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Dear Sir/Madam

Green and Blue Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document consultation

Thank you for inviting Chobham Parish Council's views on the above consultation. The Council supports the principles of the supplementary planning document and the role that the natural environment plays in many capacities, including resilience to climate change, the health of communities and the wildlife population.

The Council has reviewed the document with interest and feels it contains very useful and comprehensive information, guidance and checklists. The Council has the following comments to make on the overall aims of the document:

1. As well as Green and Blue infrastructure assets within Runnymede Borough, it is felt that it would be appropriate to ensure the same guidance is applied when considering development and enhancement opportunities in the vicinity of Green and Blue assets situated on the borough's border. For Chobham this would include Chobham Common, Stanners Hill and the open green space to the east of Fair Oaks Airport.
2. It is felt that co-operation is vital with neighbouring authorities to ensure policy does not have the effect of enhancing biodiversity in one area at the expense of that in neighbouring administrative areas, and that ecological corridors and sustainable walking and cycling routes can be joined up.
3. Green and Blue infrastructure policy should fully accord with policies already in place to avoid adverse effects on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area.

4. The Parish Council is concerned that any major development that creates a net loss of greenfield or wooded land would effectively wipe out smaller gains made elsewhere. It is felt that more emphasis could be placed on ensuring major development is directed away from sites already rich in Green and Blue assets.

If the Council can provide any further information on any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Ms C L Cooper
Planning Administrator