



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 22 AUG 2023, 7.30pm Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Simon Richards (Chairman), James Ashmore, Ian Bowman
Clerk Susan Turner. Guest: County Councillor Tim Davies

2023.

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WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Dianne Kirk, Rick Scholes, Brenda Hunt; Ward Councillor Anne Crampton; Church Warden James Trumpeter.

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PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public present.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of May AGM, agreed and signed.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none.

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PLANNING

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Parish Planning Applications Planning update **APPENDIX I**
Application for discussion

23/01725/OHL (Validated 04 Aug) School Farm, Laundry Lane. Upgrade approx 120m of overhead electricity network from single phase to 3-phase by installing an additional cable to the existing two wires. (Noted 3-phase is for commercial or EV charging.) Parish Council no objection, no comment.

23/01664/PREAPP (Validated 02 Aug 2023) Land Off Reading Road [Land at Chamberlains Meadow]. Installation of container home.

Discussion This proposal contrary to planning policy and Hart has a 10-year plus housing land supply. The field being for sale, and marketed as individual plots, the trees including large Oaks are potentially under threat. The area is included within Hart's Strategic Green Infrastructure Network as per the Hart Green Infrastructure Strategy. It is not an ancient woodland SINC or subject to any TPOs.

AGREED To request an area TPO for the site as at Coldpiece wood to the north and / or TPOs for individual trees. To request Hart tree officer make a site visit to assess the trees.

ACTION SR to submit TPO request to Hart. SR, JA to measure girth of larger trees.

23/01136/PREAPP (Validated 19 May 2023) Heckfield Heath House, The Causeway. Demolish the existing detached dwellinghouse, and construct a replacement detached dwelling. Agreed no objections.

ACTION To contact Estate Manager re this proposal and three similar houses in the locality. Also to raise with Estate Manager the Parish Council's request for a permissive public path to the Village Green. To request site visit re the latter (SR, IB).

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Kiln Farm Solar

NOTED

Pile driving completed; discharge of condition application (Con 7 – details of foundations and supporting structures) submitted to Hart. Comment re danger of works traffic turning from and into Bar Lane from the B3349.

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Hart Local Plan update **APPENDIX II**

NOTED

'Settlement Capacity and Intensification Study', and a call for sites; this first phase for within settlement boundaries only and for sites accommodating at least five units.

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Dukes Meadow settlement boundary (adopted with this Local Plan) is drawn up to the boundary with Riseley. Thus including the green corridor of TPO woodland along the section of Roman Road, east and west of Dukes Field Cottage.

AGREED Clerk to request, with the Local Plan update, that the Settlement Boundary be redrawn so its northern edge runs south of the public right of way FP-502.

(This presuming the two live planning applications to develop this land are refused.)

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Government consultation on Plan-making reforms – Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation published 25 July 2023, open till 18 October. www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation Notes at **APPENDIX III** Agreed no benefit to Parish Council in responding.

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38 LITTER BIN APPENDIX IV

.1 Location – B3349 layby by cemetery and public right of way FP-4.

.2 Permission to install the bin received via Hart as requested by HCC. Requirement to employ a licenced contractor.

.3 Grant funding

TO RECORD Thanks to Tim Davies for his agreement to receive a grant application towards purchasing and installing the bin. Clerk to submit application.

.4 Contractor, bin and installation

AGREED To contract Larkstel Grounds Maintenance (who empty Hartley Wintney bins) to supply, install, and empty the bin, initially looking to a fortnightly collection.

AGREED To install a general purpose bin – a recycled plastic wood effect bin – as per Larkstel recommendation. Cost to supply, bolt onto a concrete slab and remove all waste from site = £1,125 plus vat.

AGREED Contract price for emptying bin:

- One bin - one bag collected and disposed of £15

- Additional bag if over 15kg £7 per bag

(Should a second bin be installed, cost to collect and dispose of one bag = £9.)

ACTION Clerk to instruct Larkstel re above.

39 VILLAGE HALL & COTTAGES

.1 Cottage update Renovation complete. Carpet, curtains and garden to be done.

TO RECORD Appreciation to Brian Baker for all the time and work put into this.

AGREED Once this Cottage occupied, a project plan needed for the second cottage.

