

Comment on the Draft Fareham Local Plan 2036

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- Development Allocations (chapter introduction)
- Implementation and monitoring
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Fareham Local Plan 2036.
The Defined Urban Area of Burridge.

1. Burridge is a substantial settlement that is situated in the northwestern part of Fareham Borough, to the north of M27 junction 9 and the Park Gate local shopping centre. In large measure, existing development presents a frontage to Botley Road (A3051) or Burridge Road, which extends to the west. Botley Road forms part of the route followed by the Solent Blue Line bus service (No.26) that takes travellers south to Swanwick railway station, Park Gate local centre, the major employment centres of Segensworth and thence to Fareham town centre. North-bound bus users are first taken to Botley shopping centre and then on to the major employment centre at Hedge End (beside the M27 junction 7) and Southampton City Centre. With 14 buses a day between 0625 and 1819 hours, residents of Burridge are well-placed for the use of public transport to sub-regional centres of employment, shopping and leisure. Further, the natural terrain of this part of Fareham Borough is highly conducive to use of the bicycle. As Burridge is a sustainable location, inappropriate and unnecessary policy obstacles should not be placed in the way of residential development. The absence of a Defined Urban Area boundary for Burridge and the consequential application of draft Policy SP5 to the whole settlement would hinder the delivery of sustainable residential development.
2. Inset Map 1 of Local Plan Part 2 shows the location and extent of the areas which possess *special* characteristics - Strategic Gaps, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Local Nature Reserves and the like - but such special notations are notably missing from the Burridge area.
3. In 1987, para.4.8 of the Whiteley Local Plan recognised that, as Burridge *already* had a 'semi-rural character', it could accept further residential development - Policy H8 stated that "*Residential development may be permitted on infill sites within the frontages defined on the Proposals Map at Burridge*" if four tests were met. In 1989, the Proposals Map of the Fareham Borough Local Plan showed substantial lengths of Botley Road and Burridge Road suitable for 'Frontage Infill Development' and subjected them to its Policy H12 - a presumption in favour of developments if three tests were met. Although development proceeded for thirteen years in compliance with the infill policies of the 1987 and 1989 Plans, the Proposals Map of the Fareham Borough Local Plan Review (2000) showed both sides of Botley Road and Burridge Road as 'Countryside'; to comply with the new Policy H2, infill development would only be permitted within urban areas shown on the Proposals Map. As Burridge was no longer shown to be an Urban Area, the presumption in favour of residential development within its borders fell away. It was obtuse for Fareham Borough Council to purport that Burridge, which *already* had a semi-rural character in 1987 and had since been the subject of development that had steadily and inexorably reinforced its character as a substantially built-up area, should then become the subject of negative 'Countryside' policies. It is equally obtuse for Fareham Borough Council to now implicitly contend that Burridge should not be recognised as being a 'Substantially built-up area' within a Defined Urban Area. The response to the question '*Is the lack of a settlement boundary for Burridge justified?*' should be '*No, it should have a DUA along the lines shown on the plan attached*', as the character of 'open' countryside can only be appreciated *beyond* the ends of the gardens of the residences that stand to the east/west of Botley Road and the north/south of Burridge Road. The inappropriate application of planning policies to Burridge would prevent the delivery of sustainable development. Both sides of Botley Road and Burridge Road should be included within a DUA, along the lines shown on the attached sketch-plan.

