



Fleet & Church Crookham Society

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Fleet & Church Crookham Society: rallying call for more members

More than 30 members of the Fleet & Church Crookham Society recently attended the organisation's AGM to hear Elizabeth Brightwell talk about the Fleet Town Centre Project. After a further presentation by Cllr Richard Appleton on the Hart Local Development Framework, the business of the Society was conducted

This included a report from Chairman Colin Gray on the activities of the Society such as responding to consultations on the Masterplan for Farnborough Airport, the Vision for Fleet Town Centre and the characterisation study of all the main settlements in Hart District. He commented that, "The questionnaires put out with these consultations tend to be of the 'tick a box' kind. This is for ease of assessing public response but they do not give very much space for our reasons to agree or disagree. The Society accompanies tick box consultation papers with a letter giving reasons, alternatives and what we hope are constructive criticisms and we would advise members to do the same."

Membership Secretary Stuart Bates reported that 60 households that had been life members of the former Fleet Residents' Association had joined the Society. The Society's membership now stands at 280 individuals and continues to increase.

Chairman Colin Gray concluded, "We have become known on a wider circuit of discussion groups, local authority and local service committees and, despite a rather modest level of membership, they listen to our views. We would have an even stronger voice if we had a larger membership so please talk to neighbours and friends and persuade them to give us their support."

The Society is experienced in challenging unsuitable development and can provide advice anyone who has a concern. For more details about the Society, go to its website www.fccs.org.uk or phone Membership Secretary Stuart Bates on 01252 621141.

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Background information

1. Fleet & Church Crookham Society was formed in 1961.
2. The aims of the Fleet & Church Crookham Society are:
 - To stimulate public interest in Fleet & Church Crookham and the immediate surroundings
 - To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area
 - To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area.

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