.2 Village Hall – grant funding

AGREED Clerk to submit initial proposal to HCC's Parish and Town Council investment fund.

www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund

Capital Funding: £1,000 to £30,000 for schemes which enhance existing or provide new infrastructure and equipment to support a local community

Energy Efficiency Grants: Improvements to Community Buildings to address carbon reduction and climate change resilience.

AGREED IB to advise on project technical spec; IB and JA to project manage.

40 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

.1 Accounts to date as circulated **APPENDIX V.I**

Payments since last meeting

4	Clerk – Salary May	£300.00
5	Peter Brown – Internal audit	£75.00
6	Zurich – Insurance 2023/24	£218.96
7	Clerk – Salary June	£120.00
8	HMRC – PAYE-Tax-April-May-June	£180.00
9	BarracloUGH-16979 – Renovation	£7,611.61
10	Hart District Council – Election costs	£62.64
11	Clerk – Salary July	£300.00
12	ICO – Data protection register 2023/24	£35.00

Income of note since last meeting – Vat reclaim from 2023/24 = £2,031.74

Bank reconciliation at 21 Aug = £6,890.87

.2 Budget / latest estimate APPENDIX V.II

.3 Annual subscription

AGREED To renew annual membership Whitewater Valley Preservation Society at £50.

.4 Audit 2022/23 Internal audit completed, awaiting outcome of external audit.

41 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

.1 Drifting / traffic Councillor updates. The drifting at the moment sporadic and much reduced in scale and frequency. Traffic noise from racing motorbikes increasing. (Seasonal trends.) 'More and more traffic and more motorcycle racing.'

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- ACTION All councillors to report and encourage residents to report every incidence of motorcycle racing and excessive traffic noise.
- .3 Field gate**
- TO NOTE A new field gate to Coldpiece Farm field installed immediately north of the New Inn. No entrance has been created over the verge; no known permissions sought for a new entrance.
- .4 Parish Lengthsman tasks**
- i. Completed this year
- Church Lane South – a ‘trim back’ Mon 10 July (still nesting season)
 - Coldpiece Wood – the path cut Mon 10th July
 - Mon 17 July – To cut FP2 from the Church to A33 (found to be cut already possibly by Countryside Services).
- ii Further tasks this year
- AGREED
- Path to New Inn needs a thorough cut asap before the clocks change.
 - Church Lane South – a good winter cut back. (To note thank to JA for recent work cutting back laurel bushes and undergrowth.)
- iii Regular schedule for the two above summer and winter respectively.
- 42 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES**
- .1 Chalk stream petition** Hampshire Wildlife Trust *et al* As circulated **APPENDIX VI**
- AGREED Clerk to sign on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Discussion Email sent regarding petition to Whitewater Valley Preservation Society. Also noted WVPS have a record on their website of combating polluting runoff from the A30 near the Crooked Billet / Whitewater Mill.
- .2 County Councillor report** No further report from Cllr Davies but to minute his advice that plans for a Unitary Authority are not about to go ahead.
- .3 Police – PACT meeting** Meeting Wed 02 August cancelled, no communication, concern expressed. Cllr Davies will try to make contact.
- .4 Hampshire Forestry Partnership** – (Project to create tennis-court-sized mini-woodlands.) Considered location by Churchyard, but no suitable church-owned area.
- 43 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**
- Tuesday 24 October (fourth Tuesday of the month)

Meeting closed at 9.30pm with thanks to all

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APPENDIX I PLANNING UPDATE – HECKFIELD – 21 AUGUST 2023**APPLICATIONS, NEW SINCE LAST MEETING**

