.</p> <p>We will therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A3.</p> <p>We have reviewed information available on your planning portal and have ‘ No Comments’.</p>	
Natural England	BURPH23/18	<p>Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.</p>	<a href="#">449522 NE Response.pdf</a>

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		<p>However we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.</p> <p>[See attachment for full letter and annex]</p>	

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