- 23/01787/CON (11 Aug 202) Land Lying To The North Of Vicarage Lane, Hound Green. Discharge of Condition 7 (Details of foundations and supporting structures) pursuant to planning permission (ref: 21/02749/FUL) - Construction of a temporary 17.87 MW Solar Farm, to include the installation of Solar Panels with LV switch/transformer, customer switchgear/T Boot enclosure, a DNO substation enclosure, security fencing, landscaping and other associated infrastructure
- 23/01725/OHL (Validated 04 Aug 2023) School Farm, Laundry Lane. Upgrade approximately 120m of overhead electricity network from single phase to 3 phase by installing an additional cable to the existing two wires
- 23/01664/PREAPP (Validated 02 Aug 2023) Land Off Reading Road and Church Lane.. Installation of container home. PRE-APPLICATION ENQUIRY ONLY
- 23/01640/NMMA (Validated 31 Jul 2023) Heckfield Place. Amendment to materials, flues, chimneys, vents and louvres as well as for the addition of some safety/maintenance features on the roof and the creation of an outside laundry area, pursuant to 11/01757/FUL erection of building to provide fitness suite including swimming pool, including conversion of former gardeners' bothy.
- 23/01595/HOU (Validated 03 Aug 2023) 4 Chamberlains Meadow. Remove lounge window and replace with an access door and side window and provide wheelchair access into lounge via a step lift.
- 23/01070/FUL (Validated 14 Jun 2023) Land To The East Of Dukes Field Cottage, Norton Road, Riseley. Erection of one 3 bedroom and one 4 bedroom dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping. Response submitted 06 July.
- 23/01069/FUL (Validated 14 Jun 2023) Land To The West Of Dukes Field Cottage, Norton Road, Riseley. Erection of one 4 bedroom dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping. Response submitted 06 July.

APPLICATIONS PENDING, RECENTLY DECIDED

- 23/01136/PREAPP (Validated 19 May 2023) Heckfield Heath House, The Causeway. Demolish the existing detached dwellinghouse, and construct a replacement detached dwelling. - PRE-APPLICATION ENQUIRY ONLY
- 23/01008/LBC (Pending 02 May 2023) The School House, Odiham Road. Reinstate the integrity of the roof by replacing frost damaged, failed and end-of-life historic clay peg tiles with matching reclaimed tiles.
- 23/00820/FUL (Refuse 23 June 2023) Coldpiece Farm. Erection of 10 floodlights, each 6m high, around the existing manège.
- 23/00830/LBC (Withdrawn 05 June 2023) Ivy Cottage Hound Green. Replacement of west gable timber frame and associated repairs.
- 23/00616/LDC (Withdrawn 18 May 2023) Burlington, Bramshill Road, Heckfield. Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing use of the land as equestrian.
- 23/00109/FUL (Pending, 29 Mar 2023) Cherry Tree Farm, Chandlers Green. Change of use of a portion of the land and buildings at Cherry Tree Farm from agricultural to equestrian use, together with construction of tack room, covered horse walker, manege, soil and grass bund and fencing around manege, open/machinery barn and car parking.
- 23/00073/FUL and 23/00074/LBC (Pending 16 Mar 2023) Coldpiece Farm. Change of use of agricultural barn to residential use ancillary to Coldpiece Farm dwelling with

APPEALS

- APPEAL IN PROGRESS** APP/N1730/W/23/3319605 Hart 23/00023/REF Nuthatch, Church Lane Heckfield. Change of use of amenity land to garden and erection of a 1.85m fence. (Retrospective)
- APPEAL IN PROGRESS** APP/N1730/Y/23/3316559 23/00015/REF (22/02506/LBC) (PINS - Start date 06 June 2023) Highfield Lodge, Church Lane. Insertion of photo-voltaic panels
- APPEAL ALLOWED 27 JUNE** APP/N1730/W/22/3311454 22/00056/REF (22/01369/FUL) Beeches, Bramshill Road. Erection of a barn and creation of hard surface for support of winery activities after demolition of existing stables and garage.
- APPEAL DISMISSED 10 Aug** APP/N1730/W/22/3311362 22/00058/REF (21/02818/FUL) Burlington Bramshill Road. Erection of a replacement dwelling and detached triple garage, following the demolition of six buildings, including the existing dwelling, two barns and three stables.

MATTINGLEY - THE MUTTON

- 23/01021/PREAPP (Validated 11 May 2023) The Mutton at Hazeley Heath. Erection of new building to provide eight units of guest accommodation.

APPENDIX II HART LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

'SETTLEMENT CAPACITY AND INTENSIFICATION STUDY', AND A CALL FOR SITES FIRST PHASE

The Hart Local Plan was adopted in April 2020 (backdated to 2016) and ostensibly plans for housing up to April 2032. However the NPPF requires Local Plans to be reviewed every five years (so for Hart by April 2025) to ensure housing delivery and five year housing land supply is on track.

NPPF Para 33 says:

33. Policies in Local Plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years, and should then be updated as necessary.

Reviews should be completed no later than five years from the adoption date of a Plan, and should take into account changing circumstances affecting the area, or any relevant changes in national policy. Relevant strategic policies will need updating at least once every five years if their applicable local housing need figure has changed significantly; and they are likely to require earlier review if local housing need is expected to change significantly in the near future.

Hart at present has a very strong deliverable housing land supply – at least 10 years – and so in theory any review, at least in terms of housing policy and spacial development strategy, might be nominal.

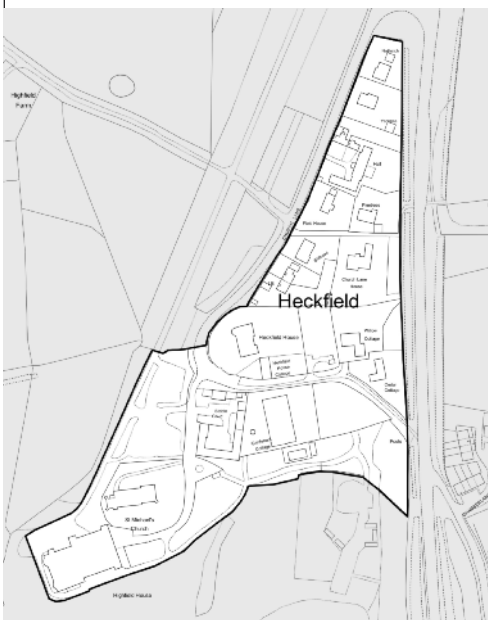
But it is in line with Government policy to continually update and monitor a register of potential development sites. (SHELAA – Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.) Need to keep planning forward over the next 10, 15 years; so for 2035 and beyond will need to be bringing in new sites and can't wait until 2032 to be thinking about this. (Hartlands Park will be delivering for another 10 years.)

Also Government is changing the system – again (note LURB – Levelling-up and Regeneration Bil). Potentially introducing new types of Local Plan – and question marks over housing numbers.

Therefore Hart have employed consultants and begin their Local Plan Update process with a 'Settlement Capacity and Intensification Study', and a call for sites – initially within Settlement Policy Boundaries only.

This asks anyone – landowners, developers, parish councils, community groups, members of the public – **to propose any site within a Settlement Boundary they think would be suitable for development and likely to accommodate at least five dwellings.**

SO, THIS FIRST STAGE IS ONLY WITHIN SETTLEMENT. (Brownfield-outside-settlement, then Greenfield call for sites will come later.)



APPENDIX III NOTES ON GOVERNMENT NPPF CONSULTATION

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLAN-MAKING REFORMS

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill consultation open till 18 October

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation

The Government is consulting on proposals for a 30-month target for Local Plan preparation. The aim is for Local Plans to be prepared more quickly and updated more frequently so more of them are up-to-date.

Under these proposals, the Local Planning Authorities (LPA) would be required to go through six preparation stages and three mandatory 'gateways' to get their Local Plans in place. At each gateway point, 'assessors' would check that the Plan meets legal requirements and is sound, and would flag up any potential issues. The first gateway 'may' involve assessment by a Planning Inspector, the second and third definitely would. To help meet the proposed 30-month time frame, the test of 'Soundness', which holds up many Plans at public examination, is set to be changed to 'ensure that the evidence prepared by local authorities is proportionate'. And Plan examinations should take no longer than six months.

Re the tests of Soundness the Government is still to undertake work on how the 'alignment' test will replace the Duty to Co-operate, and also consider the test of Deliverability and the test of Meeting Development Needs.

The Local Plan's Evidence Base currently includes extensive (and expensive) evidence material to demonstrate the Plan is sound. It will be important for Government to define what evidence councils are expected to produce.

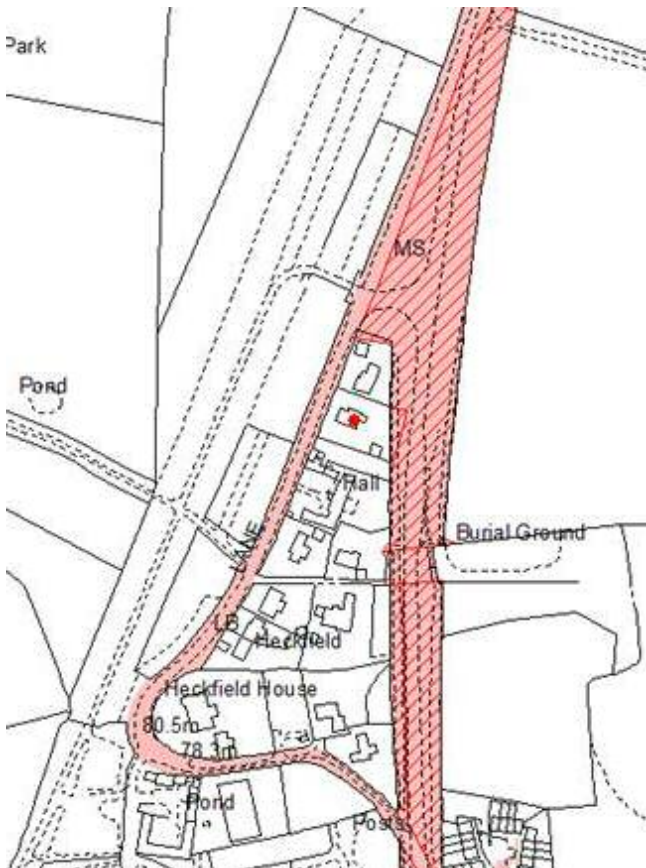
Involving Planning Inspectors at the gateway stages has been welcomed in creating greater collaboration between the LPA and the Inspectorate early on. However Planning Inspectors are in short supply; more input by Inspectors could bring more costs and if different Inspectors are involved at different stages, this could cause problems as their approaches may differ.

'Nationally defined' digital templates would set out 'standardised approaches' to parts of the Plan. However there is concern about how far 'standardisation' should go – councils must be able to customise the documents to cater for the different qualities and challenges of their areas.

The Government objective of simplifying the Plan-making process has been welcomed by planners and developers. But concerns have been raised that the proposals oversimplify such that resulting Plans may not be sufficiently 'robust' or 'ambitious', speed being achieved at the cost of quality.

www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1831982/14-key-proposed-changes-local-plan-making-governments-latest-consultation

APPENDIX IV - BIN - LAYBY BY CEMETERY



Comments from Larkstel - pros and cons:

'So we don't need to separate dog waste to general waste anymore it's all treated the same. We find that people are less likely to put



Recommended all metal, red or green

Balance brought forward 1st April 2023

£9,246.72

£6,579.59

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APPENDIX V.II - BUDGET - LATEST ESTIMATE

HPC TO DATE & LATEST EST		2023/24 TO DATE 21 AUG	2023/24 LATEST ESTIMATE (MAXIMUM SPEND)
Item	22/23 Year End		
INCOME			
Precept	£16,000.00	£16,000.00	£16,000.00
Grant funding	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Returned funds-VH	£9,850.00		
VH grant Gateways			
Bank interest	£44.14	£33.43	£50.00
VAT reclaim	£1,848.80	£2,031.74	£3,431.74
Total Income	£28,742.94	£18,065.17	£20,481.74
EXPENDITURE			
Training			£300.00
Expenses			£100.00
Salary	£2,700.00	£1,200.00	£3,600.00
Finance/Governance	£600.97	£646.36	£846.36
Community	£103.00		£500.00
Churchyard	£325.00		
Cameras			£500.00
Access/maintenance	£435.00		£1,500.00
Devil's Highway			
Village Gateways			
VH - maintenance	£114.42		
VH - renovation	£37,017.27	£17,690.15	£19,000.00
VAT	£2,031.74	£884.51	£1,400.00
Website			
Total Expenditure	£43,327.40	£20,421.02	£27,446.36
SURPLUS/DEFECIT	£14,584.46	£2,355.85	£6,964.62
BALANCE	£9,246.72	£6,890.87	£2,282.10

APPENDIX VI - CHALK STREAM PETITION

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/131895/petition/1>
<https://wildjustice.org.uk/>



We know that England's rarest and richest chalk stream rivers should be gin-clear and sparkling with vitality. Instead, they are clogged and choked by toxic chemicals, fertilisers and sewage. Drought and overconsumption are draining the life out of rivers, with devastating consequences for the wildlife and people who rely on them.

Healthy rivers are vital for our water supply, our food security and our ability to withstand a changing climate but current targets mean our rivers will remain degraded and unhealthy until at least 2063!



'The state of our chalk streams is shocking, which is why this September we are joining with partners across the south of England in launching a new campaign to Save our Chalk Streams'

Do you have stories of rivers near you that are struggling, polluted or have declined within your lifetime? Is there a precious river near you that you want to protect from damage? Are you already taking action to protect and restore your local rivers?

We need your photos and videos for our campaign launch. We want you to tell us your age in 2063, the date the government says our rivers will be healthy and why you think that is too late. If you are already taking action, we also want to hear what you are doing and share your story!

Support our Save our Chalk Streams Campaign

The Government says our rivers won't be healthy until 2063 but we can't wait 40 years to clean them up.

We want to highlight this by asking people to submit their age they will be in 2063 and why they care about our rivers to highlight the absurdity of it taking 40 years to restore our precious chalk streams.

NATURE 2030

Ahead of the General Election, over 70 environmental charities have joined forces to create a five-point plan for decision-makers. We want to see this reflected in all Party manifestos, to put a stop to nature's decline.

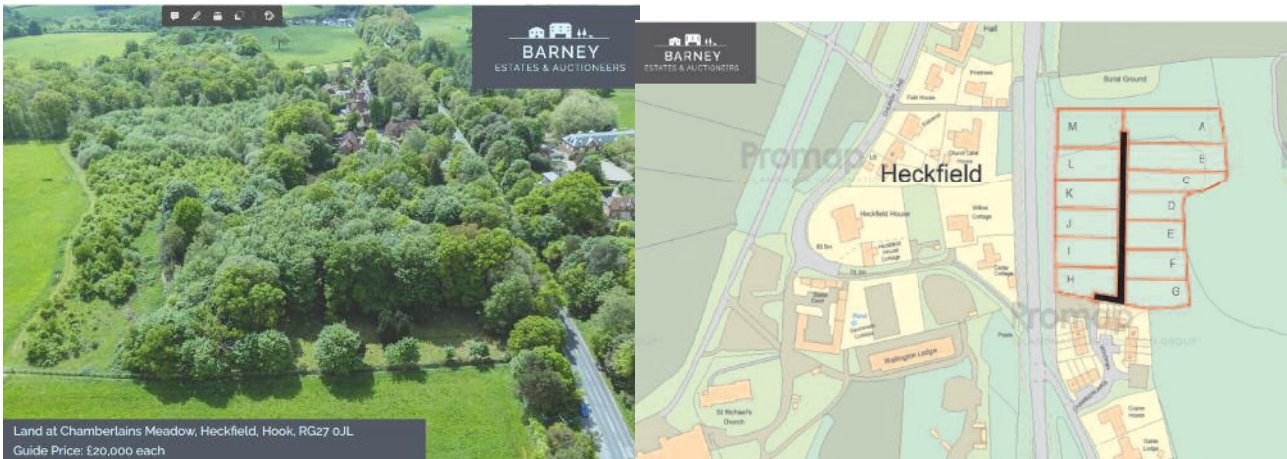
Will you join us? Sign our open letter to Party leaders. Ask them to commit to including these five actions into their manifestos:

- 1. A pay rise for nature** Farmers need greater support to help nature and manage over 70% of UK land. We want to see double the current budget for nature-friendly farming in future.
- 2. Make polluters pay** Business – from companies working in finance to retail to energy – all contribute to nature's decline and should contribute more to nature's recovery.
- 3. More space for nature** Just 3% of the land and 8% of English waters are properly protected for nature. We want rapid action to expand and improve protected areas, and ensure public land and National Parks contribute more to recovery.
- 4. A National Nature Service** We want lots of helping hands if nature is to recover quickly and at scale. A 'National Nature Service' would create thousands of green jobs as well as a healthier society.
- 5. A right to a healthy environment** Limited access to nature, and pollution in the air and water, affects everyone's health: An 'Environmental Rights' Bill would drive better decisions for nature and improve public health.

Read the Nature 2030 proposals in full

Want to see a healthy environment, where polluters pay and there's more space for nature? Sign on today using our simple form.

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/131895/petition/1>



Land at Chamberlains Meadow, Heckfield, Hook, RG27 0JL
Guide Price: £20,000 each

prev lot

next lot

all lots

summary what's next? legal docs book viewing print email

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UNSOLD

Land at, Chamberlains Meadow
HOOK, Hampshire, RG27 0JL

available for
£135,000

LOT 056

UNSOLD

Land off, Linford Road
RINGWOOD, Hampshire, BH24 1TY

Heckfield

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last bid was £91,000, available for
£135,000